



**CHRISTINE N. VOGLER
COMMUNITY INDUCTEE**

Christine Vogler has been a resident of Point Pleasant Borough for 24 years. She and her husband, John, selected Point Pleasant as the place to raise their family based on the excellent small-town family environment and quality of the schools. Their daughters, Kristiann and Kerianne, both attended Nellie Bennett, Memorial Middle, and graduated from Point Pleasant Borough High School.

Christine grew up in Wood-Ridge, Bergen County, New Jersey, where she attended public grammar schools, and graduated from Immaculate Conception High School (for girls) in 1973. She often attended Broadway musicals conveniently located just a bus ride away and developed a keen appreciation for musical theater. Unfortunately, her father passed away when she was only 17, leaving her as the oldest child still at home, where she learned to accomplish things on her own. She became a dental x-ray technician for several years, attended some college courses, and became the successful proprietor of her own florist shop in Midland Park, winning several professional design competitions.

After Christine and John married, they relocated to Point Pleasant and she became involved in a variety of community activities important to their family. She became Secretary of the Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, was a singer/volunteer at St.

Martha's Church, and over a 15 year period started Girl Scout Troop 542 and assumed leadership of Troop 1201. Before her children were enrolled in school, she became involved in the school board recall effort and then the construction referendum that ultimately resulted in the new Ocean Road School. After her children were in school, she worked as a floral designer, a Hallmark merchandiser, a poll worker for the Ocean County Board of Elections, and an H&R Block Tax Professional. Her involvement in the community continued with various offices in the PTOs, including 2 years as President at Nellie Bennett, 2 years at Memorial Middle, and 2 years in the High School. She ran the 5th Grade Variety Show at Nellie Bennett her last year there, and also served on the Teacher of the Year selection committee while at the High School. She is a member and past Secretary of UNICO. For eight years, she was a very active member of the High School Band Boosters, working tirelessly to support the music program. During her three year tenure as fundraising chairperson, she spearheaded efforts to bring the Competition Band to two National Competitions in Maryland, while simultaneously raising senior scholarships to more than \$10,000 each year. For these efforts, the Boosters awarded her "Fundraiser Extraordinaire" in 2008.

Regrettably, in early 2010 she was diagnosed with Stage IV Non Small-Cell Lung Cancer, requiring aggressive chemotherapy and brain radiation to bring it under control. Happily, the cancer is under control, but the radiation side effects have left her semi-paralyzed on her right side, making it extremely difficult to get around, read, write, and talk.

Christine has devoted herself to being an advocate, supporter, and participant in the activities of the Point Pleasant Borough Schools, with a motto: "I did what I had to do, not because I expected anything." She is honored and humbled to be chosen as a member of the Hall of Fame and likes nothing better than having the kids with whom she worked remember her as "Mama Vogs"!