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HOPE CONNECTION

JANUARY 2023



THE What Not Shop - Thrift Store

Congratulations!

The following employees will be adding another year of service in

January 2023

Angela O'Leary 4 yrs
Amber Farrell 4 yrs
Rebecca Crist 3 yrs
James Lapointe 1 yr
Rebecca Thibeault 1 yr

Thank you for your dedication and hard work!!

Stop on in and SEE WHAT WE HAVE !

THE What Not Shop - Thrift Store

DONATION HOURS

Sunday: Closed
Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 7:30am-3:30pm
Wednesday: 7:30am-3:30pm
Thursday: 7:30am-3:30pm
Friday: 7:30am-3:30pm
Saturday: 7:30am-12:00pm

STORE HOURS

Sunday: Closed
Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 9am-4pm
Wednesday: 9am-4pm
Thursday: 9am-4pm
Friday: 9am-4pm

Don't forget to bring our shopping



Ask about our **CUSTOMER APPRECIATION PROGRAM!**

Now accepting clean, gently used items donations

**REMINDER: We CANNOT accept large appliances, large
FOR LARGE DROP-OFFS PLEASE CALL AHEAD**

Shop at AmazonSmile
and Amazon will make
a donation to:
Hope Association

Go to
www.smile.amazon.com
and search
Hope Association.
**Amazon will donate .05%
of every purchase you
make to
Hope Association!**

Western Maine Brain Injury Support Group

Please use Front Door

January 3, 2023

February 7, 2023

The meetings are held at 5pm

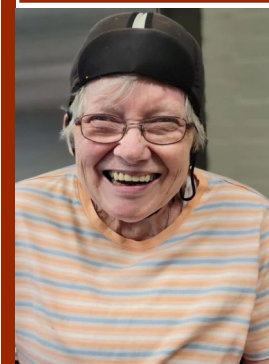
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These meetings are free and open to individuals with brain injury, caregivers, and anyone interested in learning more about brain injury.

For more information, please contact
Jessica Hines @ 207-507-2029 or by email
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We are the people in your neighborhood!

By Jessica Hines



Oh my goodness...what can be said of our beautiful friend, Martina (Marty)? (A lot, it turns

out. 😊) There is so much to admire about this intelligent, kind-hearted, and strong willed woman, even far beyond the obviousness of the light that just seems to set her face aglow when she deploys that wide, warm, beautiful smile.

Martina has been affiliated with Hope Association since the 1970's, eventually moving into one of the association's five residences and then another that better suited her needs, at the time. Martina attends Hope Association's Community Support Program 5 days a week and has developed important relationships, through the years, with the people she has met through the program. She enjoys time in her community; shopping, meals out, spending time with the doggies at Sissy's Stay and Play where she has developed a great relationship with the owners, listening to live music, events, and going on sight-seeing rides and adventures. She is a member of the LeParsseux Snowshoe club, cooks for the Rotary and is a member of the local gym, Ill B Fit, which she attends, regularly, and where she knows how to operate every single one of the exercise machines. To relax, Marty enjoys cutting and cleaning off buttons collected at Community Supports, doing word searches, and enjoys her shows in the afternoon, including Wheel of Fortune, the Andy Griffith show, Bonanza, and the Waltons when she can catch it.

Many people, local and visitors to our community, may recognize Martina and that contagious smile of hers. She has spent many an hour volunteering at our local Information Booth, helping people get their bearings and informing those who pass through of all that is wonderful here in our beautiful River Valley area.



Our Monthly Recognition:
**Laurie Myles
&
Terrence Smith Jr.**
**Thank you for supporting
Hope Association!**

VISION STATEMENT:

Hope Association envisions a world where all people are treated with respect.

MISSION STATEMENT:

As partners in our community, we will provide leadership, residential, case management, vocational and community support services to individuals and their families through programs that enhance independence, dignity, choice and individual well being.

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Martina also volunteers throughout our communities, weeding and watering the gardens at Adopt-A-Spots, and delivering meals, throughout our community, for the Meals on Wheels program.

Marty's community is very important to her, and she enjoys sharing stories of what it was like to grow up, here, in Rumford. Marty tells the stories regarding her childhood years with her mom, dad, and her brother, Jim, in a way that makes the love and comfort she found, there, in that time with them, tangible to those she is sharing the story with. Marty shares that her brother Jim passed away, "too young" but adds that she feels lucky to know his three daughters who live out of state but stay in touch. Marty's mom and dad have also passed away, but not before leaving her with the fondest of memories and teaching her skills that she has carried, proudly, throughout her life. Marty's mom, for many years, was the head of nursing at the local hospital and she instilled in Marty a deep sense of organization, time management, affection, and ethics which served her well through school, work, and life in general.

Martina shares that she enjoyed being active growing up, and states with confidence that she was once a pretty decent ice skater. She shares, "I used to walk up the hill to ice skate when the ice skating rink used to be located off of Maine Ave". Although its been many years since Martina has laced up a pair of ice skates, to this day she still enjoys watching ice skating events, both in person and on television.

Marty loves all bodies of water and shares that she spent many summer days at Webb Lake where her family had owned a camp for generations. With a gleam in her eye, Marty shared that, as a little girl, she took swimming lessons at Roxbury pond and became an avid swimmer, however, the water in Webb Lake remained shallow for quite a distance before becoming deep enough to swim, so her dad built a dock for her, so that she could easier access the deeper, swimmable water. "He built a ramp so I could just go to the end and jump right in", shared Marty with a grin. She says that, now, she enjoys sitting near the water and dipping her feet in.

Marty's love of all things ocean is no secret to anyone who knows her well. Just a visit to her home, where there's a collection of ocean themed art and accessories would prove it, if she didn't tell you, herself. Marty shares that she developed her deep love for of the sea while vacationing for two weeks, every Labor Day, as a child, with her family and her mom's family at Bailey's Island. She says that that's where she fell in love with the salty air, the big boats, the waves, the water, light houses, the rocky beaches, and last but certainly not least, seafood. She looks forward to visiting the ocean whenever she can and shares that she visited an aquarium, recently, with friends and housemates and really enjoyed the experience.

Martina attended Chisolm Grade School and Stephens Memorial High. She still stays in touch with her classmates, who remain important to her, and attends class luncheons when they are scheduled.

After high school, Martina attended the Auburn Maine's School of Commerce for business administration, learning shorthand, and typing. "This was before computers," she notes, "so it was all done on typewriters." Upon returning home from secondary school, Martina worked in the office of the Hope School, briefly, before taking a job at the Rumford High School Library.

After many years of retirement, Martina shares that she recently decided to rejoin the workforce and is currently exploring employment options. She shares, with a giggle, that she is, both, a little nervous and excited about that. I share that I'm excited for her too, and confident that she will be successful in whatever she decides.

A storyteller, a reminiscer, a great teacher by example, a warm and dedicated friend, a giver of time and love to her community, an adventure seeker, and a one-of-a-kind talented and skilled individual in the art of organization; if you know her, lucky you. If you don't know her, yet, introduce yourself. She will be glad to meet you and you will be better for it.

We appreciate you. Thank you for being part of the Hope Association Team !



**With the help of staff
Martina was able to achieve
a goal to one day go to the
Ocean and see it for herself**



David E and Richard J
help out at Holman
Farm in Dixfield



After a day of Christmas
Shopping Beth, Donna
and Eric take a break at
Burger King



Jason takes a walk
at Coos Canyon



Donna stops to
pet Murphy



Mary and Annette from
Horizon House help
Donna, Cheryl L and
Staff from Kimball
Ave sell Light strings,
ornaments and other
donations at Christmas
in the Valley craft Fair
at MHVS.