

In addition to Janet's work for town committees and various organizations, she is a loyal friend to many. She makes sure that no one is left out from any occasion and is the frequent chauffeur to lunches with the ladies and other events. Janet drives friends to doctor's appointments, the grocery store and anywhere else they need to go.

Janet is an active person. On top of her committee work and caretaking, she maintains a vigorous bridge schedule playing regularly three times a week. Janet also attends the opera in Saint Johnsbury, the summer music programs in Greensboro, the Greensboro Arts Alliance and Residency productions and regularly watches golf, tennis and cooking shows on television. All before ascending the narrow, steep stairs to bed (usually well before 9pm).

Last but not least, Janet loves animals. She often says that she like animals better than people. Cats are always a part of her household and any cat that is lucky enough to share a home with Janet is a very lucky cat indeed.



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Greensboro Award



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Janet Lyles and her family moved to Greensboro about 1947 when Janet was just 11 years old. The family ran a gas station in the center of the village which gave her the opportunity to meet everyone in town - especially the cute boys. She loved pumping gas for them!

During her teenage years, Janet was part of a group of local and summer teens that became very close. So close that of the 18 teenagers, 12 chose to retire to Greensboro and call it home! There are numerous stories of the antics these kids perpetrated on the town but they were harmless for the most part. (The skinny-dipping episodes and the infamous mailbox incident will not be discussed here).



As a young woman, Janet attended the Katherine Gibbs college in Boston and then took off for San Francisco. She worked in the insurance industry.

Janet loved games - especially bridge - and because of this she was selected to learn computer programming. This led to a long career that took her all over the country.

Janet married Pat Long and they lived in Hawaii for a while - a tropical life during which Janet was clad in a bikini most of the time. They built a boat and sailed to Micronesia where they lived for nearly a year.



Fortunately for Greensboro, Janet and Pat moved back home in the mid-1970s. Pat was the preacher at the Methodist Church and Janet worked in the family insurance business.

There are so many ways that Janet has contributed to Greensboro that this list cannot be complete. Just to highlight some of her activities:

- Greensboro Historical Society - serving on the board and as treasurer
- United Church of Christ - longtime choir member, bookkeeper and barista
- Craftsbury Community Care Center - board member and treasurer
- Greensboro Free Library - volunteer and bookkeeper
- Mountain View Country Club - board member and treasurer
- Caspian Monday Music - board member
- Annual Book Sale in the "Lyles Garage" to support the Greensboro Historical Society
- Greensboro Ladies Walking Society - treasurer, walker emeritus and Monday hostess
- Fire District #1 - treasurer
- Caspian Beach Committee - board member and treasurer
- Justice of the Peace
- Collector of Delinquent Taxes - how many towns love their delinquent tax collector like we do!