

Barbara has been married to her carpenter/farmer husband Peter since 1993 and they live on his grandparent's farm in West Cornwall, CT. Barbara's son Steven is a Greenwich, CT firefighter, and daughter Karin is an Administrative Assistant to the Director of Pupil Services for the Region 1 District and mother to Brayden, the 2½-year-old light of Barbara's life. This summer Barbara will be grandmother to grandbaby #2! In her free time she enjoys spending time with her family, doing "projects" at the house and occasionally helping to put in hay.



Lia Brassord, Treasurer. Lia earned her B.A. in Economics at Smith College in 1983. She earned certification as an Employee Benefits Specialist at Wharton in 1985. In an interesting historic twist, Lia was Manager of Employee Benefits for The Stanley Works, New Britain, CT, from 1985-1988 and also served as a Museum Educator for the Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum in Wethersfield, CT, from 1988-1997. Additionally, Lia served as a board member for the Amherst Historical Society in Amherst, Massachusetts, from 1998-1999. Currently, Lia serves as the Senior Assistant Director of Admission for Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts, a position she has enjoyed since 1999.



Robert Coppola, Education Coordinator. Bob earned his BA in History through the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (formerly North Adams State College) and an MS in Special Education in LD and Gifted Education through Southern CT State University. He is a retired Connecticut and New York teacher.

Bob has a long standing record of community involvement. Bob served as trustee of the New Milford Historical Society from 1994-2012, chair of New Milford Tri-centennial Commission in 2007, on the New Milford Town Council, on the New Milford Board of Education, and currently serves as the chair of the Hillside Elderly Housing. A recipient of the 2001 New Milford Leonardo DaVinci award and the Lions Club International

Melvin Jones award, this Vietnam Veteran was also recently elected to Justice For Peace.

I hope that I might be quoted someday as having said:

"The only value of age is that it gave time for someone to have done something worthwhile".

-Eric Sloane, The Second Barrel, p. 104

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