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MEET THE CANDIDATES

NEW MEMBER OF THE BOARD

DIANE SCHAIRER

I've been a member of Saltwater Church for 35 years. I remember feeling that I found my home, after my first visit here-- when my daughter was 2 years old.

Over the years, I...

- Taught Sunday classes – each age group;
- Was the first paid Director of Religious Education – 5 years
- Chaired the Retreat Committee for several years
- Chaired the Auction Team – 3 years
- Co-chaired Adult Religious Education for a couple of years; co-facilitated a class on leadership
- Served on the Board – 3 years
- Was a member of the meditation group, and helped to create a few of our meditation retreats
- For fun, I led monthly hikes for a couple of years.

Along the way, I learned how to run a meeting, facilitate a group, manage projects, and teach. And I met my closest friends.

In addition to the skills I developed through my church involvement, I learned from my job as a Process Improvement manager. I listened to people who were frustrated and blamed each other for work failures and helped them see the systems behind their problems so they could cooperate. My last project involved baggage handlers at Sea-tac Airport: an international team spanning 8 different organizations. The front-line workers-- those people you see driving carts with bags on the runway-- were given the authority to collaborate and improve their safety while improving on-time delivery of luggage.

Now that I'm retired, I am active in the Puget Sound Zen Center. I'm a volunteer ranger at Mount Rainier National Park, docent at the MaST Center (aquarium) in Redondo, and coordinator for the Community Marine Centers of the Salish Sea (a collaboration across 9 marine centers).

I love the ideals of Saltwater Church and appreciate the people who are giving of themselves to realize those ideals. I welcome the opportunity to be of service to this community.



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A little bit about me.

I was born in Port Gamble, WA in 1943 while my dad was a fighter pilot in WW II. I grew up in Seattle, went to college in Everett, and worked as a nurse for 30 some years. I have 2 kids who live in Oregon and Washington. I first attended a Unitarian church in Everett, after leaving the Presbyterian church over their refusal to partake in the civil rights struggles of the 60's. I met my husband, John, at this church in 2002.

I've been most active in the SCAN group and supported various other social action initiatives. I always feel like I "fit in" at the Saltwater Unitarian church, and care about the church, and how it functions, so I'm am willing to serve in a Board capacity.