

# Mary Pearce

## Joined 2001- 2017



Mary was raised on a farm in S.W. Ontario. Manitoba has been home since 1972. In 2000, at the age of 50, she became the first person in her family to be diagnosed with breast cancer. This was followed by a mastectomy, 4 rounds of chemo and now tamoxifen. During this time, husband Terry and two sons Quintin and Kent were very supportive. Her mom, step dad, friends and neighbours overwhelmed her with kindness and prayers. She joined Waves of Hope in 2001 and enjoys the exercise, warm and caring friendships and laughter that are part of this team.

Hobbies and interests: Of course the birth of Aidyn, Kerri and Quintin's son, changed Mary and Terry's life. They love being grandparents! Aidyn attended his first festival when only a few months old. Mary also enjoys walking with friends, reading, camping, attending air shows, listening to all types of music and to her surprise writing and performing goofy songs for the club. Of course Dragon boat racing is the main event! Two nephews and their wives have taken up the sport. Family events now include a lot of dragon boat talk.

Mary believes that dragon boat racing is a wonderful way to show strength, hope and to promote the importance of early detection of breast cancer.