



Mrs. Brenda Pinto

A native of St. John's, Newfoundland, Brenda last retired from the Newfoundland and Labrador School Boards Association after twenty-four years as Administrative Asst. Her work with the Boards/trustees included event planning, organizing meetings, provincial and national conferences, and AGMs for the provincial Trustees, employee payroll, pension, and insurance administration along with overall running of the provincial office.

Brenda joined the Navy League Wrenette Corps, Avalon 24, and later enrolled as a Navy League Officer. She enrolled in HMCS Cabot as a Naval Wren in 1969 and completed her basic training at CFB Cornwallis, and administrative courses at CFB Borden, followed by work with the Department of National Defence HQ, and Base Supply in St. John's.

Her four children all benefited from both the Navy League and Sea Cadet programs. Following her sponsor/branch roles, she was invited to join the Newfoundland and Labrador Division of the Navy League of Canada in 1996.

Brenda was instrumental in securing credits for Sea Cadets towards high school graduation in 1999 for the Newfoundland and Labrador Division, awarding 4 credits towards graduation.

She was Division President during 2005 - 2007. She continues to be an active volunteer with the Newfoundland and Labrador Division, and is a current member of #3 Terra Nova Branch and RCL Branch #56 in St. John's.

Brenda had represented the Division on the National Sea Cadet and Membership Committees. She received meritorious and service awards, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012, and was presented the Chief of Defence Staff Citation in April 2015 for her meritorious service with the Navy League of Canada and work with Sea Cadets.

She was elected the Deputy Chair and National Sea Cadet Chair 2015-2017. She co-chaired the National Sea Cadet Advisory Panel 2015-2017. Brenda acted as Honourary Chair for the 2017 and 2018 National Sea Cadet Regatta at Kingston, Ontario, and was a National representative at the 2019 Regatta as 1st VP. Brenda represented the Navy League of Canada at the International Sea Cadet Association Conference (ISCA) at Brisbane, Australia, in 2017. She attended the AGMs for Quebec, Winnipeg, BC Mainland, Nova Scotia, VID, and Newfoundland. She also represented National at Quadra training site in BC in August 2019 for the GT graduation.

In April 2021, Brenda was elected as the National President.

Going forward, Brenda would like to see the NLCC program reach its fullest potential including a recruitment strategy; work with and assist the Divisions Presidents; and, have a transparent open communication relationship with the full NL Board.



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When there is time, she enjoys walking, gym time with friends, word searches, reading, and dabbling in paints. Brenda has over 40 years of fulfilling and rewarding volunteer experience. After some prodding her husband joined the NL Division in 2018.