

# *New 2009 Waves of Hope*



***Ruth Albertson***

*Member 2009*



***Barb Ksiazek***

*Barb was born and raised in Brandon, MB., October 1959 to parents Edgar & Grace Ballance. Barb has four brothers and one sister. She married Joe Ksiazek on August 4, 1979 and has three children, daughter Virginia born September, 1980 and twin boys, Bryant & Terence born February, 1982. Barb has one granddaughter, Jessica born June, 2012.*

*Barb has worked for the Prairie Mountain Health, Home Care Department since July, 1989.*

*Barb's breast cancer was diagnosed in February, 2008 and she had a mastectomy followed by chemo and then radiation treatments. She had undergone reconstruction surgery on January, 2010. Barb received such strong support from daughter Virginia, mother Grace, family, close friends and co-workers.*

*Barb joined Waves of Hope in February, 2009 with the anticipation of meeting fellow cancer survivors and the new challenges that it would bring being part of the dragon boat team.*