

New 2004 Waves of Hope



Krista Greeniaus

Krista lives in Brandon with her boyfriend Curtis and their daughter, Taryn (born 2001). Krista's mother, Marie was a breast cancer survivor and a team member. When she met the other team members through her Mom, Krista thought, "They are all such strong amazing women." This is why she became a support member of the team.



George McLeod

George has been a Brandon resident since 1975, he came to Manitoba in 1971 from Sault Ste. Marie looking for work and forgot to go home. In his University days he was gymnast and captain of his team at the University of North Dakota before becoming a physical education teacher and coach, a profession he followed for twenty five years. For the past eight years George has been the Executive Director of Career Connections Inc. George is married to Peggy also from the Sault and her background is figure skating. His son Mac (born 1975) is a professional golfer, daughter Leanne (born 1978) works with special need adults in Winnipeg and daughter Shannon (born 1983) a former Gymnast and now a home care provider for a girl her own age who was left disabled after a car accident as a child. George feels his family is his greatest accomplishment and they provide him with a great source of personal pride.

Community volunteering is a family tradition, a way of demonstrating appreciation for the community we live in, and the "Waves of Hope Team" has restored his faith in the strength of the human spirit. "The whole world is in desperate need of a realignment of priorities and this Dragon Boat Movement should teach it", Says George.

Team Trainer: 2004-



Sylvia Plett

Sylvia was born on January 19, 1959 in Ste. Anne, Manitoba. She is the youngest of fourteen children. She has six sisters and six brothers. (one brother passed away after having stomach cancer).

She married Leroy in August 1977 and lives on an acreage north west of Brandon. They have two sons, Lucas and Matthew

Sylvia enjoys woodworking, gardening, reading, going boating and camping with family and friends.

Sylvia was diagnosed with breast cancer on October 31, 2002 at the age of 43. She had her first lumpectomy on November 15, 2002, then on December 3, 2002 another one. She also had ten lymph nodes removed and they tested negative. (great relief). This was followed with four treatments of chemotherapy and six weeks of radiation.

She gives thanks to her husband, sons, family and friends for the tremendous support they gave her. She loves "paddling" with the Waves of Hope dragon boat team and attending the festivals.