

NANCY SEITZ PAZIENZA CLASS OF 1978

Nancy Seitz Pazienza was born and raised in Point Pleasant, graduating from PPBHS in 1978, where she was involved in many activities, including Junior Prom chairperson. Nancy is the middle child of five children of Lois and Martin Seitz. Her siblings are all graduates of PPBHS: Linda Steger, Wall, '67, Richard, Manahawkin, '71, Susan Garofolo, Port St Lucie, '82, and Judy Seitz, Jacksonville, '85. Nancy attended William Paterson College, graduating in 1982 with a BA in Sociology with a teaching certification. Her career goal back then was to teach sociology in high school and become a guidance counselor. After substitute teaching in North Jersey for a short time, she ended up back in Point Pleasant, working at the county youth shelter and waiting tables at the Bay Head Yacht Club. She worked at the Ocean County Juvenile Detention Center from 1988-1989, and then went on to work as a social worker for the state with the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) in 1990. For the first 14 years, Nancy worked as a case manager, investigating abuse and neglect, along with providing services to children and families in the field. For the past eight years, Nancy has been the DYFS juvenile court liaison working with the Ocean County Superior Court Family Judges. She works closely with the courts, probation and the community to provide services to adolescents and their families.

Nancy's proudest achievement is her three children, all graduates of PPBHS: Jessica, 25, '04, a Richard Stockton College graduate and now an accountant; Alissa, 19, '10, a sophomore at Salisbury University majoring in environmental studies and marine biology; and Louis, 18, '11, a freshman at Richard Stockton College and a pre-engineering major.

Nancy's priority has always been to be involved with her children's activities. She was a member of the Nellie Bennett, Memorial School and High School PTO's. Nancy is most proud of the Halloween Happenings and Project Playground which she worked on while at Nellie Bennett. Nancy has also been actively involved with the Point Pleasant Borough High School Athletic Boosters for the past nine years, including running the snack stand, dodge ball tournaments, high school track and field events, and the Thanksgiving Spirit Parade. She has organized a parents group to help raise funds for Project Graduation 2011. Nancy was also a strong supporter of the Point Pleasant Soccer Club (PPSC) for 16 years as a parent, coach and officer. At PPSC, she oversaw the new teams and the soccer social which was started to fund the Dave Crannell/Loren MacIver scholarships. Nancy could always be found on a field, going back to 1993 with the Palominos to the Piranhas, the Twisters and finishing up with the Pythons in 2011. Nancy is also a lifelong member of the Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church, where she was a Sunday school teacher for over 12 years and is still involved with the youth group and can be found in the kitchen for their Oktoberfest and Italian Nights.

Nancy still continues to work with the Athletic Boosters and Project Graduation. Her goal continues to be to do what's best for the children while having a good time and fun for all.