

DEDICATION

FLORENCE CHISHOLM WIGGIN



This year's Town Report is dedicated to Florence Wiggin in recognition of more than 70 years of volunteer service in a vast array of civic and charitable endeavors. We especially commemorate and celebrate her retirement from long service and many contributions as a member of the Heritage Commission.

In addition to helping run the family egg distribution business with her late husband Donald, and raising daughters Tammy and Robin, Flossy has always made time for volunteering throughout her life. She has been a loyal congregant of the Stratham Community Church, singing in the choir for many years and helping with countless charitable efforts and church suppers. A gifted singer and daughter of a trained lyric soprano, Flossy also sang in the NH Friendship Chorus, traveling all over the world.

When Tammy and Robin were growing up, Flossy organized and volunteered for PTA bake sales and started and led the Hemming Hermits 4-H sewing club. She had a major role in the Town's 250th anniversary festivities in 1966, including the Stratham Carnival, which inspired the founding of the Stratham Fair. She volunteered for many years with the SVFD Ladies Auxiliary and Stratham Fair—where she joyfully made and served omelets every morning.

As a member of Stratham's former multi-generation women's group the Unity Club, and as a wonderful cook, she led the creation of the "Unity Club Cookbook." Book sales funded the purchase of the first computer for instructional use at Stratham Memorial School in 1980. Flossy devoted tremendous love and effort into producing a treasured community cookbook that documented Stratham recipes, foods, and families of the era.

Flossy again brought her community spirit and leadership skills to planning and organizing Stratham's 300th celebration, working nearly daily for five years in preparation for the big events of 2016. As a nearly lifelong resident and enthusiastic student of Stratham history, Flossy has been a mainstay of the Heritage Commission since 2007. Her knowledge of the people, families, houses, and places of Stratham is prodigious; her stories and oral history seemingly limitless.

Flossy is also a longtime member of the Stratham Historical Society, and served as a Supervisor of the Checklist for many years. She has been an active participant and leader of the Stratham '76ers seniors group, serving as secretary for many years. She was a lead proponent for establishing the seniors' room at the Municipal Center, and one of the first to return to senior activities after the Covid-19 closure.

Her stoicism, strength and perseverance inspire all who work with her. Her warmth and good humor light up any room. Her commitment to the Stratham community is as strong as ever. Retired Town Administrator Paul Deschaine recently observed, "Flossy is the living embodiment of the town's heritage." She both made history, and preserved history. Thank you, Flossy for all you have done to benefit multiple generations of Stratham residents – you have made this community a markedly better place.