

Virginia “Ginger” Crownhart Brenneis

Hometown/Other places I have lived: Madison, WI; Ann Arbor, MI; Stockbridge, MA; Tyringham, MA; Great Barrington, MA; Hamden, CT, and back to Madison since 1976.

Children/Grandchildren: Michael (Willa and Sebastian), David (Faith & Liana), and Sara (Charlie & Malcolm)

Education/Career Experiences: BS - Occupational Therapy (UW -Madison). Worked at University of Michigan with child psychologist, then at Pittsfield, MA hospital. Worked as LTE in UW Admissions Department for twenty years (1986-2006).

Membership in other organizations/Volunteer work: Attic Angel Association (20+ years); UW League, various volunteer experiences over the years in schools and through organizations.

Hobbies: Handicrafts (embroidery, knitting, etc.), antique collecting

Family members in P.E.O. (past and present): Marion Crownhart (mother) and Maryann Turner (sister) has been a non-member for many years

Officer positions held: Recording Secretary, Vice President and President

“What P.E.O. means to me”: My husband says that P.E.O. is “people who phone each other”. Though it goes farther than that, I think he’s right. A caring, sensitive group who are there for each other along life’s unpredictable events and paths.