

## Ellen Dennett Succeeds Fred Boyle as President



Ellen M. Dennett succeeded Fred Boyle as Piscataqua Pioneers President at our Annual Meeting on July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Ellen is an associate life member of the Piscataqua Pioneers, joining twenty years ago through her spouse James Wilson Dennett, 10<sup>th</sup> generation direct descendent of John Dennett. Starting her Vice-president role eight years ago, she has been an active member helping to manage the Annual Meeting and Banquets, representing the Piscataqua Pioneers at the New England Regional Genealogy Conference this past April and supporting other various council activities.

Born in Berlin, New Hampshire, Ellen lived in the “North-country” region of NH until moving to the Seacoast region in 1981. Being of French and Italian descent, her youth was filled with cultural and religious practices that enriched her beliefs in the family unit and in caring for others. Beginning her leadership roles early in life, Ellen worked for the Youth Conservation Corp, a Federal program to engage youth in preserving the environment. This work involved maintaining hiking trails and trout streams in Kilkenney National Forest, where she lived in her adolescence.

Early in her adulthood, Ellen became a registered nurse and has been practicing the art of caring for others for thirty-seven years. Acquiring a bachelor’s degree in Social Psychology from New England College in 1999, she was presen with the award of Academic Excellence. Education is vitally important to her and she has maintained certifications in two fields of nursing. Ellen has been an active member of the Association of Operating Room Nurses for twenty-five years, serving on the Seacoast Chapter board for a few of those years. She has taken graduate level classes from the University of NH in Case Management.

During her term as President for the Piscataqua Pioneers, Ellen intends to work towards expanding membership and increasing engagement of members. Hoping to bring forth a sense of responsibility to serve and lead such an important society to the region, Ellen looks forward to serving.