

Patty Amora-Pender

Patty is originally from Taunton, Massachusetts. She had wonderful young-at-heart parents who loved visiting Lake Winnepesaukee, staying every summer at the former Barton Motel. Even though she grew up as an only child, she had dozens of cousins and a busy fulfilling childhood. Patty has been a dancer since she was two years old, focusing on ballet, and still loves to dance.

Patty moved to Tilton, New Hampshire, three years ago after living in Brookline, New Hampshire, for twenty years, where she raised her two children. Her daughter Bethany is a second-grade teacher at a charter school in Lawrence, Massachusetts. Her son Kevin is a senior at Plymouth State University, majoring in Adventure Education. He is an avid terrain park skier and is currently teaching at the ski school at Waterville Valley.

Patty's move to Tilton came during the pandemic, a challenging time to meet people. In 2023, she decided to attend a Halloween event in Tilton where she first saw the Wicked Witches of the Lakes Region, a dance troupe that performs at functions, fairs, and festivals. They had also been featured in an NH Chronicle episode, which piqued her interest. Patty found them on Facebook, joined their team, and has been dancing with them ever since. As she can attest, "It's Wicked Fun!"

In addition to being a member of the Wicked Witches of the Lakes Region, Patty works as the Inpatient Audit Manager at Blue Cross Blue Shield Massachusetts. She is also a history buff and currently serves as the Treasurer of the Tilton Historical Society. Patty has portrayed Genevieve Tilton, Charles Tilton's second wife, in the 2024 and 2025 Tilton Historical Society's History and Hauntings Cemetery Tours. She is an avid Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots fan, a gardener, a crafter specializing in felting, and a LEGO enthusiast. Recently, she has taken up curling, and joined the Plymouth Rocks Curling Club, well before this year's Winter Olympics!

Patty's friend and fellow Wicked Witch, Carrie Chandler, invited her to attend services at the Gilford Community Church two years ago. When she visited the church for the first time, she was struck by how welcoming, friendly, and caring the congregation was. She also enjoyed the beautiful music and the meaningfulness and humor of Michael's sermon. Michael's sermons make her want to apply those lessons to her own life. Because of these reasons, Patty became a member of the Gilford Community Church after attending for only a couple of months. She also joined the choir because she loves to sing, and AJ and the choir members are a wonderful group. It is certainly a great deal of fun for her. Patty is indebted to Carrie for introducing her to GCC.

As Patty says, "I am so happy I became a member of the Gilford Community Church; it is a wonderful community that gives me a sense of belonging and fills my heart and soul with joy."