

Janet Cares

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As most of you know, Janet and Steve Cares were charter members of the Micromounters of New England.

I joined the Micromounters of New England. in 1980 or 81. At that time Janet was treasurer of the MMNE, a position she held until Anita Hubley took over that post in the early 2000's. While Janet only held the post of treasurer she basically ran the club. I say this because she did most of the work that needed to be done to keep the club functioning. She picked up and set up the monthly meeting places and where the May meeting would be held. She always made sure that the nuts and bolts equipment needed for the meetings were there. When we used to publish a booklet for the May meeting she would line up authors for articles and made sure the speakers biography was completed and she made sure all material was submitted in a timely manner.

She also originated a lot of special projects such as the booklet "Best of the MMofNE". Jane would line up people needed to do the printing, binding, etc... She also had a big hand in picking our May speaker and was usually able to cajole the prospective speaker into agreeing to speak. Usually, for peanuts. She did many other things that are too numerous to mention as well as many things that I have forgotten.

Many people credited Steve alone for all the minerals that they sent up to Dr. Chao who would ID them and add them to the list of minerals found at MSH. What most people don't know is that Dr. Chao worked their submittals quicker than many other people's submissions. The reason being that using wet chemical analysis, Janet had already determined elements present in the MSH unknowns.

I always joke that Janet was a dictator as concerns the operations of the Micromounters of New England. In reality, I believe she was a dictator, but a very benevolent one. The MMofNE would not have accomplished as much as we have without Janet!



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