

## **Anne Z. Cioffi, MS**

One of the mature women on the team, Anne has been facilitating classes ever since she played "teacher" at the summer beach house with all her little cousins as the students. She did lessons at desks on the porch and then ran down the dock to take the rowboat out fishing. So, it followed that a master's degree in Education from Michigan State University would just be part of life. Subject matter became English, Speech and Drama with an occasional gym class thrown in for the high school students.

Then came graduate-school work to become a psychologist. Many years in that field found her working with the prevention of drug abuse among kids in Connecticut.

Special training in Group Dynamics has been helpful in all the years that followed, allowing her to create and lead many therapy groups, as well as social discussion and mentoring groups. Several of those years she served at a Presbyterian church as the director of all the Lay Ministries. Education, Group Development and a good set of listening ears were certainly valuable.

As part of Team Coast Guard she is a Coxswain aboard our vessels on patrol. She holds a Coast Guard Master's License and taught for many seasons at commercial sailing schools in California and Connecticut, where she also served as Commodore of her Yacht Club. Her sailing ventures have taken her to many ports around the world. She has utilized all these life experiences to assist as she served at Auxiliary flotilla, division and district levels as the Staff Officer for Public Education. During that time, she also traveled the district teaching the Instructor Development Course. In all of this Coast Guard work, it is LAMS that seems most valuable to her. It is always about the people.