



# Giving Back - Volunteer Profile

**Trish Kirkwood**

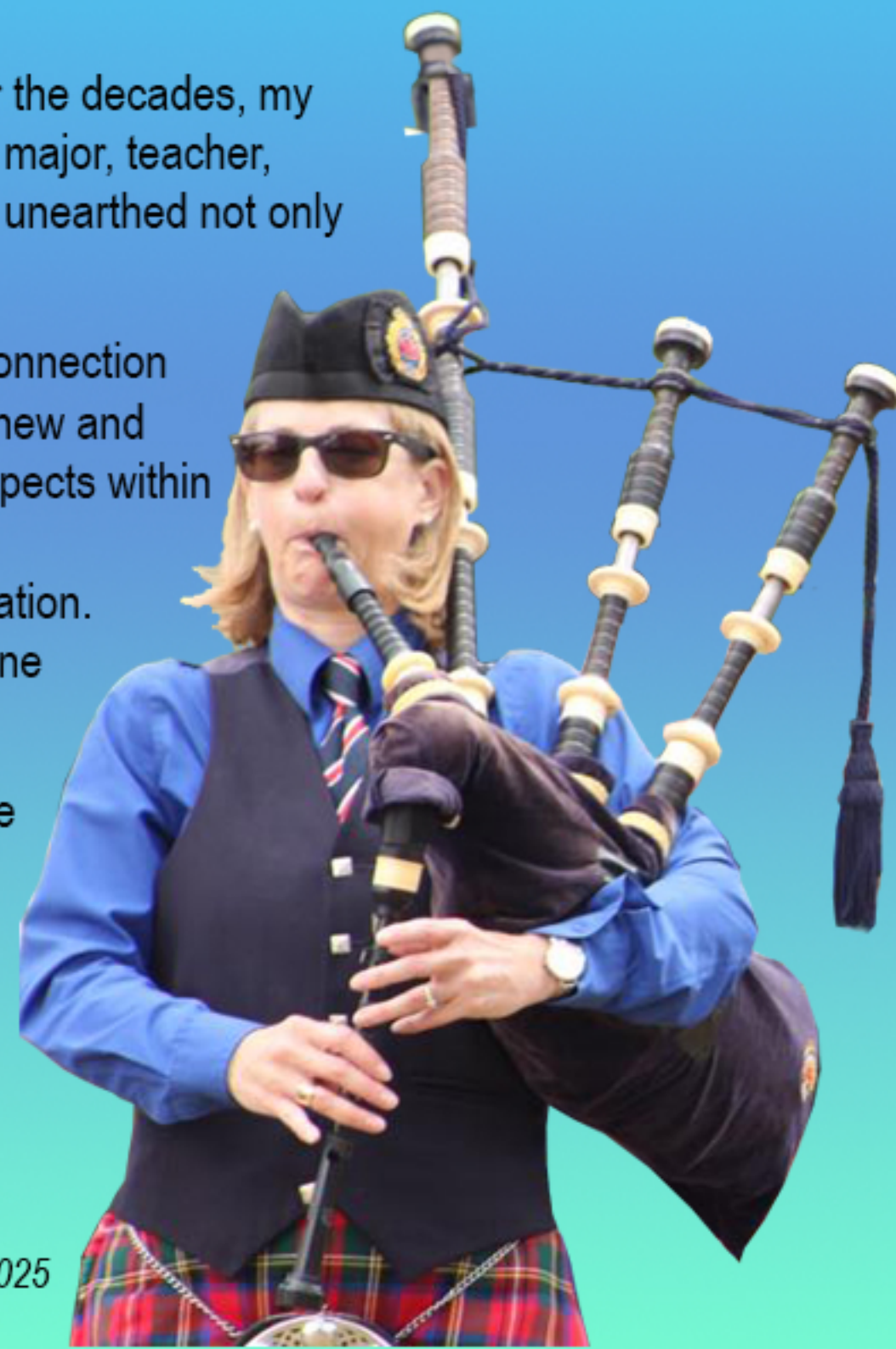
Long time member and volunteer

My name is Trish Kirkwood, and I've been a member of the PPBSO for many years. Over the decades, my involvement with the Society has taken many forms including soloist, band member, pipe major, teacher, adjudicator and volunteer. For me, experiencing these roles, especially that of volunteer, unearthed not only a strong affiliation to the PPBSO, but also a desire to see it grow, thrive, and prosper.

Growing up in Cape Breton, I quickly learned the value of pipe band families the strong connection that goes beyond shared DNA! When I moved to Ontario, I found myself "adopted" by a new and equally impressive body of pipe band folk, the PPBSO! Through my various volunteer aspects within the PPBSO (Music Committee, Sheriff Invitational, Niagara Hamilton Branch Amateur & Professional contest...), I have gained a deepened sense of belonging within the organization. The individuals involved in these committees and events ARE my family (along with the fine members of the Hamilton Police Pipe Band!). I wouldn't have it any other way!

You CAN pick your family (contrary to common belief!), and becoming a volunteer with the PPBSO is a great way of achieving this! It can be an hour, a day, or any amount of time given to the many areas in need within the Society. The future of our organization, unfortunately, relies on volunteers to ensure its sustainability. You can help, however small a commitment you want it to be.

Try it! Find a PPBSO family waiting for you!



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