

Patty Garbarino
President, Marin Sanitary Service
NSAC Board Treasurer



Patricia “Patty” Garbarino is President of Marin Sanitary Service, Marin Recycling Center and Marin Resource Recovery Center and has been since 2000. Patty began her career at Marin Sanitary Service in 1987, in company Development and Human Resources, a combination that facilitated her learning both the operations and administration of the business. Her background in the education field has been a major benefit to Marin Sanitary Service’s Public Education Program. In fact, Patty worked closely with her father, Joe, in establishing the Company’s Environmental Classroom and its ongoing outreach to environmental organizations and public and private schools in Marin County with more than 3,200 student visits per year.

Today Patty is responsible for policy development and implementation and the overall management and oversight of the operations of the Company. In addition to her administrative and management responsibilities, Patty remains directly involved in all aspects of the Company’s governmental and community relations as well as the Public Education Program.

Patty has spoken at several national conferences regarding waste and recycling issues and was the first woman President of the California Refuse & Removal Council. She was inducted into the Marin Women’s Hall of Fame in 1999 and has been the chair of 6 local school bond measures and parcel tax campaigns, benefiting the San Rafael Public Schools. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master of Sciences degree, both from Dominican College.

Marin Sanitary Service, Marin Recycling Center and Marin Resource Recovery Center have been lauded by the California Integrated Waste Management Board as having the highest recycling rate in California since 2002 and the Marin County Board of Supervisors awarded Marin Sanitary Service Business of the Year in 2006.

Her professional memberships include:

- National Waste Recyclers Council, 1989 – 1993
- County of Marin AB 939 Task Force Member, 1993 to Present

Community involvement includes:

- Marin Women’s Hall of Fame Inductee, 1999
- MARC (Marin Association of Retarded Citizens) Board Member, 1984 to present, serving twice as Board Chair
- Marin Conservation League Board Member, 1990 – 1997

- 2007 Women in Business Award Winner for Environmental Service (North Bay Business Journal)
- Citizen of the Year for the City of San Rafael, April 2008

Patty's speaking engagements include:

- Bio-Cycle – San Diego, CA, April 2008
- CRRC Next Generation Program, Coordinator and Instructor, 2007, 2009 and 2011
- XI International Waste Management & Landfill Symposium – Sardinia, Italy, October 2007
- Speaker, National Waste Expo/Chicago, May 2009
- Many community schools and clubs.

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