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### **MARY HAMMOND**

*Library Faculty, Pierce College (ret.)*

Mary played clarinet until 9th grade, when she was required to march with her high school's marching band during a Michigan blizzard. She promptly dropped band and joined her high school choir! Later, in Tacoma, Mary sang with the Ladies' Musical Club under Leonard Schuchman, and was a charter member of Shir Simcha choir at Temple Beth El.

Mary acquired much of her music education secondhand by observing her young daughter's lessons, practice sessions, and Tacoma Junior Symphony rehearsals. Jennifer is now an orchestrator and arranger for Disney Music Library.

Mary credits her season subscriptions to Symphony Tacoma—since 2012—with saving her life.

For 21 years, Mary was a reference librarian at Pierce College, where faculty often relied on her skills at detecting plagiarism. Among Mary's outside interests are genealogy and local history. Her great-grandmother and six children moved to Steilacoom in 1881.