

# Westchester County Federation of Women's Clubs Celebrates Service

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WESTCHESTER COUNTY, N.Y. - Joanne Rosamond of Bedford Hills has graciously accepted a third term as president of the Westchester County Federation of Women's Clubs. The county-wide organization attracts members from throughout Westchester and its 16 individual member clubs. Her dedication to being a volunteer has also included 14 years as the president of the Bedford Hills Woman's Club, an organization dedicated to community service and fellowship where it became a warm and welcoming organization. Its members develop activities and engage in projects that contribute to helping people such as raising monies for scholarships for Fox Lane students, making knitted blankets (The Linus Project) for very ill children, a book group, and a walking club.

In December, Westchester County held the 41st Senior Citizens Hall of Fame ceremony. County Executive George Latimer said that it is an opportunity to thank the seniors for the contributions they have made for the "betterment of our county." Joanne was recognized at the event and received several proclamations and citations submitted by elected officials for her contributions to the Bedford Hills Woman's Club and the Federation for so many years.

Several areas of Joanne's volunteer work with other organizations over the years were also identified such as being former Chair of the Westchester County Women's Advisory Board for five years, a Cub Scout den mother, a Brownie Scout leader, a CCD teacher, a Eucharistic Minister at St. Mary's Church in Katonah, and a member of St. Cabrini Family Council for 10 years. Joanne was inducted alongside Katonah residents Michael Berardino and Hans Hallundbaek.

Recently, members of Westchester County Federation of Women's Clubs expressed their appreciation and gratitude to Joanne for her leadership and the many hours of volunteer work by recognizing that she was able to keep the Federation's 16 individual member clubs together during the Covid years when many organizations had difficulties or closed by honoring Joanne with being the Federation's "Club Woman of the Year." Joanne has commented that she is proud of the work that the organization has done for more than 70 years raising money for scholarships for female students to attend Westchester Community College and organizing and raising money for personal supplies for the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility. Joanne had a good mentor in her mother who volunteered and was recognized by the Westchester County Senior Citizens Hall of Fame many years ago.

### **Woman of the Year**

The Westchester County Federation of Women's Clubs recent conference celebrated and honored Cortlandt resident Kacey Morabito Grean with the "Woman of the Year" designation. Kacey is a well-known radio personality, motivational speaker, and certified life coach in Westchester and the Hudson Valley.

She is co-host on the 100.7 WHUD show Mike and Kacey in the Morning where she reports on the news, sports, weather, and features music of popular musicians. On Sundays, she also hosts "Shine On: The Health and Happiness Show" on WHUD which is also available as a podcast. The show's topics have included balance in life, helping families, improving health, building dreams, and helping your community.

In 2020, Kacey founded the non-profit organization Let It Shine Foundation which creates inspirational events, offers grants and gifts to women. The organization also operates a thrift boutique, food pantry, and farmer's market in the hamlet of Verplanck located in the Town of Cortlandt. Kacey has become the spokesperson for the town where she highlights the events in the town in an informational video series.

The "Woman of the Year" event is held annually by the Westchester County Federation of Women's Clubs which was founded in 1921. Their

objective is to stimulate and unite the interests and influence of women's clubs in Westchester County.

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