

The
**WESTCHESTER COUNTY
BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**
celebrates

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

*Breaking Barriers...
Empowering Lives*

Monday, March 1, 2010 at 6:30 P.M.

Hosted by



Judy Myers
Majority Whip



Alfreda Williams
Legislator



Bernice Spreckman
Legislator

PROGRAM

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Girl Scouts Troop 1215, Ossining

Led by Rosie Foster and co-leaders, Abby Levine and Daysi Briones, the young girls contribute to the community by singing at nursing homes and child-care centers, participating in Girl Scout Spirit Day, and marching in the Ossining Memorial Day Parade.

Opening Prayer

Rev. Melanie Miller, Pastor
The Church in the Highlands, White Plains

Welcoming Remarks & Acknowledgements

Legislator Ken Jenkins, Chairman

A Profile in Courage: Olivia J. Hooker, Ph.D.

Introduction by Legislator Alfreda Williams

A retired Psychologist, Dr. Hooker became the first African American enlisted woman to go on active duty in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II.

Video Tribute & Presentation of Proclamation to the Westchester County Office for Women

Introduction by Legislator Judith Myers

The OFW works to ensure equal rights for all women, supporting them in difficult circumstances and celebrating their strengths and achievements.

Closing Remarks

Legislator Ken Jenkins, Chairman

Ken Jenkins
Board Chair
Legislator, 16th District

John G. Testa
Legislator, 1st District

Peter B. Harckham
Legislator, 2nd District

John M. Nonna
Legislator, 3rd District

Michael B. Kaplowitz
Legislator, 4th District

William J. Ryan
Legislator, 5th District

Martin L. Rogowsky
Legislator, 6th District

Judith A. Myers
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Legislator, 7th District

Alfreda A. Williams
Legislator, 8th District

William E. Burton
Legislator, 9th District

Vito J. Pinto
Legislator, 10th District

James Maisano
Minority Leader
Legislator, 11th District

Thomas J. Abinanti
Majority Leader
Legislator, 12th District

Lyndon D. Williams
Vice Chair
Legislator, 13th District

Bernice Spreckman
Legislator, 14th District

Gordon A. Burrows
Minority Whip
Legislator, 15th District

José I. Alvarado
Legislator, 17th District





Westchester County Board of Legislators

Proclamation

Whereas

THROUGHOUT ITS HISTORY, WESTCHESTER COUNTY HAS BEEN FORTUNATE TO HAVE MEN, WOMEN AND ORGANIZATIONS WHO GIVE OF THEIR TIME AND TALENT FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY, AND

WHEREAS, ON MARCH 1, 2010 WE CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH AND RECOGNIZE THE COURAGE, FORESIGHT AND RESOLVE OF WOMEN WHO HAVE STRENGTHENED OUR DEMOCRACY. WESTCHESTER COUNTY HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED BY STRONG WOMEN WHOSE CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE SHAPED OUR HISTORY AND CONTINUE THEIR LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP, AND

WHEREAS, AS WE OBSERVE AND CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH, A SPECIAL ORGANIZATION THAT HAS HELPED TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF WOMEN AND FAMILIES THROUGHOUT WESTCHESTER COUNTY AND IS DESERVING OF SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND APPRECIATION FOR ALL IT'S HARD WORK IS THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY OFFICE FOR WOMEN, AND

WHEREAS, THE OFFICE FOR WOMEN, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF CAMILLE FAILLA MURPHY SINCE ITS INCEPTION, OFFERS INFORMATION AND REFERRAL FOR A WIDE RANGE OF PROBLEMS FACING WOMEN IN THE COUNTY INCLUDING FAMILY VIOLENCE, DISCRIMINATION IN THE WORKPLACE AND HOUSING, SEXUAL ASSAULT, POVERTY AND A LACK OF CHILDCARE. THEY OFFER A WIDE VARIETY OF EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING PROGRAMS. OFFICIALLY OPENING ITS DOORS IN AUGUST 1980, THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY OFFICE FOR WOMEN BEGAN A NEW ERA FOR WOMEN IN WESTCHESTER AS THEY NOW HAD A CENTRALIZED COMMUNITY-BASED RESOURCE IN COUNTY GOVERNMENT WHICH WAS MANDATED TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND

WHEREAS, THE OFFICE FOR WOMEN COORDINATES A NETWORK OF AGENCIES OFFERING EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING IN ADDITION TO PUBLIC EDUCATION AND RESEARCH, PUBLIC POLICY AND ADVOCACY AND MOST RECENTLY HISPANIC OUTREACH, AND

WHEREAS, WESTCHESTER COUNTY WAS THE FIRST COUNTY IN NEW YORK STATE TO ESTABLISH AN OFFICE FOR WOMEN AND IT HAS SERVED AS A MODEL FOR SIMILAR AGENCIES IN THREE OTHER COUNTIES IN NEW YORK. THE OFFICE FOR WOMEN IS A COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COMMISSIONS ON WOMEN, AND

WHEREAS, ACCOMPLISHMENTS SUCH AS THOSE OF THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY OFFICE FOR WOMEN SHOULD BE PROPERLY RECOGNIZED AND ACCLAIMED, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, THAT MARCH 1, 2010 BE PROCLAIMED "OFFICE FOR WOMEN DAY" IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS JOIN WITH THEIR COLLEAGUES, LEGISLATOR JUDY MYERS, LEGISLATOR BERNICE SPRECKMAN AND LEGISLATOR ALFREDA WILLIAMS, IN PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY OFFICE FOR WOMEN AS IT IS RECOGNIZED FOR ALL IT'S OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS AND THANK THEM FOR ALL THEY HAVE DONE FOR SO MANY THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, AND, BE IT

RESOLVED, THAT THE TEXT OF THIS PROCLAMATION BE CARRIED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER FOR ALL PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL TO FOREVER KNOW.



Given Under My Hand and Seal this 1st Day of MARCH, 2010

Ken Jenkins Chairman

Judy Myers Legislator

Alfreda Williams Bernice Spreckman