

The
WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
celebrate

Women's History Month

Monday, March 18, 2024 | 7PM



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PROGRAM

Welcoming Remarks & Acknowledgements
Board Chair Vedat Gashi

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS



DR. SUZANNE D. PHILLIPS

*Educator, Community Advocate &
Elmsford School Board Member*

*Presented by Legislator
Jewel Williams Johnson*



ELIZABETH ROTFELD

*Deputy Village Clerk & Senior
Citizen Coordinator for the Village
of Rye Brook*

*Presented by Legislator
Nancy Barr*

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Vedat Gashi
Board Chair
Legislator, 4th District

Colin D. Smith
Legislator, 1st District

Erika L. Pierce
Legislator, 2nd District

Margaret A. Cunzio
Minority Leader
Legislator, 3rd District

Benjamin Boykin II
Legislator, 5th District

Nancy E. Barr
Legislator, 6th District

Catherine F. Parker
Legislator, 7th District

Jewel Williams Johnson
Legislator, 8th District

Emiljana Ulaj
Legislator, 9th District

Judah Holstein
Legislator, 10th District

Terry Clements
Majority Whip
Legislator, 11th District

David Imamura
Legislator, 12th District

Tyrae Woodson-Samuels
Majority Leader
Legislator, 13th District

David J. Tubiolo
Legislator, 14th District

James Nolan
Minority Whip
Legislator, 15th District

Shanae V. Williams
Legislator, 16th District

José I. Alvarado
Vice Chair
Legislator, 17th District





DR. SUZANNE D. PHILLIPS was born in Harlem, New York and raised in Elmsford. She attended and graduated from the Elmsford Public School System with a Regents language diploma. Upon graduation she attended and graduated from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology. Immediately after graduation she attended Teachers College, Columbia University in New York where she obtained a Master of Arts degree in Higher & Adult Education with a specialization in Student Personnel Administration and, subsequently, a Doctor of Education degree in Interdisciplinary Studies, also from Teachers College, Columbia University.

Deeply committed to the education of students, much of Dr. Phillips' professional experience has been with the State University of New York (SUNY) higher education system. She served as an instructor and senior administrator for SUNY and CUNY colleges where she provided educational and student services with an emphasis on underrepresented and underserved students. Her last campus position was with the first Historically Black College and University, Cheyney University of Pennsylvania, where she served as the Vice President of Student Affairs. Dr. Phillips has served in three Registry senior interim positions: Assistant and Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs with the California State University System, and Dean of Students with Georgian Court University in New Jersey. She is highly active in her community, previously serving as Board Program Director for the Martin Luther King, Jr, Institute for Nonviolence in White Plains, and currently serving as the Westchester Black Women's Political Caucus Greenburgh/White Plains Chapter as Chair of the Nominations Committee. Dr. Phillips is the only woman currently serving on the Elmsford Union Free School District Board of Trustees.

Dr. Phillips is the recipient of several noteworthy awards for outstanding leadership from Church Women United, outstanding service from Trinity United Methodist Church in White Plains, and outstanding community service from the internationally recognized 369th Veterans' Association. Dr. Phillips currently resides in Elmsford, New York with her son, Naem, and grandson, Hasani (Sani) Samuel Price.



ELIZABETH ROTFELD is a dedicated municipal administrator and community leader. She worked for the Village of Rye Brook from 1987 to 1995 in various capacities including Secretary to the Director of Aging Services/Assistant Village Administrator at the Anthony J. Posillipo Community Center. In 1995, she began a new job working as the Administrative Assistant to the Chief Operating Officer of the Westchester Medical Group, where she handled numerous community outreach projects with the support of fellow clinical and clerical staff, and coordinated the enrollment of 300 employees medical benefits. From 2002 to 2007, Elizabeth served as the Executive Assistant to the Village Manager in Scarsdale, providing full support to the Village Manager, Mayor and Deputy Village Manager, coordinating special events, constituent services, and the summer interns. She began attending evening college courses and in May of 2007, she

graduated magna cum laude from Manhattan College with a B.S. in Organizational Management. In the summer of 2007, she took a position as the District Clerk for the Yorktown Central School District, where she coordinated the Annual School Board & Budget Election, presided on the Policy Committee where she coordinated the policy review process and prepared each policy for adoption and dissemination, and handled all bidding procedures.

Coming full circle, she applied for the newly vacant position of Deputy Village Clerk/Senior Citizen Coordinator for the Village of Rye Brook in 2010, and she has happily served there for the past 14 years. In this role, she is responsible for the entire Senior program coordination ranging from nutrition, outings, enrichment classes, and themed holiday events, as well as communication efforts, volunteer outreach, and the Senior Center upkeep and maintenance. In 2019, the Senior Center board and Village Board voted to open up membership to non-resident seniors. The program now services seniors from Port Chester, Rye, Harrison, White Plains, Chappaqua, Scarsdale, and other municipalities.

Her many volunteer activities include Trustee of the Port Chester/Rye Brook Library Board, former President of the Friends of the Port Chester/Rye Brook Library, former President and current member of the Board of Directors of the Port Chester/Rye/Rye Brook League of Women Voters, former President and current member of the Board of Directors of the Port Chester Council for the Arts, President of the Port Chester/Rye Brook/Rye Town Council of Community Services, former Girl Scout leader for the Port Chester/Rye Brook Girl Scouts and leader trainer, former member and PTA President of both the King Street School PTA, Port Chester Middle School PTA and Co-President of the Port Chester High School PTSA, among others.