

Dr. Eleanor Peck, Woman of the Year 1979

Dr. Peck was a Poughkeepsie pediatrician. A graduate of Columbia University College of Physicians, she was Board certified in Pediatrics and was affiliated with both Vassar and St. Francis hospitals. When World War II broke out, she volunteered to serve in the Emergency Medical Service and was posted to London. She was eventually commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant, rose to 1st Lieutenant and ended her service as a Captain. She returned to private practice in Poughkeepsie in 1946. Over the years, she served on community boards such as Astor Child Guidance Clinic and the United Way, as well as conducting regular well-baby clinics. Dr. Peck was not enthusiastic about large group practice and she did support the concept of government sponsored Medicare and Medicaid.

When notified of her award as Woman of the Year, she was "taken by surprise" and thanked the Poughkeepsie Branch for the recognition. AAUW is proud to honor Eleanor Peck as Woman of the Year.