

Marion "Chad" Patterson, Woman of the Year 1990

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"If you give a man a fish, you will feed him for a day, but if you teach a man to fish, you will feed him for a lifetime." This saying exemplifies the career and life of our 1990 AAUW Woman of the Year, Marion "Chad" Patterson. She has devoted her life to helping ensure that each person receives, not only an education, but a joy for learning. She is a master at encouraging and getting others involved, thus weaving the talents of others into the fabric of life.

Over the years in Poughkeepsie, Mrs. Patterson has held a multitude of community service positions. Among them are President and counsel for the George Washington Carver (Scholarship) Fund, President of the Poughkeepsie PTA Council and District Director of the tri-county Taconic District PTA Council. She has served on the Board of Directors of the Poughkeepsie Children's Home, Grace Smith House, Mental Health Association, and the Dutchess County Girl Scouts.

As a woman who most definitely demonstrates AAUW's principal goals of equity for women, education and self-development over the life span, and positive societal change, we salute Marion "Chad" Patterson as 1990's Woman of the Year.