

Gloria Rutgers, Woman of the Year 1993

- Received her Master's degree in English Literature and Research
- While living in the Hudson Valley she commuted to Chicago to receive her PhD in Education and Counseling
- Acted as a catalyst for the Grace Smith House
- Teaches Workshops to area colleges, businesses and community groups
- Worked with the Junior League in the development of the Transitions program
- Was instrumental in the founding of the Adult Career and Education Counseling program at Dutchess Community College
- Provides individual career and educational counseling
- Sees visions of community needs and acts as a catalyst to help these visions come to life
- Member of the board of the Adirondack Mountain Club. Enjoys outdoor activities such as backpacking and canoeing.
- Past president of the Rhineback Chamber Music Society. Has a background in dance, choreography, and the theatre.
- Mother of one son and two daughters, grandmother to three children.