

SUSAN ROGERS CLASS Of 1985

Although Susan did not enter Point Pleasant High School until her senior year, her time spent with the Class of 1985 was the foundation of many strong friendships, as well as the beginning of her dedication to our community, which continues today.

After graduation, Susan traveled extensively across the United States and abroad, working for a financial consulting firm specializing in asset liquidations and chapter 11 reorganizations, but her travels, although exciting, always brought her back to her true home here in Point Pleasant. Susan pursued a career in paralegal studies and received her certification at Monmouth College. Her endeavors lead her into a career path of land development and water utility operations, and she became a licensed builder and developer of both residential and commercial properties. Susan also received a certificate of public convenience, owning and operating a public water utility company for over 15 years. Ms. Rogers currently is a freelance financial consultant.

In 1994, Susan was elected as a Trustee of the Board of Directors of the American Judges Foundation. She was the recipient of the Glenn R. Winter Award, to a layperson who had made a substantial contribution toward improving the image of the judiciary and during 1995 through 1997 Susan rose from the ranks of Trustee, to Secretary, Vice President and President Elect of AJF. During her terms of office she co-authored "Domestic Violence & The Court Room, Understanding The Problem, Knowing The Victim," which was used for judicial training of judges across the country through grants written and obtained by Ms. Rogers.

For the last seven years, Susan and her brother, John, have run a successful basketball program for Boro kids, called the Point Pleasant Warriors. In the early 1990's, Susan coached the Point Pleasant Golden Elks Cheer Dance Squad and she is still an avid supporter of the program, as her son, Bryan, continues to play Pop Warner Football. She has been a lead coordinator for numerous service organizations and has supported the efforts of the FoodBank of Monmouth & Ocean Counties, St. Gregory's Pantry, Athletic and Band Boosters and PTO. She is an active member of the Point Pleasant Beach Chapter of UNICO and sits on the Board of Directors of Dottie's House, working on new educational programs to support victims of domestic violence and educating our youth on dating violence.

As the founder of the Point Pleasant Neighborhood Watch (PPNW), Susan helped to grow the program to over 1500 Borough families as the PPNW continues to educate, provide crime alerts, and support improved public safety in the Borough. Over the last several years, in conjunction with the Environmental Commission, Susan has authored and been awarded grants on behalf of the Borough to create environmental teaching modules for our 4th and 5th graders at Ocean Road and Nellie Bennett schools.

Susan has served on the Pt. Pleasant Planning Board, Recreation Commission, Environmental Commission and Open Space Advisory Board; in 2007, she was elected to Borough Council. In 2009, Susan was honored as Woman of the Year by the OCFRW for her community achievements and received meritorious service recognition from the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, National Sheriff's Association, and the New Jersey State Senate and Assembly.

Susan is a devoted single mother to her son Bryan age 11, and his sister Kyra age 14, and she considers herself blessed with the love and support of her family. She has 4 siblings, Billy (deceased), Allyson, Mort and John. Susan's father Mortimer Rogers was the Municipal Court Judge of Point Pleasant for over 25 years and her mother Josephine (deceased) ran multiple family businesses. Since 2007, she has faced some health-related challenges; however, all of these life trials have not diminished her heart, spirit and passion for her family, friends and community.