

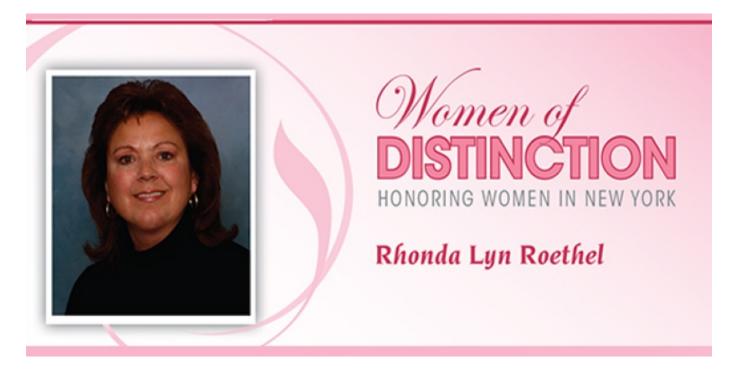
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Award: HONORING WOMEN IN NEW YORK

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Rhonda Lyn Roethel has worked behind the scenes for many years to make the Greater Ogdensburg community a better place to live. Currently employed as a letter carrier for the United States Postal Service, she co-founded America 1 Realty, is a partner in NAC Logistics and co-owns Hotzenmore LLC.

A prominent participant and leader in many organizations, Ms. Roethel is always willing to lend a helping hand. She is a member of the Lisbon Town Planning Board, Pro Musica; a group that helps St. Lawrence County Toys for Tots, she plays percussion and vocals with New York State Fiddle Champion Don Woodcock, is active with Ogdensburg's Ogtoberfest Committee and has been an active fundraiser for the International Seaway Festival.

A leader who exemplifies the spirit of joy and service, Ms. Roethel is heavily involved with the Lisbon Lions Club. A charter member and former president of the Lisbon Lions Club, she worked to bring numerous civic groups together to sponsor regional events, such as the regional Lions Club Lumberjack Shows, Lions Children's Carnivals and the Polar Bear 5K Run/Walk to benefit the Ogdensburg Chamber and the Ogdensburg Volunteer Rescue Squad. During her tenure as president of the Lisbon Lions, she led the local effort to adopt soldiers in Afghanistan.

An energetic activist, Ms. Roethel was also instrumental in relighting the historic Ogdensburg Harbor Lighthouse in 2011 and helped found the Ogdensburg's Holiday Light Up The Night Parade, kicking off the North Country's Christmas season. This event has since become a major international event.

Ms. Roethel's record of service has raised the bar for what women can achieve when they work for the betterment of their community.