



Women of DISTINCTION

HONORING WOMEN IN NEW YORK

Norma Zimmer

Norma Zimmer has spent her entire life working to make a difference. Born in 1934, Ms. Zimmer grew up in the Cortland, New York area before moving to Clayton in 1961. It did not take her long to realize that she would never leave; she welcomed the tremendous opportunity to give of her time and talents to improve her new home.

Public service is extremely important to Ms. Zimmer, and she quickly became involved in the local planning board, library board and pre-school board. Perhaps the role that has allowed Ms. Zimmer to have the biggest impact is her position as Mayor of the Village of Clayton. She first served as a Village Trustee, and then more than a decade ago became Mayor, a position she still holds at the age of 84. The natural beauty of Clayton is what brings people back year after year. Ms. Zimmer's work to draw businesses, both large and small, to this Thousand Islands village is one of the major reasons it has truly flourished in recent years.

In addition to her work as Mayor, Ms. Zimmer, a mother of three and a grandmother, still holds a full-time job working for the world-renowned Antique Boat Museum.

Ms. Zimmer also serves as a volunteer with the Clayton Chamber of Commerce. In 2013, she was recognized by the Chamber as "Citizen of the Year." Ms. Zimmer is instrumental in organizing popular community events, such as the "Clayton Christmas Parade" and "Punkin Chunkin" festival.

Ms. Zimmer is never one to stop learning. In 1997, at the age of 61, she went back to school, earning a degree in the tourism field at Jefferson Community College. The education she received helps her to better promote Clayton and the wonderful tourism opportunities it offers to visitors.

Ms. Zimmer is a shining example of the impact one person can have when it comes to positively influencing people's lives and improving the community. Ms. Zimmer is proof that, at any age, you can make a difference.

***Norma Zimmer was selected as a
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