

Denise Doring VanBuren

*President General,
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution*



Leads 190,000-member National Society to fulfill its enduring mission of promoting historic preservation, education and patriotism through the work of 3,000 local chapters around the world. Responsible for oversight of 140-member professional staff at Washington, D.C. headquarters containing 4,000-seat DAR Constitution Hall, the DAR Museum and the DAR Library, as well as oversight of more than \$150 million in assets. Previously served NSDAR as First Vice President General (2016-2019), Organizing Secretary General (2013-2016), Chair of DAR Magazine (2004-2010) and Public Relations (2000-2004) committees, Editor *American Spirit* Magazine (2004-2019); New York State DAR: Regent (2010-2013), Vice Regent (2007-2010) and Historian (2004-2007); Melzingah Chapter DAR: Regent (1998–2001), Vice Regent (1995-1998) and Librarian (1992-1995).

Professional Experience:

Retired January 1, 2020, following 26-year career with Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation, Poughkeepsie, NY, as the longest-serving female executive in the history of the publicly traded utility, having joined as its spokesperson in 1993.

2000-2020 *Vice President of Public Relations*

Responsible for all facets of utility public relations; served as corporate spokesperson and administered community relations programs of corporate social responsibility. Led professional staff responsible for advertising, employee communication, media relations, video production, speakers' bureau, social media and website. Prepared news releases, speeches, policy papers, outreach programs, editorial submissions, white papers, public campaigns, etc. Throughout career also supervised Public Affairs, Energy Efficiency and as Corporate Secretary.

Prior Employment:

1992 - 1993 Beacon City Council Elected Ward Representative

1985 – 1990 News Anchor and News Director
NewsCenter 6 Television, Hudson Valley Region

1983 -1985 News Anchor and General Assignment Reporter
WGNY AM-FM Radio, Hudson Valley Region

Community Service:

Current: Board of Directors: MidHudson Regional Hospital of Westchester Medical Center, Fishkill Rural Cemetery and Hudson River Valley Institute at Marist College.

Prior: Past President, Dutchess County Historical Society (2014-2016); Capital Campaign Co-Chair, Our Lady of Lourdes High School; Past President, Exchange Club of Southern Dutchess (2006 and 2016); Past Board Chair of the Greater Southern Dutchess Chamber of Commerce; Past Board Member and 2005 Dutchess County Campaign Chair for United Way of Dutchess County; Chairman of the Board,

Craig House Center; Board Member, Putnam Hospital Inc.; Dutchess County Economic Development Corporation and chair of its Tourism Committee; Chair, City of Beacon's 85th Anniversary Celebration (1998); Past President (five terms), Beacon Historical Society; V.P., Dutchess County Genealogical Society; Past Board Member: Howland Circulating Library, Stony Kill Environmental Center, Hudson Valley Unit of the American Cancer Society, Dutchess Community College, Locust Grove Historic Site, Dutchess Regional Chamber of Commerce, Elant Healthcare and Beacon Corps, Salvation Army.

Affiliations: DAR; Southern Dutchess Exchange Club; Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Chelsea Yacht Club; Beacon Elks; Huguenot Society of America; Daughters of American Colonists; St. Mary's Church, Fishkill; and Dutchess County, Beacon and Fishkill historical societies.

Honors: Distinguished Citizen Award, Hudson Valley Boy Scouts Council, 2018
SUNY New Paltz Business Hall of Fame, 2018
United Way of Dutchess-Orange Region Leadership Award, 2018
Innovation in Philanthropy Award, HV Chapter Fundraising Professionals, 2017
Corporate Social Responsibility Award, City/State Reports, 2016
Washington's Headquarters Woman of History Award, 2016
NSDAR Women in American History Award, 2016
Our Lady of Lourdes High School Legion of Honor, 2016
Mount St. Mary College Joseph A. Bonura Leadership Award, 2015
Marist College President's Award, 2014
GET Entrepreneur Woman of the Year, 2014
Junior League of Dutchess County Woman of the Year, 2012
Dutchess ARC Bessie Payne Humanitarian Award, 2012
Meritorious Service Award, Exchange Club of So. Dutchess, 2011
Dutchess Community Foundation Garden Party Honoree, 2007
Central Hudson Executive of the Year, 2005
Dutchess Award, Dutchess County Historical Society, 2005
City of Beacon Volunteer of the Year, 1999
NYS DAR Outstanding Chapter Regent, 1999-2000
YWCA Salute to Women and Industry Honoree, 1990 and 1997

Author: *Historic Beacon* (1998), *Beacon Revisited* (2003), *Doorways to History: The Stories Behind the New York DAR Chapter Houses and the Women Who Saved Them* (2006); and *Daughters of the Empire State* (2016). Editor of *Beacon's Memory Keeper and Storyteller: Robert J. Murphy* (2020).

Personal: Chelsea resident; married to Christopher G. Barclay;
Three sons: Schuyler, Troy and Brett VanBuren.

Education:
1997 Mount St. Mary College, Newburgh, NY
Master in Business Administration

1983 St. Bonaventure University, Olean, NY
Bachelor in Mass Communication/Journalism