

Please join the Poughkeepsie Branch of the American Association of University Women, Inc. to:

Honor our Woman of the Year 2019

**Hon. Joan S. Posner**

*Dutchess County Family Court Judge*

*Acting Supreme Court Justice*

*Retired*

**Sunday, October 27, 2019**

**12-3 pm**

**Dutchess Manor**

**263 Route 9D, Beacon, NY**



Directions and Complete Biography at  
[www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org](http://www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org)

Event Chairs: Mary Lou Davis, Margie Quart 896-6928 & Gail Sisti 564-4268

**Cash Bar & Hot Luncheon**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

If you are making reservations for more than one person, please list all additional names and choices on back.

**Meal Choices:**

*Pan seared Mediterranean bronzino fillet, toasted almond butter \_\_\_\_\_*

*Breast of free range chicken, picatta style with capers & citrus white wine sauce \_\_\_\_\_*

*Medallions of pork, sautéed apples & a calvados scented Demi-glacé \_\_\_\_\_*

\*\*If you have any dietary concerns, please let us know:  
*Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ Gluten Free \_\_\_\_\_*

**Price:** \$50 (includes gratuity)/  
\$52 if using PayPal or Credit Card.

**Reservations and checks due:** October 17, 2019

Make checks payable to "Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW, Inc."

Mail to:

**Betty Harrel, 28 Laffin Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603**

**Questions:** Call Betty Harrel 845/462-2141  
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**To make reservations using PayPal or Credit Card go to**  
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If you are unable to attend and would like to make a contribution in Judge Posner's honor, please send it to Betty Harrel at the address above. Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW is a 501(c)3 organization.

Joan S. Posner served as Dutchess County Family Court Judge and as Acting Supreme Court Justice from 2009 until 2018. In addition to her duties as Family Court Judge, she presided over the Dutchess County Integrated Domestic Violence Court.

While on the bench she was the lead judge for Dutchess County for the Child Welfare Court Improvement Project. In that capacity she was instrumental in establishing procedures and protocols for the Court which directly and positively impacted the lives of children, as well as their caregivers. She also served on statewide and local committees, including the Family Court Advisory and Rules Committee, the Family Court Judges Curriculum Committee and the Advisory Committee on Attorneys for Children and the Family Court Child Care Center Advisory Board.

In 2015, Judge Posner was instrumental in getting legislation passed which added a much-needed fourth Family Court Judge in Dutchess County.

Prior to being elected, she worked as the Court Attorney for Family Court Judge Damian Amodeo for 20 years. In that capacity she was involved in projects to enhance the Court's response in matters involving domestic violence. She served on both the Universal Response to Domestic Violence Steering Committee and the Dutchess County Legislature's Citizens' Advisory Committee. She was also the principal author the Dutchess County Domestic Violence Bench Manual for Town and Village Justices which became a state-wide model.

Judge Posner has received numerous awards for her work, including from the Mediation Center of Dutchess County, the Westchester County Bar Association, the Grace Smith House and the Coalition against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

Now retired, she continues to serve on the Family Court Advisory and Rules Committee, a committee of the Chief Judge which writes, reviews and recommends family law legislation to be included in the Court's legislative agenda.

Judge Posner is a graduate of Cornell University and New York University School of Law. She has a son and daughter, four grandsons and a fifth on the way.