



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Kathleen A. Marchione

Cindy Doring Hollowood

KATHLEEN A. MARCHIONE May 11, 2016

| ISSUE: **2016 WOMEN OF DISTINCTION**



Women of
DISTINCTION
HONORING WOMEN IN NEW YORK

Cindy Doring Hollowood

Cindy Doring Hollowood's theory of success is to blend family, friends and community. It is this combination that has helped Cindy thrive in her personal and professional lives.

Ms. Hollowood is a self-paid graduate of Hudson Valley Community College and the University of Albany, earning an AAS degree in Criminal Justice and a BA in Sociology. She began working for the Holiday Inn Saratoga Springs in 1981 as Director of Sales. In 1985, at the age of 28, she was named General Manager. Ms. Hollowood has worked tirelessly to re-establish the hotel's original role as the City's "community hotel." Through her efforts, the

Holiday Inn has become synonymous with many of Saratoga's premiere events – from the Congressional Medal of Honor Society and the Bartenders' Ball to weddings, reunions, conferences and corporate trainings.

Ms. Hollowood is a 20-year board member of the New York State Hospitality & Tourism Association and has served as chairwoman. A founding member of the Saratoga Convention Bureau, she also served as the board's chairwoman. In addition, Ms. Hollowood has been on the board of directors and chaired the Saratoga American Red Cross and Saratoga Next Step Downtown Redevelopment Committee. She served on the Saratoga Springs Zoning Board, Special Assessment Board, All American Celebration Committee, the Saratoga Chamber and Saratoga Chapter DAR, is the current Vice Chair of Saratoga Economic Development Corporation, and was recently named to the HVCC Foundation Board.

Ms. Hollowood has been a leader in fundraising for Saratoga Hospital, Yaddo, YMCA and St. Clements School. She co-founded the Upstate New York Women in Lodging group. For over a decade she has been involved with Saratoga BOCES School to Work programs, giving special needs and non-college bound students the opportunity to improve their job skills. In addition, Ms. Hollowood serves on the Saratoga Race Course Community Advisory Committee and the Concerned Citizens for Saratoga Racing.

The recipient of many special recognitions, Ms. Hollowood was named Leadership Saratoga's Distinguished Alum in 1990, and in 2015, was awarded the NYS Hospitality and Tourism's Tourism Executive of the Year and the American Hotel and Lodging's Women in Lodging Connect Leader of the Year.

Ms. Hollowood's passion and commitment have made a profound difference for her profession, her family and her community.