

Ward D. Todd

Ward D. Todd is President/CEO of the Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce, the region's largest business-advocacy organization with 1,200 members representing 25,000 local workers. Mr. Todd is a graduate of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for Organization Management (IOM) at Villanova University.

Mr. Todd currently serves as Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Chamber Alliance of New York State (CANYS). He is also Secretary of the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance (UCEDA).

Mr. Todd served as Chairman and Majority Leader of the Ulster County Legislature. His primary focus during his tenure was promoting economic development and taxpayer property tax relief. During his seven years in the county legislature, he also served as Vice President of the Catskill Watershed Corporation and First Vice President of the NYS Association of County Legislature Chairs.

He was President of the Kingston Consolidated School Board of Education and also served on the Onteora School Board. He was President of the Children's Annex Board of Trustees, Chairman of the Alzheimer's Memory Walk and a member of the Hudson Valley Alzheimer's Association Board of Directors. He was Vice President of WKNY's Toys for Tots campaign and also served on the Board of Directors of the United Way of Ulster County, American Heart Association, Rip Van Winkle Council Boy Scouts and Ulster County Girl Scouts.

Ward is a familiar voice to radio listeners in the Hudson Valley. He was Morning Program Host and Operations Manager at WKNY in Kingston for many years and also held on-air positions at WBAZ Kingston, WROW Albany and WRKL Rockland County. His television credits include voice-over work at WRNN where he was Chief Staff Announcer. Ward was also a CBS and HBO Ring Announcer for professional boxing matches featuring World Champions Billy Costello and Tracy Patterson.

He received the Belleayre Ski Mountain "Spirit of the Catskills" Award, was recognized for his community service as Gateway Industries "Toast of the Town" honoree and was the Ulster County Arts Council "Arts Advocate of the Year" for his efforts to promote and advance the arts in Ulster County. Mr. Todd is a Rotary International Paul Harris Award recipient.

He and his wife Jane live in Shandaken and are the proud parents of Jennifer, Peter, Michael and Philippe.