

HERE'S TO MILDRED!

Westchester Mental Health Guild Honors Mildred Hanson with Founder's Award

At its annual Summer Social last week, the Westchester Mental Health Guild recognized longtime Guild member, **Mildred Hanson**, as its inaugural Mary Ellen Cassman Founder's Award recipient.

Mildred was a committed and distinguished leader who played an essential role in shaping the Guild's development and culture. Mildred was introduced to AMCS & the Guild by Mary Ellen, subsequently Mildred joined the Guild Board in 1995 and remained actively involved until her passing last year at the age of 97.

Mildred's daughter, Leslie, was on hand to receive the award.

In recognizing Mildred, WMHG Co-President Sandy Luboviski said she held numerous positions within the Guild.

"She was President in 1997 and ruled with an 'iron fist,'" Luboviski said. "She was also Tribute Chair, Corresponding Secretary and a strict Parliamentarian. She was a regular volunteer at The Guided Cage. She also actively participated in our Fundraising Events frequently accompanied by her daughter, Leslie, including attending AMCS' Annual Spring into Well Being."

The Guild previously recognized Mildred with every award it bestows: Heart of Gold, Belle of the Guild, Certificate of Appreciation, & Certificate of Merit.

"Mildred's insight and expertise ensured board meetings were efficient and productive," Luboviski said. "Her presence and wise counsel have been a guiding force for our organization. She will be fondly remembered for her dedication, compassion and selfless devotion. Mildred elevated the Guild and set the bar high for all to follow."



