



### Waxwood Lifetime Achievement Award

#### Judy Klitgaard

Judy Huus Klitgaard was born in Neenah, Wisconsin, and attended Lawrence University where her lifelong love of music and theater was nourished.

Judy was inspired by her grandmother—an adventurous woman who broke new ground as a manager/buyer in women's wear at a time when few women traveled the country on buying trips.. Judy's earliest memory of wanting to make a difference was when she received a necklace from her Nana on which was engraved, "Never Underestimate The Power of A Woman."

Judy began her career in banking with John Nuveen & Co. in Boston, but then moved to San Francisco to manage the Northern California office of the investment banking municipal bond firm. She became an active member of the Junior League of San Francisco, where she developed a passion for volunteerism and development, and where she acquired the experiences and training necessary to become a non-profit leader.

The Klitgaards moved to Princeton in 1996 and Judy soon discovered the YWCA Princeton Newcomers Club. Four years later, she was President of Newcomers and then elected to the Board of the YWCA Princeton, where she focused on fundraising and board development. Judy's talents lay in forging the link between fundraising and mission growth, and with successfully recruiting board members who have the skill sets needed to accomplish the work that makes the YWCA so vital to the Princeton area. With her guidance the board evolved from a grass roots culture to a strategic one. She has been a member of executive committees for a number of presidents over the past 20 years and served as President of the Board from 2004 to 2006, always guiding the YWCA toward its current meaningful role in the Princeton community.

Judy's love of textiles and her fine eye for linens led to a small business merchandizing pieces from Provence with her business partner. She shares her time between her homes in West Windsor and Naples, Florida, and feels fortunate to have the encouragement and commitment of her husband, Bill, and son, Miles.