

## **Betsy Crone '67 Chatham University**

graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science from Chatham and holds a master's degree from Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers University. Recently retired from her career as a fund-raiser, she has been a leader in expanding financial contributions to political and non-profit organizations. She has worked to advance the rights of women and to ensure that women political candidates have strong financial resources in their campaigns.

She is particularly proud of her role as a "founding mother" of EMILY's List, a fund-raising network working to elect pro-choice Democratic women to office.

Betsy planned, designed and implemented fund-raising campaigns, including special events, membership drives, large donor development programs and strategic audits. She helped organizations expand individual donor activities and trained fund-raising professionals and volunteers.

Politics was always a strong interest. During college summers she interned for Senator Joseph Tydings of Maryland and then began her professional career working for Matt Reese, a pioneer in political consulting.

In Washington, DC, she raised funds for numerous organizations advancing legal and women's rights, protecting women's health, fighting for a cleaner and safer environment, and improving local social services. Her clients included National Women's Political Caucus, ERAmerica, Women's Legal Defense Fund/now National Partnership for Women and Families, Alliance for Justice, Ovarian Cancer National Alliance/now Ovarian Cancer Research Fund Alliance, League of Conservation Voters, and District of Columbia Bar Pro Bono Center.

In the political arena, she worked with Democratic Party organizations in Washington and Democratic women political candidates across the country running for Senate, House of Representatives, Governor and other state and local offices. As a native of Baltimore, MD, she is pleased to have worked in Senator Barbara Mikulski's campaigns.

Betsy has been recognized by Chatham with the Cornerstone Award for Public Service, by EMILY's List as "The Maker of the List" and received a Mentor Award from the Public Leadership Education Network, of which Chatham is a founding member.