



Barbara A. Ruane

Emeritus Trustee

Barbara A. Ruane served on the InfoAge Board of Trustees from 2001 until 2009 during its formative years and conducted many fundraisers for InfoAge; she also was instrumental in securing InfoAge's first six-figure grant. In 2010 she was made an InfoAge Trustee Emeritus.

Ms. Ruane is a Founder and President of The James Thomas Group (TJTG), an Emergency Management and Counter-terrorism consulting firm that was established in October, 2000. TJTG, LLC, is a Defense Logistics Agency registered service-disabled veteran-owned small business (www.thejamesthomasmgroup.com).

She is a Department of Homeland Security Certified Weapons of Mass Destruction Instructor and a nationally certified Emergency Medical Technician. She has conducted numerous mass casualty, hostage, terrorism and other exercises for Federal and local Government agencies. Her firm conducts risk assessments; writes/revises plans; and trains emergency responders, security, and operations personnel. Included among the firm's clients are the U.S. Army; the State of New Jersey; Monmouth County's Office of Emergency Management and Health Department; the Hudson County Boys and Girls Club; and numerous businesses, communities, and religious organizations.

Prior to founding TJTG, she had worked as a Management Analyst at Fort Monmouth and from 1997 to 2002 she was a Special Education Teacher in Long Branch. In 2002 she began working full time at TJTG.

Ms. Ruane is a 1997 Summa Cum Laude graduate of Monmouth University with a Bachelor of Science Degree (Teacher of the Handicapped). She also holds Associates Degrees in Education and Journalism from Brookdale Community College and attended the Justice Center of Atlanta where she received her certification in Mediation and Conflict Resolution.

Over the years she has devoted much of her time in helping others through community service which included: Shore Players Performing Arts Foundation Director of Development; a Team Leader for the TRI-BORO (West Long Branch, Oceanport, Eatontown) Domestic Violence Crisis Intervention Team; Monmouth County SPCA Volunteer; Shore Regional High School Shore Players Parents Advisory Council; Emergency Medical Technician and Corresponding Secretary for the West Long Branch First Aid Squad; the Pre-service Advisory Council for the NJ Statewide Systemic Initiative at Rutgers; Brookdale Community College Board of Trustees; and Counselor for the LADDER Support Group for families of children with Attention Deficit Disorder.

Her honors and awards include: Greater Women of Central New Jersey "Business Woman of the Year"; New Jersey Governor's Teacher Recognition Award; Distinguished Alumni Award, Brookdale Community College; Shore Regional High School Wall of Honor; Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities; Outstanding Student in Humanities, Brookdale Community College; and the National Dean's List

Ms. Ruane is a former ten year member of the West Long Branch (NJ) Township Council where she was Council President. She lives in West Long Branch with Michael, her husband, and sons Jim and Tom.

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