



Local Women Of Leadership Past and Present



ROSIE O'DONNELL

COMEDIAN

ACTRESS

PRODUCER

AUTHOR

TV PERSONALITY

Roseann O'Donnell born March 21, 1962 is an American comedian, producer, actress, author, and television personality. She began her comedy career as a teenager and received her breakthrough on the television series *Star Search* in 1984. After a series of television and film roles that introduced her to a larger national audience, O'Donnell hosted her own syndicated daytime talk show, *The Rosie O'Donnell Show*, between 1996 and 2002, which won several Daytime Emmy Awards. During this period, she developed the nickname "Queen of Nice", as well as a reputation for philanthropic efforts. From 2006 to 2007, O'Donnell endured a controversial run as the moderator on the daytime talk show *The View*. She hosted *Rosie Radio* on Sirius XM Radio between 2009 and 2011, and from 2011 to 2012 hosted a second, short-lived talk show on OWN, *The Rosie Show*. O'Donnell returned to *The View* in 2014, leaving after a brief five-month run. From 2017 to 2019, she starred on the Showtime comedy series *SMILF*. In addition to comedy, film, and television, O'Donnell has also been a magazine editor, celebrity blogger, and author of several memoirs, including *Find Me* 2002 and *Celebrity Detox* 2007. She used the *Find Me* \$3 million advance to establish her *For All* foundation and promote other charity projects, encouraging celebrities on her show to take part. She has been an outspoken advocate for lesbian and gay issues. Rosie lived in Nyack for many Years.