



Local Women Of Leadership Past and Present



TERRY MARTIN HEKKER AUTHOR & FIRST WOMAN MAYOR OF NYACK

Terry makes her home in Nyack, and is kept busy by a large and devoted family. In 1978, Terry wrote an article about being a full-time housewife in the age of the liberated woman, which ran as an Op-Ed column in The New York Times. Its popularity led Terry to write the 1980 bestselling book, "Ever Since Adam and Eve", Magazine columns for King Features, McCall's and Good Housekeeping followed, along with a consumer column for CBS Publications. Ms. Hekker was interviewed on the Today Show, and every major local morning program, including (a young) Oprah in Baltimore. For many years, Terry was asked to lecture around the country as a recognized authority on homemaking and motherhood as her children were gaining independence of their own. Terry became involved in various community endeavors, from theatre to politics, which led to her being elected the first woman mayor of her century-old village of Nyack. In January 2006, Terry's popularity enjoyed a resurgence, as her new life story appeared in an article published in The New York Times Modern Love column. This time, Terry wrote about life after divorce, surviving the feminine and sexual revolution, and gender roles that continue to shift, alter and bewilder. In writing "Disregard First Book", Terry hopes to enlighten and give perspective to younger men and women, comfort and energize the many older women to whom life has not always been kind and make readers laugh, which is the greatest gift of all.