

Jean Hudson Gano



In the ten years that Jean Gano was a member of the Junior League of Summit, she chaired Ways and Means, served on the Board as Council Coordinator, chaired the Focusing Task Force, trouped with Kids on the Block, served on the Provisional Committee and the Membership Activities Committee, and gave countless hours to our Shops in any role that was needed.

Jean was always involved with her children's schools: Summit Child Care Centers, Central Presbyterian Church Weekday Nursery School and Kindergarten, Brayton Elementary School and The Peck School. St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Chatham benefited greatly from Jean's time and talent. She taught Sunday School and was a member of the Vestry. Jean also helped in fundraising efforts for St. Paul's.

In the community, Jean served on the boards of Senior Connections and the Resource Center for Women. For several years, she was involved with The Golden Bell Ball as co-chair of the Hostess Committee and later as an advisor.

After being diagnosed with breast cancer, Jean became active with the Susan G. Komen Foundation's Race for the Cure in both New York City and Baltimore. She also became a member of the executive committee of Pathways, a breast cancer resource center sponsored by the Resource Center for Women, Overlook Hospital, and the Summit YWCA. It was Jean who inspired and wrote the first Pathways general community contribution pledge letter.