

Women at the Table: Expanding the Role of Women in Governance

Guest Speaker: Hon. Rose H. Sconiers



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Rose Sconiers has served as Appellate Court Justice, Supreme Court Justice and City Court Judge and now that she is retired she can speak without judicial restraints. She addressed an audience of about 70 people, predominantly women, on September 16 at the Twentieth Century Club. The luncheon event was co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Buffalo Niagara, the Western NY Chapter of the Women's Bar Association and the Buffalo Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners.

Judge Sconiers provided personal examples of the four guidelines she recommended to **"Get more women to the table - to expand the role of women in governance."** Her four initiatives are **Power, Persistence, Planning, and Passion**. She stressed the importance of fighting, being strong, not being afraid to lose, and taking risks. "Don't be afraid to get involved with politics because the dynamics of politics exists everywhere," she advised. You need commitment and broad shoulders to keep up the fight. Having a good mentor is helpful. She further advised that women should work to gain name recognition especially if they are running for political office. She engaged the audience by having them share personal issues related to the four true/false questions that were distributed to the audience, all related to perceptions of women and power.

