

Bio—Jane de Winter

A Record of Action

Jane de Winter is a long-time community advocate in Montgomery County with a record of improving the quality of life in our county. For the past 15 years, she has brought her experience in economics and public finance to bear in working to improve public education, secure adequate public facilities, and to promote the health and well-being of children and youth in Montgomery County. Among a range of leadership positions, she served as President of the Montgomery County Council of PTAs from 2006-2008 where she was instrumental in ensuring PTA's were at the table during MCPS budget development process. Her leadership of this 50,000+ member organization strengthened relationships between parent advocates and government agencies at the local, county, and state levels.

Leading Through Collaboration

Collaboration is at the heart of Jane's approach to solving many of the concerns that face Montgomery County residents. In working on the Annual Growth Policy, Mental Health, Child Nutrition and Summer Food Programs, and Out of School Programs, she has collaborated with such organizations as Linkages to Learning, the Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office, the Montgomery County Police Department, the Collaboration Council, the Montgomery County Pedestrian Safety Advisory Group, the NAACP Parent's Council, Montgomery County Education Association, employee association SEIU (of which she is a former member), employee association MCAASP, MCPS Safe and Drug Free Schools, the Mental Health Association, and Interages.

On the local school level, she brought the Conquista tus sueños program to Garrett Park Elementary School and encouraged Latino parents to chair school activities. She currently sits on the county's Commission for Children and Youth and the Collaboration Council's Youth Connectedness Steering Committee. Jane has been honored for her dedication to education and community affairs with the National PTA Life Membership Award.

Training in Finance and Economics

A resident of Kensington, Jane has lived in Montgomery County since 1988. She received an A.B. in International Relations and Economics from Brown University and both an M.A. and a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Washington in Seattle with a specialty in Monetary Economics and Public Finance. While in graduate school, she received the Alfred Sloan Natural Resources Fellowship and the James K. Hall Memorial Award for Outstanding Work in Public Finance. Jane was an instructor of economics at the University of Washington teaching courses on Macroeconomics and

Public Finance and she has taught courses as an Adjunct Instructor of Economics at the American University in Washington, D.C. She has worked at the Business and Professional Women's Foundation, the Center for Naval Analysis, and as a freelance economic consultant. For many years, she has tracked the effect of housing developments on school enrollments and facilities, worked on county school budgets, and analyzed the county Annual Growth Policy. Jane has been a regular guest on *Montgomery Week in Review* commenting on educational issues since 2006. She is a member of the Leadership Montgomery Class of 2010.

Jane's Family

Jane's family, originally from the Netherlands, immigrated to the United States from Argentina. Jane's four children—who range in age from elementary school to a Montgomery College student--have all attended Montgomery County Public Schools. In support of her children's activities, Jane served for six years as team representative to the Montgomery County Swim League and is currently the automation expert for the Garrett Park Swim Team and a computer operator for the Walter Johnson Swim Team. Her husband, Fred Joutz, a native Montgomery County resident, is a professor at The George Washington University.