



Congratulations to
Pamela DeBlasio
Past & Present

2009 NJAWBO Bergen's Rose & Scroll Awardee

Pamela DeBlasio, owner of Past & Present, an upscale women's clothing boutique and resale shop in Closter, was named the Bergen chapter's 2009 Rose & Scroll awardee for her extensive volunteer efforts. The award, which is given by NJAWBO to a non-member for being a positive role model for women in both her business and personal lives, acknowledges DeBlasio's community work with the Career Closet at the Women's Rights Information Center (WRIC) in Englewood. The Career Closet provides free interview outfits for low-income women preparing to enter the work force.

DeBlasio donates clothing from her consignment shop and staffs the Career Closet with her daughter Catherine on Monday and Wednesday afternoons, helping clients with outfit selections. Her store is now the collection center for two organizations, as her consignment customers donate their unsold items to both the Career Closet and the Totowa United Methodist Church, which sponsors families overseas by sending packages to the poor.

Pam was instrumental (along with our very own Bernadette and Sue of Attention2Detail) in moving and setting up the closet on short notice in a different space at WRIC.