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## **Ulster County Legislature Honors Saugerties Community Advocate**



**L to R - District 3 Legislator Dean Fabiano, Doreen Peone, District 1 Legislator Mary Wawro and District 2 Legislator Robert Aiello**

Saugerties, New York resident Doreen Peone was honored for her service and inspiration to the community by the Ulster County Legislature at the September 19 Legislative Session. The presentation was led by District 2 Legislator Robert Aiello who was joined by District 1 Legislator Mary Wawro and District 3 Legislator Dean Fabiano

to present Peone with a “Pride of Ulster County” Award as more than a dozen of her friends and family looked on.

Saugerties Legislator Robert Aiello, a neighbor of Peone, described how she risked her life reentering her burning house to save her children and the months of rehab that followed. He chronicled her misfortune with an unscrupulous contractor who took the insurance money intended to rebuild her home and the outpouring of support the community showed when the house had to be torn down.

“We saw her overcome insurmountable personal odds,” Aiello said, “only to come back a much stronger person.”

He went on to tell of Peone’s struggle and eventual recovery from Lyme Disease and how she became the inspiration for the Ulster County Lyme Disease Advisory Committee.

In accepting the award, Peone described how she used her convalesces to research and educate herself about this disease. “I made a promise to myself, to God, the universe and my family,” Peone said, “to share what I have learned so that I can help other people.”

Legislator Fabiano has known Peone’s father, John Erceg, for many years. “Doreen’s devotion and love of her family and friends is clear.” Fabiano said. “It is families like this that make our community strong.”

“In the face of adversity, she overcame many obstacles and is a true example of courage and perseverance.” Legislator Wawro remarked. “I am looking forward to seeing what she will do in the future.”

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