

Ward Todd, President/CEO
Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce

Ward Todd is President/CEO of the Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce, the region's largest business advocacy organization with 1,000 members. The Ulster Chamber is recognized as the leader in developing and advancing business growth and expansion in the Ulster County Region and in 2021 was selected by the Business Council of New York State as the NYS Chamber of Commerce of the Year.

Mr. Todd is a former three-term Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature, where he represented the Shandaken-Woodstock area for seven years. He formerly served as Deputy Director of Ulster County Tourism and was an Adjunct Professor at SUNY New Paltz.

Ward was Morning Program Host and Operations Manager at WKNY Kingston for twenty years and earlier held on-air positions at WBAZ (Kingston NY), WROW (Albany NY) and WRKL (New City NY). He was Chief Staff Announcer at WRNN-TV. Ward was also a CBS-TV and HBO Ring Announcer for professional boxing matches featuring former World Champions Billy Costello and Tracy Patterson.

Mr. Todd began his public service career at the age of 25 when he was elected to the Kingston Board of Education. He went on to serve six years, including three years as Board President.

He also served as a Board Member:

- Onteora Central School Board of Education
- Catskill Watershed Corporation (Vice President)
- NYSAC County Legislature Chairs (First Vice President)
- Benedictine Hospital (Vice President)
- Center for Spectrum Services (President)
- WKNY's Toys for Tots (Vice President)
- Alzheimer's Memory Walk (Chairman)
- Hudson Valley Alzheimer's Association
- United Way of Ulster County
- American Heart Association
- Rip Van Winkle Council Boy Scouts
- Ulster County Girl Scouts

Mr. Todd received awards:

- YWCA of Ulster County "Men Who Roar" Award
- Rotary International Paul Harris Award
- SUNY New Paltz Dean's Award for Excellence
- Jewish Family Services Community Services Award
- Belleayre Ski Mountain "Spirit of the Catskills" Award
- Gateway Industries "Toast of the Town" Award
- Ulster County Arts Council "Arts Advocate of the Year"
- Honorary Irishman of the Year by the Ulster County Chamber of Commerce
- Kingston Shamrock Parade Grand Marshall

Mr. Todd is a graduate of the U. S. Chamber's Institute for Organization Management. He currently serves as Treasurer of the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance (UCEDA), Chairman of the Administrative Board of the Shandaken United Methodist Church and is a member of American Legion Post 950. Ward and his wife Jane live in Shandaken and are the parents of Jennifer, Peter, Michael and Philippe and the proud grandparents of eleven grandchildren.