

Anita Zucker - Biography

Anita Zucker is a graduate of the University of Florida, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Education. She received a Master of Education degree from the University of North Florida in Educational Administration and Supervision.

Anita taught elementary school for over ten years and now serves as Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer for The InterTech Group, Inc. She is also a partner in the Carolina Ice Palace, the South Carolina Stingrays, the Sunfire Grill and Bistro and Tristan restaurant on Market Street.

Anita is a past President of the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce, and of The Education Foundation of the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce. She also chaired the Drug-Free Workplace Program and participated in the School to Work Task Force. Anita is a past vice-president of Education and Leadership and formerly chaired the Business Education Council, and the Business Education Partnership Committee.

Mrs. Zucker serves on The Community Foundation Board and executive committee and is a past President. She also serves as a trustee (the first woman) of the Saul Alexander Foundation.

In addition, Anita is a past board & executive board member of the Trident United Way, where she is also past board chair, past chair of the Strategic planning committee, past campaign chair and past chair of the Community Building Committee. She has recently rejoined the Trident United Way Board and served as chairperson for the 2008 Day of Caring. Anita also currently serves on the Success by Six Committee.

Anita is a past chairperson with ten years of service on the Advisory Board of the Charleston Area HUB for Math, Science, and Technology.

She is a former member of the Trident Technical College Foundation Board and Executive Board and is a past chairperson. She was appointed to the Trident Technical College Area Commission by Governor Sanford in October 2007. She is a member of the Advisory Boards of the College of Charleston's School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Jewish Studies, and the School of Business and Economics (which she currently chairs), as well as on the board of the Addlestone Hebrew Academy. She is a past board member of Porter Gaud School and Ashley Hall School.

Mrs. Zucker is also past president of the Charleston Jewish Federation. She is a member of the Committee for the Holocaust Memorial at Marion Square and past fundraising chair. She is the past Adult board chair of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, past president of Synagogue Emanu-El Sisterhood, past president of Women's American ORT, a past member of the Trident Public Education Foundation, past member of the South Carolina Business Education Partnership Committee for Excellence in Education, and a past member and former chair of the South Carolina Network of Business Partners for Education.

Mrs. Zucker is the chair of the Medical University of South Carolina Foundation and is a past chairperson of the Citizen's Advisory Committee of the Hollings Cancer Center, a past member of the "Race For The Cure" Committee, and former co-chair and honorary chair of the YWCA Steering Committee for TWIN (Tribute to Women in Business and Industry). She has served on numerous other boards throughout the state and community.

Mrs. Zucker is also a member of the Rotary Club of Charleston and is a past president of her club. She has received the Rotarian of the Year Award from Rotary District 7770 and has received the Service Above Self Award from the Rotary Club of Charleston and from the North Charleston Rotary Club.

Mrs. Zucker is also the recipient of The Book of Golden Deeds award presented by The Exchange Club of Charleston.

As of October of 2005, Mrs. Zucker, as appointed by Governor Mark Sanford, continues to serve as a member of the Education and Economic Development Coordinating Council of the state.

Mrs. Zucker is a recipient of the following awards, just to name a few: the “Order of the Palmetto” presented by Governor David Beasley for her dedication to education, an honorary Doctorate of Education degree, presented by the Citadel in May 1998 for her dedication to the field of education, and a Doctor of Humane letters in 1999 from Johnson and Wales University.

Further, Mrs. Zucker is a recipient of the Malcolm D. Haven award from The Community Foundation presented in October of 2000 for her contributions and accomplishments for the betterment of the Tri-county community. She is also a recipient of the Joseph P. Riley Leadership Award presented by the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce in June of 2001. Mrs. Zucker is the recipient of numerous other awards including the Charleston Jewish Federation’s inaugural “Light Unto the Nations” award honoring both Mr. and Mrs. Zucker and The Book of Golden Deeds award presented by The Exchange Club of Charleston and most recently, the South Carolina Ambassadors for Economic Development for Charleston County presented by Governor Sanford in September of 2008.

Anita is the widow of the late Jerry Zucker. She has three children, Jonathan and his wife, Laura, Andrea and her husband, Nicolas Muzin, and Jeffrey. Anita now has two grandchildren, Stella Muzin and Jeremy Zucker.

See addendum with awards.

Anita Zucker-Awards/Honors

Young Leadership Award Winner—Council of Jewish Federations: 1985
Phi Delta Kappa Award—Outstanding Support of Public Education: 1988
TWIN-Tribute to Women in Business and Industry: 1992
Charlestonian of the Year—Charleston Magazine: 1997
Hadassah Myrtle Wreath Award—for living up to the ideals of Hadassah and support of the Jewish people of the United States: 1998
Honorary Doctorate of Education—The Citadel: 1998
Woman of Distinction—Girl Scouts of America: 1999
Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters—Johnson and Wales University: 1999
Malcolm D. Haven Award—Coastal Community Foundation: 2000
Service Above Self Award—North Charleston Rotary Club-in recognition of significant contributions to the quality of life for all citizens of the Low Country: 2000
The Reverend Alanson B. Houghton Award-presented to the Zucker family—Youth Service Charleston: 2000
Joseph P. Riley Leadership Award—Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce: 2001
Aaron Solomon Award for Volunteerism—Charleston Jewish Federation
Beta Sigma Gamma Honorary Business Society—College of Charleston
YWCA Lifetime Achievement Award for special recognition of outstanding leadership in business and industry
Light Unto the Nations Award—presented to Jerry and Anita (*first recipients of this award*) by the Charleston Jewish Federation: 2001
Arthur J. Clement Award-presented to Jerry and Anita Zucker for Excellence in Race Relations—Trident Urban League: 2001
Book of Golden Deeds—The Exchange Club of Charleston: 2004
Outstanding Club President—The Rotary Club of Charleston, District 7770: 2003-2004
Rotarian of the Year—The Rotary Club of Charleston: 2004-2005
District Rotarian of the Year—The Rotary Club of Charleston, District 7770: 2005-2006
Charles P. Darby Community Activist of the Year—Trident United Way: 2006
Woman of Distinction-Lifetime Achievement Award—Girl Scouts of America: 2006
Humanitarian of the Year presented to Jerry and Anita Zucker—Charleston Animal Society: 2008
South Carolina Ambassadors for Economic Development – Charleston County: 2008