

## Jayne H. Plank

Jayne earned her Bachelor's Degree from George Washington University. She worked as a crypt linguist for the National Security Agency while continuing graduate work in Middle East Studies at Georgetown University.

Jayne moved to Indiana with her husband where she taught in a one-room schoolhouse and continued her studies at Ball State College and Michigan State University.



After her husband completed his Engineering degree, she and her family moved to Iran and Pakistan, where her husband worked on constructing microwave stations across the Middle East.

Upon returning and settling in Kensington, Jayne began her lifelong commitment to public service and to raising five sons who have given her nine grandchildren.

She was elected to the Kensington Town Council in 1967 and served as Councilwoman until 1974, when she was elected to the first of her four terms as Mayor of Kensington. She was the first woman elected as Mayor, as well as the first woman elected President of the Maryland Municipal League and the first woman to serve as the Maryland representative to the National League of Cities.

In 1982, Jayne was sworn in as Director of Intergovernmental Affairs of the U.S. Department of State by President Reagan, who was committed to promoting close relationships between federal and local governments. Jayne's mission was to create a liaison office to work with governors, mayors, county officials and state legislators.

She accompanied the 1984 U.S. delegation to Puerto Rico in honor of the visit of Pope John Paul II. In 1985, Jayne was appointed to the Christopher Columbus Quincentenary Jubilee Commission, charged with planning the events and programs to be held in 1992 for the commemoration of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Columbus' arrival in the New World.

Jayne returned to her family real estate investment and consulting businesses upon the culmination of her appointment with the State Department. She also devoted much of her time and talents to Republican campaigns and political issues.

She was Chairman for the Montgomery County region in the Bush-Quayle campaign in 1988 and in 2000 served on the Bush-Cheney Maryland Campaign Finance Committee. She attended the Republican National Conventions in 1988, 1996 and 2000 as a volunteer; in 2004 she was selected as a Bush delegate from the 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Maryland to the convention in Philadelphia.

She served on the Maryland Finance Committee for Governor Ehrlich's successful campaign in 2002 and appointed by Governor Ehrlich to the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority in August 2005. She served on the boards of the Maryland Historical Society and the Maryland Public Policy Institute.

Jayne is a seventh generation Washingtonian. She restored and returned to her family home in Georgetown, Washington DC in 2009 and continued her involvement in politics and historic preservation. She attended the 2012 Republican Convention in Tampa with the DC delegation.

She is active in the President's Club of the Heritage Foundation, The Women's Leadership Group of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, The Citizen's Association of Georgetown, and The Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia.