



## **Lenore Janis President Professional Women in Construction**

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Name: Lenore Janis

Title: President

Company: Professional Women in Construction (PWC)

Location: New York City (national office) with chapters in Conn., Wash., D.C., N.J., N.Y., northeast Penn. and southern Fla.

Birthplace: White Plains, N.Y.

Family: Sons, Peter and John; daughter-in-law, Lisa; grandchildren Rachel & Matthew; brothers, David & George

College: Bennington College (Vt.); University of Connecticut (Storrs); BA degree

First job outside of real estate: Public relations (Grant Advertising) prior to entering family-owned steel fabrication & erection firm, White Plains Iron Works, Inc. Established the first woman-owned steel erection firm (Metropolitan N.Y. area) in 1980. One of 12 original founders of PWC.

What do you do now and what are you planning for the future? Direct all operations for PWC, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization to assist and advance business and professional women in construction and allied industries. Current membership over 1,000; website: [www.pwcusa.org](http://www.pwcusa.org) attracts 25,000 visitors monthly.

Hobbies: Tap dancing and ballet

Person you admire most (outside of family): Gwendolyn Colbert Kushner

Keys to success: Ambition, drive, tenacity

If you had to choose another vocation what would it be? A rich man's darling!

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