

BOB RUGER

Bob Ruger, a life-long White Plains resident, has given selflessly of his time and talent to help dozens of White Plains organizations grow and prosper and thousands of White Plains residents enjoy a better life.

Mr. Ruger still lives in the same house on Prospect Avenue in which he was born in 1913. A member of the Class of 1931 he was among the first to attend the “new”

Highlands High School building for a full year. After graduating from Rutgers

University Mr. Ruger began a 40 year career as a representative with Dun & Bradstreet.

In 1969, as an Elder of the Presbyterian Church, Mr. Ruger was chosen to make a round-the-world tour of mission activities. The trip stimulated his long-term interest in a church affiliated medical college in India, an affiliation that remains to this day.

Mr. Ruger served in the White Plains Common Council for 12 years (1976-1988)

where he was described as “the right arm of the mayor”, and as Council President in 1982 and 1983. For six years he was Chairman of the White Plains Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mr. Ruger has served in major leadership roles on a host of important local organizations, including in the White Plains Rotary Club, the Salvation Army, the YMCA, Slater Center, the Westchester Drama Association, Senior Personnel Employment Council, the United Way and the Organization of People Undaunted by Stroke. He has also been a member of the Tigers Fan Club for over 50 years.

Most recently Mr. Ruger has been President of the White Plains Beautification Foundation. He was honored at a testimonial dinner at the Crowne Plaza in November 1987 and is a Marash Humanitarian Service Award winner.

For his myriad of positive accomplishments, Mr. Ruger is known by his friends and associates as “Mr. White Plains”.