



John C. Cochrane '47

After graduating from Bay Shore High School in 1947, John C. Cochrane attended the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. He was commissioned an Ensign in the U. S. Navy and served on active duty from 1951 to 1955. He is currently a retired Captain in the United States Naval Reserve.

From 1956 to 1984, John served as President of the very successful Cochrane and Craven Insurance Agency located here in Bay Shore. During this time, he served as a member of the Board of Directors of the First National Bank of Bay Shore, Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company, and Fleet Bank.

In 1972, John began his distinguished 21-year career as our elected representative to the New York State Assembly. During this period, he served on various leadership and committee assignments, and he became the ranking Republican member of the N.Y.S. Assembly Ways and Means Committee from 1983 to 1993. He was also a member of the N.Y.S. public Authorities Control Board.

On the local political scene, John served as a Suffolk County Republican Committeeman from 1968 to the present, Islip Town Republican Committee Chairman from 1968 to 1970, and Chairman of the Suffolk County Republican Committee from 1988 to 1991. Additionally, John was active within our community serving as Commodore of the Bay Shore Yacht Club, President of the Bay Shore Lions Club, President of the Bay Shore-Brightwaters United Fund, as well as a member of the Southside Hospital Advisory Board.

In 1993, John was elected Suffolk County Treasurer and has won re-election to this office ever since. He is also currently Chairman of the Government Financial Officers Association for the Long Island Region, Chairman of the Suffolk County Audit Committee, and Chairman of the Second Congressional District Military Academies' Review Board.

John still resides in Brightwaters with his wife Betty, and he remains active serving the residents of our local, Long Island, and state communities.