

BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY

Joy Cole Corning
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Birth:

September 7, 1932, Bridgewater, Iowa
Parents: Perry A. and Ethel Sullivan Cole

Education:

Graduate of Bridgewater High School
Graduate of the University of Northern Iowa, B.A. Elementary Education

Family:

Husband Burt Corning, deceased (1990)
Children: Carol Hallquist, Kansas City, Missouri; Claudia Peyton, Urbandale, Iowa;
Ann Jones, Cedar Falls, Iowa
Nine grandchildren

Career:

School teacher, Greenfield and Waterloo, Iowa

Public Service:

Lieutenant Governor, State of Iowa

- Inaugurated January 1991 and 1995, the first lieutenant governor to be elected under constitutional changes that placed this office in the executive branch of government.
- Key participant in executive branch decision-making, program development, budget setting, and policy setting.
- Representative of governor, executive branch, state, and/or self at events, activities, and trade missions throughout Iowa, the nation, and abroad.
- Initiated (then chaired) special projects and other activities:
 - Family Foster Care
 - International Year of the Family
 - Adoption Initiative
 - Lt. Governor's Committee on Diversity
 - 75th Anniversary of Woman Suffrage
- Chaired additional special projects:
 - Task Force on State Mandates
 - Council on Human Investment
 - The Governor's Cultural Coalition
 - STOP Violence Against Women Coordinating Council
 - Workplace Literacy Initiative
 - Women's Health Initiative
- Chair, National Conference of Lieutenant Governors, 1996-1997.
- Chair, National Conference of Iowa Senate, 1985-1990
- Assistant minority leader.
- Ranking Senate Republican, Human Resources standing committee.
- Ranking Senate Republican, Joint Appropriations Subcommittee Human Services.
- Other standing committees: Education, Appropriations, State Government, Energy and Environment.
- Appropriations Subcommittee for State Government.
- Interim committees dealing with education and human resources issues.

Cedar Falls Community Schools Board of Education, 1973-1985, president for 9 years.

Current Personal, Business, and Professional Activities:

Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa, Board of Directors.
Institute for Character Development, Board of Directors.
University of Iowa Belin Blank Center for Gifted and Talented Education, Advisory Board.
University of Northern Iowa Foundation, Board of Trustees.
Des Moines Symphony Foundation.
Mentor Iowa, Advisory Board.
Joy Club Business Women's Networking Group, Founder.
Republican Leadership Council, Iowa Captain.
Plymouth Congregational Church, UCC Board of Trustees.
Also a member of PEO, A.A.U.W., The Rotary Club of Des Moines.

Major Philanthropic Contributions:

Cedar Falls Hearst Center for the Arts.
Joy Cole Corning Distinguished Leadership Lecture Series at University of Northern Iowa.
Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa.
Des Moines Symphony Foundation.

Church Affiliation:

United Church of Christ (Congregational), active member including Sunday School superintendent, moderator, teacher, chair of numerous boards and committees.

Previous Personal, Business, and Professional Activities (1980-present):

Iowa Women in Public Policy, Board of Directors.
Orchard Place Foundation, Board of Directors.
National Committee for Community and Justice (NCCJ) Iowa Region, Board of Directors.
Iowa Correctional Institution for Women Chapel, Fund-Raising Campaign Chair.
Des Moines University Center for the Prevention of Community Violence, Advisory Board.
Plymouth Congregational Church Foundation Board.
Money and Politics (MAP) Iowa, Advisory Board.
University of Northern Iowa's \$100,000,000 Students First Campaign, Co-chair.
National Association for Gifted Children, Advisory Board.
Iowa Kids Count Initiative, Leadership Collaborative.
The Caring Foundation, Advisory Board.
Iowa Supreme Court Commission on Planning for the 21st Century.
Iowa Supreme Court Grievance Commission.
The Interfaith Alliance of Iowa.
University of Northern Iowa Leadership Studies Program, Advisory Board.
University of Northern Iowa Performing Arts Center, Advisory Board.
Council of State Governments' Committee on Suggested State Legislation.
University of Northern Iowa Alumni, Board of Directors.
Homeland Bankshares Corporation, Board of Directors.
League of Women Voters.

Previous Leadership Positions (1950s-1980s):

Iowa Talented and Gifted, one of the authors of first state plan for talented and gifted students in Iowa, state president, state conference chair, Area 7 president.
Black Hawk County Family and Children's Council, chair.

Previous Leadership Positions (1950s-1980s) (continued):

Northeast Iowa Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee, chair.
 Black Hawk County SHARES Program, co-chair.
 Iowa Housing Finance Authority, Board of Directors.
 Education Commission of the States, Board of Directors.
 Iowa Peace Institute, Board of Directors.
 Midway Bank & Trust, Board of Directors.
 Iowa Association of School Boards, Board of Directors.
 Waterloo-Cedar Falls Junior League, Community Advisor.
 Cedar Falls Junior Women's Club, chair.
 Waterloo Community Playhouse, Advisory Board.
 Cedar Arts Forum, Board of Directors.
 Youth 2000 Committee, member.
 Parent-Teacher Association, member.
 Hudson Chamber of Commerce, member.
 Cedar Falls Chamber of Commerce, member.
 Family Services League, member.
 Cedar Falls Historical Society, lifetime member.
 Cedar Falls Women's Club, member.
 UNI Alumni Association, lifetime member.
 Friends of KUNI, member.
 Girl Scouts, leader.
 Brownie Scouts, consultant.

Honors (listed from most recent to previous):

Iowa Women's Hall of Fame.
 National Council for Community and Justice Iowa Region, honoree at annual awards event.
 Planned Parenthood Federation of America, PPFA Republicans for Choice Senator Barry Goldwater Award.
 Des Moines Area Religious Council (DMARC), Interfaith Service Award.
 Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) Des Moines, Woman of Achievement (2000).
 Early Care and Education Congress, First Annual Award for Leadership.
 National Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse Iowa Chapter, Outstanding Performance.
 Iowa Commission on the Status of African-Americans, Martin Luther King Lifetime Service Award.
 Allen College, Waterloo, Iowa, Doctor of Humane Letters Honorary Degree.
 Coalition for Family and Children's Services in Iowa, Public Service Award.
 Des Moines Human Rights Commission Award, Outstanding Leadership in Human Rights and Elimination of Racism.
 National Foster Parent Association, Special Recognition Award.
 National Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse Iowa Chapter, Recognition of Extraordinary Advocacy for the Children of Iowa.
 Friends of Iowa Civil Rights, Inc., Outstanding Contributions to Civil Rights in Iowa.
 Governor's Affirmative Action Award.
 Iowa State Education Association Human Relations Award.
 Iowa Council of Teachers of Mathematics. Friend of Mathematics Award.
 Iowa Home Economics Association, Public Service Award.
 Cedar Falls Chamber of Commerce, Citizen of the Year Award.
 University of Northern Iowa Alumni Achievement Award.
 Iowa Talented and Gifted Distinguished Service Award.
 Iowa Alpha Delta Kappa International Sorority for Women Educators, Honorary Member.
 Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Honorary Member.
 Who's Who Directories.

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