

**Lifetime Achievement Awardee  
Carolyn Smithson Burger – 2007**

Carolyn Smithson Burger, who retired in 1996 as President and CEO of Verizon-Delaware, was the first woman in the United States to head an operating telephone company. She was a pioneer in national and local business communities, becoming the first woman chair of Delaware's prestigious Business Roundtable from 1993-1996, and serving on the following corporate boards: Verizon-Delaware, Wilmington Trust, Betz-Dearborn, PJM Interconnection, GDE Systems and Rodell, Inc. Ms. Burger became a Principal in CB Associates, Inc., a consulting firm specializing in legislation, technology deployment for Senior executives, and Executive coaching. Ms. Burger has served on several other boards and was inducted into the Delaware Business Leaders Hall of Fame in 1998.

Ms. Burger was an initiator and original founder of the Fund for Women (FFW) endowment and the Swingin' with a Star Golf Tournament, continuing to remain active in both organizations. She serves as a Director of the Delaware Art Museum and is a long-standing trustee of the Christiana Care Health System.

Throughout her career and continuing today, Carol Burger mentors high-potential women to achieve success in senior level positions in corporations. She was honored with the eighth Connecting Generations Lifetime Achievement Award.