



**Phyllis George** has become one of America's most accomplished women.

Phyllis has had many firsts in her career. She was 50th Miss America and the first to receive a gold crown, the first co-host of "Candid Camera", the first network female sportscaster on the NFL today show, the First Lady of Chicken (founder and owner of Chicken by George), the First Lady of Kentucky. She is one of the first Miss America's to be named to the Miss America Organization Board, after Donna Axum Whitworth. Phyllis was also named one of the "50 Greatest Women in Radio & Television".

In addition to these various accomplishments, Phyllis George is also a well-known author, who has written over six books, including *Kentucky Crafts: Handmade and Heartfelt*, *Craft in America: The Creative Work of the Hand*, and the *History of American Quilts*. Her latest book is *Never Say Never : 10 Lessons to: Turn You Can't Into Yes I Can*.

She was in one of the all time great money making movies at age 50, called *Meet the Parents*. She played the role of Linda Banks.

Her humanitarian effort stretches far and wide. She is the founder of the Kentucky Museum of Art & Craft in Louisville. She has worked with Save the Children for over 27 years and has sponsored children in Appalachia and other places around the world. Recently, she received the prestigious Rita Hayworth Alzheimer's Award for her commitment to the cause at the annual gala in New York. The event raised a record breaking 3.2 million to help find a prevention and cure for Alzheimer's.

Phyllis's mother died of this disease.

Phyllis George recently returned to live in Lexington, Kentucky, her main residence, where she was married to Governor John Y Brown, Jr. and raised her ...

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### Speech Topics

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- ☐ Inspiration

