



Andrea Roane has been with W*USA 9 since 1981, and currently co-anchors *9 NEWS NOW* from 4:25 am -7 am.

For her coverage of breast cancer issues, Andrea was recently selected as a Rebecca Lipkin Honoree for Media Distinction at the Susan G. Komen For the Cure's Honoring the Promise Gala. Andrea has also been honored by the Sibley Memorial Hospital Foundation with its Community Service Award [2009] for being a passionate breast cancer advocate.

For her outstanding work in the community and the region, Andrea was named a "leader & trailblazer deserving of recognition" by the ASAE & The Center for Association Leadership's Greater Washington Network. The GWN serves over 8,000 industry professionals in the region.

Andrea joined *9NEWS NOW* in August of 1981 as the Sunday evening and 6:30 am weekday anchor, and has since had various assignments:

- co-anchored the Noon broadcast with Bob Dalton (1983);
- co-anchored the 4 pm news with Mike Buchanan (1989);
- co-anchored the 6 & 11 pm newscasts with Gordon Peterson (1995);
- was re-teamed with Mike Buchanan for the 5, 6, and 9 am newscasts (October 2000);
- partnered with Mike Walter for the 5, 6, and 9 am newscasts (2005);
- After soloing the morning news for nearly 2-years, she now co-anchors *9 NEWS NOW* from 4:25 am to 7 am with Mike Hydeck.

During her career, Andrea has covered a wealth of hard news stories, from politics, the arts, education and sports to women's health issues. She has interviewed newsmakers, entertainers, and politicians including:

- Former First Ladies Laura Bush and Hillary Rodham Clinton;
- former Commander in Chief of U.S. Central Command, General Anthony Zinni, USMC [ret.];
- Deepak Chopra;
- Archbishop Desmond Tutu;
- entertainer/activist Harry Belafonte;
- singer Mya;
- author Cherie Blair, wife of the former British Prime Minister;
- Liza Minnelli; Carol Channing, *Lord of the Rings* star, Sir Ian McKellen;
- Oscar nominee Liam Neeson.

She has also covered both Republican and Democratic conventions.

Andrea is best known to viewers for her passionate reporting on breast health issues and promoting the importance of Early Detection in the fight against breast cancer. In 2006, Andrea was named one of *Washingtonian Magazine's* "Washingtonians of the Year" for her continued work on breast cancer awareness.

Thousands of women die annually of breast cancer, but the highest mortality rate from the disease is here in the nation's capital. In response, Andrea initiated an innovative Washington, DC breast cancer awareness program, *Buddy Check 9*. On the ninth of every month, Andrea encourages viewers to team up with a friend or relative to follow the National Cancer Institute's 3-step breast examination early detection program. Since its inception in 1993, thousands of Washington-area women and men have signed on to the program.

Andrea helps lead the fight against breast cancer in DC by working as the mistress of ceremonies at the Susan G. Komen National Race for the Cure in 2011 on the National Mall. "W*USA 9 partnering with the Susan G. Komen Foundation to bring our community the Komen Race For The Cure is such a natural fit," says Andrea. "The two are made to order 'BUDDIES.' Personally I am honored to be associated with such a life affirming event."

Andrea's commitment to women's health and community service has been recognized with the following awards:

2006 National Chesapeake Bay EMMY Award;
2004 Lombardi Symbol of Caring Award;
2004 Innovators in Advocacy Award- GW MFA Mobile Mammography Program.

Andrea co-chairs the Kennedy Center Community and Friends Board and is a board member of the National Museum of Women In The Arts. She is also the Sustaining Director of the Prevent Cancer Foundation; Georgetown Lombardi Cancer Center Health Disparities Initiative Community Advisory Board; the National Catholic Education Association Board and a Trustee of the Catholic University of America. Andrea is a member of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta (Federal Association); the Women's Forum of Washington. She is a lifetime member of both the NAACP and the National Council of Negro Women and a member of the LINKS, Inc, Metropolitan DC Chapter.

Prior to joining W*USA 9, Andrea was host and chief correspondent of WETA'S *Metro Week In Review*. She also produced public affairs programs and hosted a monthly arts show.

A native of New Orleans, Louisiana, Andrea was an education reporter for WWL-TV, the CBS affiliate. She entered broadcasting in 1975 as an education reporter for the New Orleans public television station, WYES-TV. In 1977, she hosted a weekly magazine show and was the station's Project Director of a federally funded education show.

Andrea is a former middle school and high school English instructor. She was also Coordinator of Cultural Services for the New Orleans Parish Public Schools. She served as administrator/principal of the New Orleans Center For Creative Arts, the city's high school for the performing arts.

She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Speech Education and a Master of Arts degree in Drama and Communications from Louisiana State University in New Orleans, now the University of New Orleans.

Andrea and her husband have a daughter and son.