

## JEAN KOGUT - BIO

Jean has been Director of Finance and Operations for Hudson River Park Friends (“Friends”) since early 2019. Friends is a non-profit organization that raises funds to develop and support 550 acres of park space along the Hudson River in Manhattan. Prior to joining the non-profit world, Jean had a long career in finance, which included senior roles at Goldman Sachs, Lehman Brothers, and Citi in New York and London. Her most recent role in banking was Managing Director at Citi, which included leadership positions in Credit Research and Client Management during her eight years there.

Upon leaving Citi in 2015, Jean helped launch an online sustainable lifestyle company named Rêve En Vert (“dream in green”), where she was an early investor and acting CFO for two years. She also served as a consultant for small businesses in real estate, online retail, and hospitality until early 2019.

In addition to her current role at Hudson River Park Friends, Jean’s non-profit experience includes Board Treasurer of Make-A-Wish International, which spans more than 50 countries, and Board Treasurer of Friends of Bogardus Plaza, which developed a large public park space in lower Manhattan. Most recently, Jean served as President of the Narrowsburg Chamber of Commerce for two years and is now the organization’s treasurer.

Originally from Pittsburgh, PA, Jean lived in New York City (with several short-term assignments in London) from 2000 to 2020. Jean currently lives with her husband Jay, English Bulldog Tilda, and Rhodesian Ridgeback Jax in Damascus, PA. Jean and Jay co-own a small business called Primrose Bulldog, through which they renovate and sell homes in Sullivan County, NY. Jean is an avid swimmer and yoga practitioner, and teaches yoga at The Chi Hive in Narrowsburg, NY. Jean holds a B.A. in Economics from The College of William and Mary in Virginia and an M.B.A. in Finance from The University of Maryland.