Rhea Feikin is often dubbed the “First Lady” of Maryland Public Television owing to her 30-year tenure and her on-air presence in a variety of local productions.

Ms. Feikin is a Baltimore native who earned her bachelor’s degree in speech pathology from the University of Maryland where she was active in university theater. She appeared in productions ranging from *Hasty Heart* to *Wonderful Town* and participated in two overseas tours to U.S. Air Force bases from Iceland to the Azores. Upon graduation, she was the recipient of the Hale Award for the outstanding drama student.

After a short stint as a speech therapist for the Baltimore City Schools, she began her career at WBAL-TV, first with an educational program, *Betty Better Speech*, and then with a children’s program, *Miss Rhea and Sunshine*, in which she not only appeared but for which she also served as writer and producer. She later went on to do the weather report and hosted a game show for the Maryland Lottery.

After leaving WBAL, Ms. Feikin began her freelance career. Her first job at Maryland Public Television was on *Consumer Survival Kit*, an MPT production that aired during the 1970s. She has served as host for other MPT productions including *ArtWorks This Week* and *MPT On Location*. She currently hosts the station’s on-air membership drives, anchors MPT’s weekly Artworks series, serves as host of *Chesapeake Collectibles*, and is host of *Impressions with Rhea Feikin*, a periodic interview program in which she talks one-on-one with noted celebrities.

Ms. Feikin currently serves as honorary chair of MPT’s major fundraising campaign.

She has served on the boards of the Baltimore School for the Arts, the Gordon Center for Performing Arts, the United Cerebral Palsy Foundation, and the Baltimore County Adult Education Committee. She was a founder of Baltimore’s Center Stage in 1963.

Ms. Feikin was the recipient of the Women in Film and Video’s Charm City Award; was inducted into the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Gold Circle in recognition of her contributions to the broadcast community; and was named to Maryland’s Top 100 Women by *The Daily Record* newspaper.

Hers was the first star unveiled when MPT created its *Walk of Fame* in 2010. Ms. Feikin’s star serves as permanent recognition of her years of service with distinction to public television and the greater Maryland community.

Ms. Feikin has two children – a son, Daniel Feikin, a physician, and a daughter, Jennifer Feikin, an attorney. She resides in Baltimore.