

NAPA Fellow and former Commissioner of the Social Security Administration (SSA) Dorcas Hardy passed in November of 2019. Her friend and colleague at SSA, Dr. Renny DiPentima remembers her and her contributions in the following eulogy.

I met Dorcas Hardy when she became SSA's first woman Commissioner in 1986. We work closely together, especially on SSA IT Modernization which she championed, and we remained friends until she passed in November 2019.

Dorcas was one of the most dynamic people I've had the pleasure of knowing and working with. As a manager, you always knew where you stood with Dorcas. Her enthusiasm and energy were contagious.

Dorcas and I remained friends and, at one point, fellow Board Directors. I always valued her input and opinions which one could count on to be spot on. She believed government could benefit from business processes and introduced many when we worked together.

After leaving SSA, Dorcas ran a consulting firm, sat on a number of Boards, and published a book on SSA's future. I always valued and enjoyed our lunches together whenever we were both in D.C.

Dorcas was one of the most memorable people I had the pleasure of knowing and working with. Those who knew her will miss her friendship, exchange of ideas, energy, and insights. And I will always consider her a friend.

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