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HALL OF FAME

OHIO SENIOR CITIZENS

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HISTORY OF THE HALL OF FAME

The Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame was established to fulfill a two-fold purpose: to honor and recognize the vital role played by older men and women in their communities, state and nation, and to promote the productivity and enjoyment that should be a part of every person's retirement years.

This year, seven individuals join the distinguished ranks of the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. Their selection is based on contributions they have made for the benefit of mankind after age 60 or for a continuation of efforts begun before that age.

Each inductee receives a plaque with his or her portrait and a brief biography, and a lapel pin engraved with the Hall of Fame symbol. An identical plaque is permanently displayed in the Janis Senior Center, Ohio State Fairgrounds, Columbus.

Nominees to the Hall of Fame must be native-born Ohioans or residents of Ohio for at least 10 years. Any individual or organization may submit a nomination by completing an application and returning it to The Ohio Department of Aging, Special Events Section, 50 W. Broad St./ 8th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43266-0501, by December 1 of each year. Induction ceremonies are held annually in the spring.

HALL OF FAME PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies
Kenneth M. Mahan
Assistant Director
Ohio Department of Aging



Welcome
Judith Y. Brachman
Director
Ohio Department of Aging



Recognition of Past Inductees
Kenneth M. Mahan



Presentation of Inductee Awards
Judith Y. Brachman



JAMES T. FOLEY

As a senior vice president for the Nationwide Development Company, **James T. Foley's** boundless energy helped expand the company from coast to coast. That same energy has kept him busy developing initiatives for a number of civic and charitable concerns in the Columbus area, before and after his formal retirement nearly 10 years ago.

Foley, age 72, has served as a board member of the Greater Columbus Area Red Cross Chapter for the past 13 years. A recipient of the Red Cross' "Chairman's Award for Outstanding Performance," he was recently selected for national committee membership. Additionally, he has been active with the United Way since its formative years in the 1950s, and now chairs the Monitoring Committee of the Emergency Coalition, administering emergency relief to the needy in Franklin and Fairfield counties.

Foley remains active as a special minister with Christ the King parish in Columbus, and distributes Holy Communion at services. His most enduring social contribution may be found in his work with Catholic Social Services, where he was president of the governing board from 1981 to 1988. There, he helped found the Holy Rosary House for Fatherless Children and helped launch "Operation Feed," the largest community food collection drive in the country.

Professionally, and as a volunteer, Jim Foley has made a difference. He has truly helped make Ohio and the rest of the country a better place for older and younger citizens alike.



REV. KAY M. GLAESNER

A retired U.S. Air Force colonel and minister for 36 years at St. John's Lutheran Church in Springfield, the **Rev. Kay M. Glaesner**, age 75, remains a tremendous asset to his community after nearly a half-century of public service in Clark County.

His noted civic contributions go back to the mid-1940s. In the wake of World War II, Rev. Glaesner was instrumental in setting up a three-year program for displaced Europeans, some of them from concentration camps. He set up sponsors, jobs and homes in the Springfield area for some 150 displaced persons.

He served 10 years as president of the Ohio Mental Health Association. Additionally, he was a long-time member of the Clark County Mental Health and Rehabilitation board, becoming well-known for decades of tireless work with incarcerated individuals and their families. His work in mental health services has brought him national recognition.

After reaching 65 years of age, a time when most are ready to take it a little easier, Rev. Glaesner went on to help found two senior facilities in Springfield: St. John's Center, a skilled nursing home, and Oakwood Village, a retirement center.

A world traveler, Rev. Kay Glaesner is a popular lecturer, adding insights from his wanderings to his talks on religion, spirituality, mental health and science. He has received the George Washington Freedom Award six times for his outstanding addresses to various groups.



MARIE HAUG, PH.D.

Nearing retirement age after a full career of research in social psychology, **Marie Haug, Ph.D.**, of Cleveland, 76, went on to found the University Center on Aging and Health at Case Western Reserve University in 1979. She directed the center in its first five years, developing it into a nationally recognized gerontological research and education facility. She now serves as the center's Director Emeritus.

A recipient of the Ohio Network of Educational Consultants on Aging's "Gerontological Educator of the Year" award, she remains active in the aging network, serving on a number of councils and committees. A prolific and respected author of gerontological research, she is currently a member of the editorial board of the *Journal of Applied Gerontology*.

Haug has served as an inspiration to both her colleagues and students. Her teaching has influenced three generations of students, many who have gone on to become influential academicians. Beyond teaching, she has been a friend and encouraging mentor to her students.

Marie Haug herself is a shining example of what she has written so much about: the ability of individuals to go on being productive and making contributions to society in their later years. This "indefatigable" older Ohioan recently undertook a three-year study in "Self-care Behaviors of Aged Japanese," and is never without a research proposal in some stage of planning, writing or reviewing.



INDUCTEES



**RUBY
LONG**

At 81 years of age, Wapakoneta's **Ruby Long** seems to be putting in as many hours for the good of her community as she did before retiring from her work as an elementary school teacher in 1973.

She has volunteered thousands of hours at the Wapakoneta Manor and Auglaize Acres nursing homes, where she brings cookies and punch, sets up informational sessions and entertainment, and helps residents with everything from writing letters to calling Bingo. Like a mail carrier, this warm-hearted woman can be counted on to show up regardless of weather or other adversity. Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet has been known to ever make her a minute late.

In addition to remaining active with the Ohio Retired Teachers' Association, Long currently serves as an executive board member of the Auglaize County Visiting Nurse's Association and is an enthusiastic participant in the Wapakoneta Senior Citizens' Organization. She also volunteers hundreds of hours to her church and is known for her virtuosity in the lost art of lace-making.

In 1988, Ruby Long received the Wapakoneta City Area Chamber of Commerce's "Citizen of the Year" award, lending credence to what her niece once said: "Grandma certainly knew what she was doing when she named Aunt Ruby, because she surely is a gem."



**VANCE B.
O'DONNELL**

Vance B. O'Donnell, of Alliance, is fond of telling other older individuals that "growing old is a privilege" that many are denied. "Be enthusiastic, exercise, and keep active as long as possible," he urges.

By all indications, this 76-year-old retired music teacher is every bit as good at taking his own advice as he is at giving it. He is a charter member of his local American Association of Retired Persons chapter. Additionally, he serves as chairman of the Alliance Retired Teachers Association, chairman of the Alliance Mayor's Commission on Aging, and has been a member of the Stark County Council on Aging since 1979.

He and his wife, Louise, have been dedicated volunteer visitors at the Copeland Oaks Retirement Center and local nursing homes for the past 10 years.

O'Donnell, who taught music professionally for 37 years—and still helps out with his church choir—is a former assistant director of the All-Ohio State Fair Youth Choir.

He has been recognized with numerous civic awards, among them Alliance's 1986 "Citizen of the Year" award. This past April, he was honored by the Lion's Club International for sponsoring 76 new members into the Medina and Alliance Lion's clubs during the past 46 years.

Vance O'Donnell is a prime specimen of the privilege of growing old, and he's a privilege to know, as well.



**MILDRED M.
SELTZER, PH.D.**

From very early on in a distinguished academic career spanning almost 50 years, **Mildred M. Seltzer, Ph.D.**, has been an ardent promoter of the independence, strengths and untapped potentials of older individuals. As director of education and training at Miami (Ohio) University's Scripps Gerontology Center since 1980, she has worked vigorously to generate an understanding and appreciation of older individuals and a more positive image of aging.

More than 20 years ago, she began developing undergraduate and graduate courses and curricula that would one day bring the Scripps Center international acclaim as an establishment for the research and study of aging and related issues. She has also been instrumental in the founding and expansion of the Ohio Network of Educational Consultants on Aging.

This 69-year-old scholar has written or co-written several books on aging, as well as scores of articles on the subject. Recently she developed workshops to educate public officials on the special concerns of older Ohioans and general issues of aging, and has testified on aging-related matters before Congress and the Ohio General Assembly.

Mildred Seltzer has served on numerous boards and councils in the field of aging and currently is a member of the Long-Range Planning Committee of the Gerontological Society of America. Her contributions to the field of aging have been of immeasurable benefit to older individuals and all those who care for them.



**VERNON
RODNEY YOUNG, SR.**

Vernon Rodney Young, Sr. has been active in community and church affairs for nearly all of his 83 years. He shows no signs of letting up.

An ordained deacon, this Hillsboro resident is president of his local Human Relations Organization, a member of the governing board of Highland (County) Community Action, and a member and former president of the Highland County National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

He is also an active member of the Chapter of Easter Seals of Highland County, aiding crippled children and adults. He has served that group as president, treasurer and trustee. More than 55 years ago, he got involved with the Boy Scouts of America and has been an enthusiastic participant of the organization ever since.

This "50-year Mason" remains physically as well as mentally active, and serves as vice president of the Miami Valley Swingers, an affiliate of the National Campers and Hikers Association.

Despite numerous obligations and activities, Vernon Rodney Young, Sr. has remained a loyal and dedicated family man. Along with his own son and daughter, he reared nine stepchildren and three foster children. He has 40 grandchildren, 57 great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. Befitting for a great guy.

MEMBERS

CHARTER

Muriel M. Allen Bertsch ♦ *Ernest J. Bohn ♦ Anna V. Brown
♦ Milton Caniff ♦ W. Fred Cottrell ♦ Nelson H. Cruikshank
♦ Arthur S. Flemming ♦ Zelma Watson George ♦ *Richard
Gosser ♦ Leslie Townes (Bob) Hope ♦ Martin Janis ♦ James
C. (Jesse) Owens ♦ Sidney L. Pressey ♦ Albert B. Sabin, M.D.
♦ Louis B. Seltzer ♦ Dr. Julius & Mrs. Helen Weil ♦ Aaron M.
Weisen

1978

I.W. Abel ♦ John W. Bricker ♦ B. Bernard Caplan, M.D. ♦ John
W. Galbreath ♦ Wayne W. (Woody) Hayes ♦ Frank J. Lausche
♦ Rose L. Papier ♦ Theodosia Sochasky ♦ Ella P. Stewart
♦ Lowell Thomas

1979

Paul E. Brown ♦ Phyllis Diller ♦ Gertrude W. Donahey
♦ Joseph W. Fichter ♦ Lillian Gish ♦ Edwin C. Heinke ♦ Sister
M. Henrietta, C.S.A. ♦ William O. Walker ♦ Stella Walsh
♦ Floyd E. Wenger

1980

James T. Flood ♦ Sherman L. (Jack) Frost ♦ Edward D. Kuekes
♦ Edward C. Haaf ♦ Dominick Labino ♦ Helen G. McClelland
♦ The Mills Brothers (Herbert, Harry, Donald) ♦ Elijah Pierce
♦ William Presser ♦ Donald B. Robinson ♦ David Rubinoff
♦ Murtis H. Taylor-Mills

1981

Alfred A. Antenucci ♦ Jessie Z. Bartlett ♦ Anthony J.
Celebrezze ♦ Beulah Fawcett ♦ Carl F. Graf ♦ Walter E.
Havighurst ♦ Charles D. Hill ♦ Charles Y. Lazarus ♦ Larry W.
Pelton ♦ *(Russell) Games Slayter

1982

Walter E. Alston ♦ *Clarence H. Borgelt ♦ *John B. Conard
♦ Helen W. Evans ♦ Dorothy Fuldheim ♦ Ruth Lyons ♦ C.
Stanley Mechem ♦ Capt. H. Mowrey ♦ Norman Vincent
Peale ♦ William A. Pepper ♦ James A. Rhodes

1983

Lucille Chenault ♦ Avis W. Cullen ♦ Ethel Straw Guthrie
♦ David Leahy ♦ *Irvin H. Ryan ♦ James E. Saunders ♦ Myrl
H. Shoemaker ♦ Sidney Spector ♦ C. Umhau Wolf ♦ Johann
J. Zabka

1984

Ora McCain Barrett ♦ Charles Blakeslee ♦ Frank P. Celeste
♦ Orland C. Duke ♦ Catherine Gillie ♦ David N. Myers
♦ *Wesley (Branch) Rickey ♦ Vernal G. Riffe, Sr. ♦ Dorothy V.
Ryan ♦ Carl E. Smith

1985

Ronald Brown ♦ Lucille & Fred Grumley ♦ Howard L. Hofacre
♦ Helen E. Landry ♦ Charles W. Peckham ♦ John G. Pfund
♦ Ralph H. Romig ♦ Helen H. Santmyer ♦ Loretta Yoder

1986

Anna Bishop ♦ Lois Filipic ♦ Jack Halbeisen ♦ Helen Hawley
♦ Ruth Kane ♦ David Lusk ♦ Kenneth Miller ♦ Durwood Neff
♦ Erie Sauder

1987

Alma Cahill ♦ Phil Chelnick ♦ Ocie Hill ♦ Alice Hoffman
♦ *Edward Huber ♦ Thaddeus Hurd ♦ Melvin Miller
♦ Edwardina Riggans ♦ Robert Secrest ♦ Georgina Silliman
♦ Alice Weston

1988

Al Boffo ♦ Frank Brockmeyer ♦ Sister Ann Jeanne Chisholm
♦ Lucile S. Costello ♦ Lucille Dryden ♦ G. Fred Graf ♦ Kay
Reidel ♦ Mary Jo Stafford ♦ Robert Thomas ♦ Mamie L.
Williams

1990

Mercedes Cotner ♦ Raymond C. Drake, Jr. ♦ Mable
Hardeman Edwards ♦ Eleanor Kahle ♦ Jerome Kaplan, Ph.D.
♦ Ilse Kershner ♦ Albert A. Neideck ♦ Bernice Cisco Williams

1991

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♦ Ruby Long ♦ Vance B. O'Donnell ♦ Mildred M. Seltzer,
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