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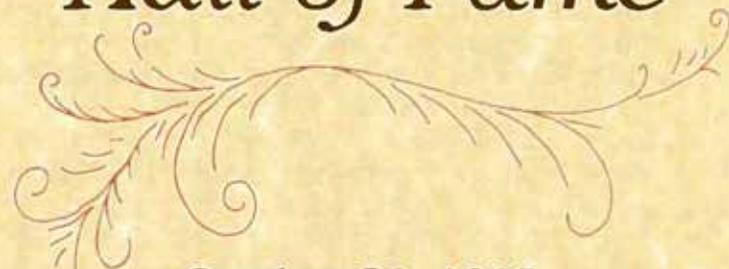
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The logo for the "Hall of Fame" is centered on a light orange rectangular background. The word "Hall" is in a large, black, serif font. Below it, the words "of Fame" are in a smaller, black, serif font. The letter "H" is highly decorative, with intricate, symmetrical flourishes extending upwards and downwards. The word "Fame" also has decorative flourishes extending to the right.

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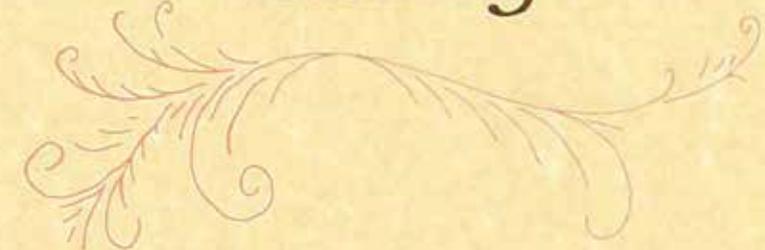


Ohio's first programs for senior citizens began in 1965 with the creation of the Administration on Aging as a division of the then Department of Mental Hygiene and Corrections. From these initial programs, the 110th General Assembly saw the need to establish a separate government unit to serve Ohio's older citizens, and the Ohio Commission on Aging was established in November 1973. The commission was elevated to Cabinet status in July 1984, when it officially became the Ohio Department of Aging. As the state agency for the 1.7 million Ohioans age 60 and over, the ODA is charged with: allocating grants under the federal Older Americans Act and state subsidies; providing technical assistance; serving as a clearinghouse for information on Ohio's older people; developing and coordinating statewide services, and activities such as the Golden Buckeye Card discount program, Governor's Conference on Aging, Senior Citizens Day, Hall of Fame and State Fair Programs; representing Ohio's older population as an advocate; coordinating with other federal and state agencies operating aging programs; and providing services at Ohio's two Golden Age Villages.

Joyce F. Chapple is the director of the Ohio Department of Aging.



History



The Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame was established to fulfill a two-fold purpose: to emphasize the vital role played by men and women, 60 years of age and older, 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 10 individuals join the distinguished ranks of the 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 of those enshrined receives a plaque with their portrait and a brief biography, and a lapel pin engraved with the Hall of Fame symbol. An identical plaque is on permanent display in the Janis Senior Center, Ohio State Fairgrounds, Columbus.

Nominees for 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 West Broad Street/9th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43266-0501, by June 1 of each year. Induction ceremonies are held annually in the fall.



Governor's Message



Each year's inductees to the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame add new chapters to a continuing story of service by older Ohioans in our neighborhoods and communities.

During the nine-year tenure of the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame, Ohioans have recognized just a few of those seniors who personify love for their families and friends, who embody commitment to their hometowns and who understand the needs of the young and the elderly. We should all be inspired to work a little harder and give a little more of ourselves after hearing of their accomplishments during the program today.

Each one of this year's inductees represents many more seniors who do not receive such formal recognition — but who nonetheless give their time and energy for others.

Congratulations to all of the inductees to the 1985 Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame.

Richard S. Celeste



Director's Message



Participating in the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame is one of the most rewarding experiences of being director of the Ohio Department of Aging. Each year I look forward to this special time to spend with Ohio's outstanding citizens.

Among the former Hall of Fame members, you will find entertainers, sports heroes, authors, scientists, public service volunteers and humanitarians. It is an impressive roster of older Ohioans truly deserving of special recognition.

Being part of the nomination and selection process, I can personally attest that making final selections to the Senior Citizens Hall of Fame is a very difficult task. All of the nominees are deserving of recognition. All of them have made unique and lasting contributions to their communities, and to the state of Ohio.

Inductees to the 1985 Senior Citizens Hall of Fame are indeed outstanding examples of success. These individuals are an inspiration to all of us. Each one continues the tradition of excellence which distinguishes Ohio's older citizens.

Joyce F. Chapple



Program



Musical Prelude	Bell String Quartet
Master of Ceremonies	Hugh DeMoss, Columbus
Invocation	William F. Funk, Pastor Trinity Lutheran Church, Columbus
Welcome	Joyce F. Chapple, Director Ohio Department of Aging
Remarks	Governor Richard F. Celeste
Recognition of Past Inductees	Kenneth Mahan, Asst. Director Ohio Department of Aging
Presentation of Awards	Narration of Biographies: Bill Engelke, WGTE-FM, Toledo

You are invited to attend a reception in the lobby outside the auditorium immediately following the program. Music for the reception will be provided by the Golden Trio.

We also invite you to visit the upper level of the Janis Center to view a display of the plaques awarded to all Hall of Fame inductees.



Inductees



Ronald Brown

For most of his life, Ronald Brown of Cleveland Heights has been a best friend of both senior citizens and young people.

By applying his expert management consulting skills, he helped pass countless bills benefiting the aged. From 1961-1970, he served as chairman of the Governor's Commission on Aging, now the Ohio Department of Aging.

Later, he created "Skills Available," a program that places 1,500-2,000 older persons in jobs each year in Cuyahoga and Summit Counties.

If it is possible for anything to exceed Ronald Brown's service to the aged, it is his intense devotion to children.

In his efforts to prevent juvenile delinquency and to help children make good use of their spare time, Ronald Brown has been more like a father than an official to many children.

Ronald Brown was a founder of the Jewish Big Brother Association in 1919, an organization which today reaches out to enrich the lives of thousands of young people.

As an educator, he served as president of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Board of Education and as a writer, he authored two best-selling books on management.

Ronald Brown's contributions and true love of others are indeed never-ending, as are the recognitions and awards he has received. But perhaps his greatest reward of all is the knowledge that he has made a positive impact on hundreds, perhaps thousands of people.



Lucille and Fred Grumley

The firm conviction that all men and women are created equal and the desire to see peace in all countries are causes that Fred and Lucille Grumley have actively supported throughout their lives.

Even before they were married, the issue of war and peace played an integral role in the lives of this Columbus, Ohio couple.

While Fred Grumley served as a corporal in Europe during World War I, Lucille Grumley involved herself in the peace movement in Columbus.

Mr. and Mrs. Grumley later became interested in the struggle for world peace through the Fellowship of Recognition, an organization which actively strives for peaceful relations among nations and among races.

Fred and Lucille Grumley have attended many conferences, meetings and legislative sessions to voice their beliefs and loudly let their concerns be known. They continue to express these ideas by writing to congressmen and the president of the United States.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Grumley have also been active in working for peace through various church and social groups.

Equal rights has always been a major concern to both of them. They continue to support the equal rights movement through contributions to different organizations which assist minorities.

For Fred and Lucille Grumley, who value peace and freedom so dearly, the words of Martin Luther have a special meaning: "War is the greatest plague that can affect humanity; it destroys religion, states and families. Any scourge is preferable to it."



Howard L. Hofacre

Renowned for his strawberry pies, Howard Hofacre has long been one of Ohio's most dedicated and respected educators and community service workers.

Raised on a farm in Wayne County, Howard Hofacre attended school in a two-room building. As a boy, he never dreamed that he would someday be the superintendent of a school system with an enrollment of more than 3,000. However, because of his extraordinary abilities and rapport with youth, he became a high school principal less than five years after his college graduation.

In 1946, after serving the United States Army in Puerto Rico as an English instructor, he became the superintendent of the Lexington School System. Here, he presided over at least six school levies and saw the system's enrollment increase from 500 to 3,000 students.

After retiring from his 35-year career as a devoted educator in 1973, he continued in his role as dedicated community leader.

In the early 1970s, he organized the Lexington Senior Citizens Club, where his famous pies have been a favorite at the club's potluck dinners.

As involved as he is, Howard Hofacre has always been able to find time for others. His smiling face has brought great warmth to the nursing home residents whom he has spent so many hours visiting.

A man who has spent a lifetime doing, caring and devoting to others, he truly represents the spirit of the Hall of Fame.



Helen E. Landry

When she began her career as a case worker for the Lucas County Welfare Department, Helen Elizabeth Landry knew that she genuinely loved her fellow man.

Her interest in and concern for the welfare of others resulted in a lifelong career in public service for this Toledo woman.

A Bachelor of Science in Social Administration and a Master of Social Work, both from Ohio State University, allowed her to be involved in many aspects of social work at levels where she was effective. After 29 years of service at the county level, Ms. Landry served as staff development supervisor for the Ohio Department of Welfare.

Later, as administrator of the geriatric center at the Toledo Mental Health Center, she created programs and training for staff who work with older, mentally-ill patients.

Special recognitions awarded her include the Distinguished Service Award, 1970, from the College of Administrative Sciences, Ohio State University; Social Worker of the Year 1970, from the Northwest Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers; and the 1985 Recognition of Outstanding Contributions to the growth and progress of older Americans, by the Area Office on Aging of Northwest Ohio, Inc. Hall of Honor.

Ms. Landry serves on the boards of directors of Zepf Community Mental Health Center and West Toledo Senior Center.

Wherever and whenever she is called, Helen Landry offers the people of her community the precious gifts of her time, energy and love.



Charles W. Peckham

Charles Peckham is truly a man of many roles and talents — all of which he has used to benefit the aged.

As director of the Gerontology Center at the Otterbein Home in his hometown of Lebanon, he has worked relentlessly to produce a harmonious environment that would enable the residents to be mentally-stimulated, healthy and self-actualized.

As a clergyman at Otterbein Home and at churches in Ohio, Wisconsin and California, he has brought hope and inspiration to people of all ages.

As an author, he has written, along with his wife, several books that deal directly with improving the lives of older people, including **Thank You for Shaking My Hand** and **You Made My Day**.

As an educator, he has motivated his students to follow his footsteps in pursuit of a quality lifestyle for all senior citizens. His compassionate style and enlightening messages have made Charles Peckham a most sought-after speaker at professional workshops and conferences.

As a civil leader, he has gone to war against poverty as president of his area SCOPE agency and raised record amounts of money for his United Way chapter, of which he was also president.

All of these roles combine to give Charles Peckham a role for which he will never be forgotten — that of "knight in shining armour" to older Ohioans of today and of many generations to come.



John G. Pfund

An artist's sensitivity coupled with an enthusiasm for living have involved John "Jack" Pfund in a lifetime of giving to his friends and neighbors.

Mr. Pfund owned and operated Isaly Dairy stores in Warren and in his hometown of Girard, both in Ohio, until 1968, when he retired.

It was then that he decided to seriously pursue his love of art by creating a beautiful painting exhibit of Girard churches, totaling 11 masterpieces in all. Ten of the paintings were done in oil on canvas, but the final work of art, entitled, "Eleven Reasons Why You Should Live In Girard," was depicted on a mirror, and is a special source of pride among area residents.

Co-chairman of the yearly Girard Homecoming Parade since 1960, Mr. Pfund not only designed the floats used by the senior citizens' club in town, but spent many hours constructing them.

As a master of ceremonies, singer and comedian, he has appeared in many amateur variety shows, and starred in "Austintown" for six years. He also belongs to choral groups which entertain at senior citizen gatherings, hospitals, nursing homes and churches.

Throughout his lifetime, Mr. Pfund has affected the lives of many in and around his community. Whether serving as athletic director of Youngstown Christ Mission; as a founder and charter member of the Girard Senior Citizens Club; or delivering meals to shut-ins, Jack Pfund brings a little bit of sunshine to all those he meets.



Ralph H. Romig

Ralph Romig is certainly evidence of his own conviction that "great leaders are built in the country." A life-long resident of the Village of Tuscarawas, his written displays of immense pride for his homeland have brought inspiration to all whom his special words have reached.

A creator, editor and publisher of the **Buckeye Country Magazine**, he has also written several books including the only authorized biography of Ohio's own baseball legend, Cy Young, and has served as "Town and Country" editor of the **Uhrichsville Chronicle**.

It is in these publications that Ralph Romig has demonstrated that rare gift that makes his friends, neighbors and fellow Ohioans so proud of him. The gift is his extraordinary ability to capture with words the spirit and the beauty of rural Ohio.

Ralph Romig has also served as a dedicated public official as a member of the Tuscarawas County Jury Commission, as mayor of Tuscarawas and as president of the Tuscarawas Village Council.

In addition, he has been president of both the Tuscarawas Development Corporation and the Tuscarawas County Historical Society.

Ralph Romig will forever be known and remembered not only as a true Ohio country boy, but also as a great and selfless leader, whose prolific writing, innate understanding of others and genuine caring has improved the lives of many.



Helen H. Santmyer

A firm but quiet determination as well as the ability to see a job through to its end brought Helen Hoover Santmyer fame at a late date in her life.

As an author, Helen Santmyer did not receive recognition until she was 88 years old. It was then that her book, "**...And Ladies of the Club**," made the front page of the **New York Times** and then made news across the nation.

A native of Xenia, Ohio, Ms. Santmyer began work on the 1,334-page novel in 1929. She completed her story about life in a small Ohio town more than 50 years later. The amazing aspect of her undertaking was that the entire book was written out in longhand.

Selected as Book of the Month by the club of that name in 1984, "**...And Ladies of the Club**" enjoyed overnight popularity. Her other three books, depicting life in rural Ohio from the 1860s to the 1930s are, **Herbs and Apples**, **The Fierce Dispute** and **Ohio Town**.

Helen Santmyer pursued her dream of writing in between other careers. From 1935-53 she was dean of women and head of the English department at Cedarville College in Ohio. After retiring from there, she was a reference librarian in Dayton, Ohio.

Among the many awards and honors she has received are the Golden Quill Award, a 1984 Congressional Award and an honorary Doctor of Humanities Degree from Wright State University.

Her years of patient writing have left a legacy all Ohioans can be proud of.



Loretta Yoder

Deeply committed to improving the quality of life for those less fortunate than she, Loretta Yoder has dedicated her life to helping her fellow citizens and being a friend to those in need.

For 25 years, Mrs. Yoder, a lifelong Wooster resident, enjoyed her career as a registered nurse, a vocation that focuses on caring for others.

Upon her retirement in 1982, Loretta Yoder embarked on a second full-time career as a volunteer, a job that gives "self-satisfaction and inner peace" to this selfless community servant.

In one month's time, Loretta Yoder gave 503 hours of volunteer service to a variety of social agencies.

Organizations which benefit from her time and effort include the American Red Cross Bloodmobile; Every Woman's House, a program for abused women and children; Contact Lifeline, a listening/crisis intervention telephone line; People to People, a local United Way agency that provides emergency supplies; and Wayne Holmes Information and Referral Exchange (WHIRE).

Mrs. Yoder was awarded the area Business and Professional Cup of Kindness Award in recognition of her contributions to the community. She was also nominated for the Health, Education and Welfare Association's Humanitarian Award.

Whether a person is in need of food, clothing, shelter, transportation or just a shoulder to cry on, Loretta Yoder never turns away from anyone.

Members



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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

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1984

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