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Elder Caregivers of the Year

Ferkel Family



Joy Ferkel



Faith Ferkel



Gary Ferkel



Norma Lusk



Anita Chambers



Donald Fasig



Margaret May



Donna Sullivan

Class of 2009

Honorees



Leroy Carbaugh



Karen Prouty



Camilla Bennett



Neisel Palmer



Lois Maier



Patty Snyder



Joyce Henning

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The Need for Elder Caregivers

More than 50 million Americans help older people live in the community, despite limitations on their own daily activities. In addition to adult children caring for their aging parents, aging parents care for their adult children with disabilities. In every community across Ohio, you will find unique caregiving situations that involve people of all ages.

Each year, Ohio caregivers contribute more than a billion hours of unpaid help to others. The cumulative value of this care exceeds \$14.2 billion. Nationally, the value of unpaid caregiving exceeds \$375 billion, which is more than the total Medicaid spending in 2007, including both federal and state contributions for medical and long-term care.

Family members and other informal caregivers are the backbone of our long-term care system. We recognize the value of their commitment and honor them for the work they do to make Ohio a better place for families.

Did You Know ...

Most older people with long-term care needs (65 percent) rely exclusively on family and friends to provide assistance. Another 30 percent supplement family care with assistance from paid providers. (*National Alliance for Caregiving*)

More than three out of five caregivers with jobs have had to make some adjustment to their work life, from reporting late to giving up work entirely. (*National Alliance for Caregiving and AARP, 2004*)

Half of elderly individuals who need long-term care, but have no family to care for them, are in nursing homes. Only seven percent who have family available to help are in institutional settings. (*National Alliance for Caregiving*)

Nearly one in three family caregivers caring for seniors are themselves age 65 or older. Another 15 percent are between the ages of 45 to 54. (*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2001*)

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- Helen Keller

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*Camilla Bennett
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*Karen Prouty
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*Patty Snyder
Gallipolis*

*Donna Sullivan
Nelsonville*

Camilla Bennett



Camilla Bennett cares for her son, Jeremy, and her husband, Larry. She also has provided care for her aging parents and home-schools her grandson.

Injured in a motorcycle accident, Jeremy needs 24-hour supervision. Camilla takes care of his needs and personal affairs. Since being diagnosed with congestive heart failure, Larry has had the peace of mind that Camilla is there to make sure he gets the rest he needs.

Camilla lived with her elderly parents for two months and later moved them into her home to care for them until they passed away. Once Larry returns to good health, Camilla plans to provide care for his mother on the weekends.

Leroy Carbaugh



Leroy Carbaugh takes exceptional care of his wife, Ruth, who has required a full-time caregiver for 10 years. Ruth is unable to do anything on her own and is unaware of family or visitors. Leroy takes care of all of her needs, scheduling her medical appointments and waking up at night to comfort her.

Leroy does not complain about his situation, but he is realistic. He had a recent scare about his own health and was worried that he would be too ill to take care of Ruth.

Leroy personifies the wedding vow, "In sickness and in health." He and Ruth recently had a quiet family celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Anita Chambers



Anita Chambers has been a volunteer caregiver in the Mahoning Valley's Volunteer Service to Seniors Faith in Action program since 2005. Her care recipient, Julie, is 89 years old, lives alone and calls Anita her "gift from God."

Julie's family live far away, so Anita's visits lessen her loneliness. Every time she visits Julie, Anita tries to make her laugh and help her remember that she is still a part of the world. When praised for her kindness, Anita typically says, "I need Julie as much as she needs me."

Anita is an active member of her church, where she sings in the choir and assists in church meal preparation for the local Rotary club.

Donald Fasig

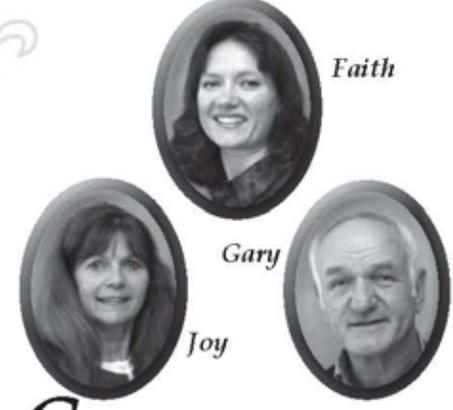


Don "Boze" Fasig was a truck driver until he retired to care for his aging parents. His parents have been married 78 years and, thanks to Boze, still live in the home they built together.

His mother, Gladys, has dementia, is wheelchair bound and unable to bathe or dress herself. His father, Rex, has multiple health conditions that prevent him from balancing and walking. Like Gladys, he is dependent on a wheelchair for trips and needs help with daily activities.

Boze manages his parent's medications and drives them to doctors' appointments. He cooks and takes care of their household. His other family members gather every Thursday to help him with specific chores.

Ferkel Family



Gary and Joy Ferkel, and their daughter, Faith, dedicated themselves to the care of Gary's parents, Ralph and Shirley.

Before his death, Ralph was bed bound and required daily care. Shirley suffers from several conditions that make it very hard for her to swallow food. She must be coached through every meal. She also has broken a hip and occasionally uses a walker.

Gary holds a full-time job and takes care of his parents' home and finances, in addition to his own. Joy assists in their care, while working at Terra Community College. Faith lives with her grandmother and provides the bulk of her care, including meals. She is self-employed and taking pre-nursing classes.

Joyce Henning

Joyce Henning was Al Henning's main caregiver for more than 20 years during his battle with ALS. To accommodate his extensive care needs, she made their home wheelchair-accessible and purchased a modified van to drive him around.

She set up a computer so that Al could do accounting work for their church. She also drove him to church and the grandchildren's soccer games for as long as he was able to attend. She took him to family functions and made life as normal as possible for him, in spite of his limitations.

After Al passed away, Joyce began helping another family in her community deal with ALS. She offers support and encourages their conversations.

*Norma Lusk*

Norma Lusk and her husband, Mike, had been married for just a few years when Mike was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. Today, Mike relies on Norma for personal assistance, as well as preparing his meals and helping him get around.

To meet the challenges of caregiving, the Lusks moved closer to family, access local support services and have modified their new home to make it accessible. With Norma's help, Mike is able to remain home with her instead of living in a long-term care facility.

Before devoting her time to Mike, Norma cared for her mother following a stroke, and for her two sisters who were battling cancer.

Lois Maier

Lois Maier cared for her mother, Gladys Postlewait, for 30 years until Gladys passed away at age 95 ½. Assistance from family friends and two part-time caregivers allowed her to balance her mother's care needs while working full time.

Lois worked diligently to provide a safe and friendly environment for Gladys, from installing sensors to alert her of her mother's movements, safety features in the bathroom, color-coded food containers and a light-up phone to signal incoming phone calls.

Lois tried to keep her mother active, and they would travel together to family reunions in Kansas, despite the hardships of caring for Gladys on the road.

*Margaret May*

Margaret May has provided care for her husband, Billy, for 47 years. As a young man, he suffered a paralyzing stroke. Margaret supported him during his rehabilitation, and together they celebrated his return to teaching and civic service.

In 1981, Billy was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. As the disease progressed, he became more dependent on Margaret for daily activities. She manages his many medications, as well as his oxygen and catheter.

Margaret keeps Billy engaged. When they lost their transportation to local support meetings, Margaret invited the group to meet in her home. She also finds time to volunteer with church and community groups.

Neisel Palmer

In August, 2006, Neisel Palmer decided to bring her husband of 65 years, Cecil, home from the nursing facility where he had lived for 2½ years. Cecil is legally blind and partially paralyzed.

Neisel prepares and administers all of his medications and hydration, bathes him and tries to give him the best quality of life she can. She had one of their bathrooms made wheelchair-accessible so that he could enjoy showers at least once a week.

Although caring for a person in Cecil's condition is extremely challenging, Neisel prefers to do so in their own home, where she knows he is getting loving care. She is proud that the Veterans Administration rated her care of Cecil as "excellent."

*Karen Prouty*

When her father was diagnosed with terminal lung cancer, Karen Prouty learned how to take care of him at home. After his death, she turned her attention to her mother, who was diagnosed with kidney failure.

Karen learned about Medicaid and helped her mother access the care she needed, including a kidney transplant that would not conflict with her religious beliefs. Karen continues to see to her mother's needs, running errands and taking her to appointments, shopping or out to eat.

Karen also cared for her husband's uncle, who lived with them for several years. According to her daughter, Karen is a person that you want around when you need someone you can count on.

Patty Snyder

Patty Snyder and her husband traveled eight hours round-trip every weekend to keep her parents independent in their home. When her mother fell and broke her hip, the Snyders moved out of their home, quit their jobs and moved in with her parents to provide 24-hour care.

Patty's father is 89, has Alzheimer's disease and needs total care for bathing, dressing and grooming. Her mother is 83 and has been diagnosed with congestive heart failure. They depend on Patty for meals, laundry, housekeeping, medication administration and all legal and financial matters.

Thanks to Patty's commitment and sacrifice, her parents are able to remain together in their own home.

*Donna Sullivan*

Donna Sullivan is the primary caregiver for her husband, Gordon, who has Alzheimer's disease. She attends to all his personal needs.

Recently, Gordon's health has declined and he spent two months in a nursing home. Through sheer determination, Donna brought him home to care for him. Her children help as much as possible, and Donna receives some assistance through the Ohio University Alzheimer Speech and Hearing Program and through the Area Agency on Aging's Caregiver Advocacy and Alzheimer Respite Programs.

Through Donna's devotion, Gordon is able to stay in the caring environment they have shared for years.

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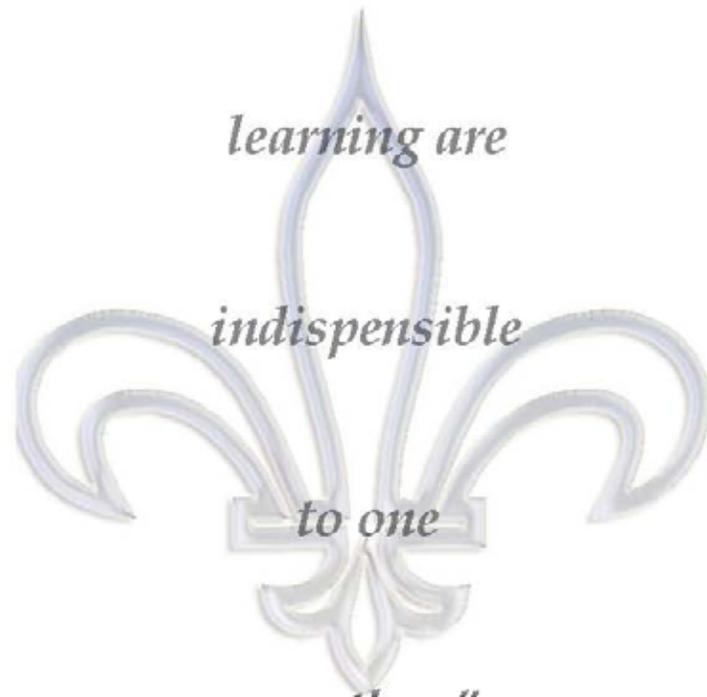
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- John F. Kennedy



History

We honor outstanding older Ohioans for their personal achievements and contributions to others; for the roles they play in their communities, state and nation; and for what they do to promote productive and enjoyable lives beyond retirement.

This year, 13 individuals enter the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. They were selected for outstanding contributions toward the benefit of humankind after age 60, or for a continuation of efforts begun before they turned 60. They have shown leadership and accomplishment in the fields of business, civic service, education, science, social services and volunteerism, to name a few.

Since 1977, more than 300 individuals have been inducted into the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame, including Bob Hope, Senator John Glenn, John W. Galbreath, Woody Hayes, Lillian Gish, Bob & Jewell Evans and Erma Bombeck.

Today, we are proud to honor the class of 2009.

Inductees

Frank Ashton
Madison

Omer Blodgett, Sc.D., PE.
Olmstead Falls

Barbara Condo
Fairfield

Jean Palmer Davies
Barnesville

Glenn Devers
Piqua

Jacob Frowine
Portsmouth

Mary Jane Hawk
Lima

Martha Pemberton
Canton

Edna D. Pincham
Youngstown

*Clarence Reich**
Middletown

*John Schoedinger**
Upper Arlington

Daisy Smith
Toledo

William Wynne
Mansfield

** Posthumous*



Frank Ashton



In 1981, Frank Ashton started a canned food drive that has collected more than 125,000 pounds of food to date. Through the Madison Christmas Basket Program, he helps distribute about 350 baskets a year. In 1983, he began a Thanksgiving dinner program, which still serves about 300 people each year.

In 1994, Mr. Ashton designed and helped raise more than \$25,000 for the Madison Veterans Memorial. In 1997, he helped secure a \$1.2 million grant to establish Stanton Park. He also helped to raise the funds to purchase Rabbit Run Theater for the community and to help in its restoration.

He proposed the first latchkey after school program for the Madison Local School District, which became a model for Ohio. He also helped establish "Character Counts," a program

that encourages students to show positive traits. He also started the first free gun lock program in Lake County with the help of the Madison Township Police Department.

As a township trustee, Mr. Ashton helped secure grants to add on to the senior center, to get water to residents without water and to improve facilities at Stanton Park. In 2005, with two friends, Mr. Ashton began the Madison Food Center Program, securing a \$9,500 grant from the Cleveland Foundation and convincing the Lantern of Madison to house the program. With help from local churches and volunteers, this program has given food to nearly 20,000 Madison residents.

In 2006, Mr. Ashton started Equip Your Neighbor Cleveland, which distributes donated medical equipment to individuals who do not have insurance.

Omer Blodgett, Sc.D., P.E.



Dr. Omer Blodgett's knowledge of welded design and his outstanding ability to communicate it are recognized worldwide. Many consider the name Omer Blodgett to be synonymous with welding expertise.

After World War II, Dr. Blodgett joined the sales department at Lincoln Electric. He was a senior design consultant by 1954, and continues to work as a consultant with more than 60 years of distinguished service.

Dr. Blodgett is able to explain technical lessons in a practical and easily understood manner. On his 90th birthday, *Welding Magazine* printed an article in which fellow engineers, researchers, steel company presidents and his many friends shared how he influenced their careers and lives.

Dr. Blodgett has taught engineers and designers worldwide how

to design safe welded connections for a broad range of applications. His textbooks, *Design of Weldments* and *Design of Welded Structures*, have been in print for more than four decades.

Dr. Blodgett has been credited with pioneering the design of welded structures and establishing welding as the technique of choice in connecting steel structures. *Engineering News-Record* named him one of the construction industry's leaders and innovators for the past 125 years. LeTourneau University established a Chair for Welding and Materials Joining Engineering in his name.

Dr. Blodgett continues to work, writing a column and blog for *Welding Magazine* and mentoring younger engineers. Called the "Dean of Welding," he is recognized for his dedication to sharing what he has learned.

Barbara Condo



In 1976, Barbara Condo founded One Way Farm Children's Home, a non-profit organization that provides residential care for youths who have been abused, neglected or abandoned or who are mentally challenged or homeless.

The service breaks the cycle of abuse and helps each child live a normal and productive life. Approximately 8,000 children have found shelter and direction at One Way Farm Children's Home.

The Farm now employs 19 full-time and 11 part-time trained staff, plus numerous volunteers. It includes an animal education therapy barn, an office complex building and a barn that houses the thrift store, which raises funds for the children's clothing and education.

The organization survives on donations raised through Ms.

Condo's speaking engagements, foundation grants and other sources from the private sector.

Ms. Condo has received numerous awards for her service, including the Mason Humanitarian Award, the Business Person of the Year Award from the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce and the Southeastern Butler County Chamber of Commerce Woman of Excellence Award. She helped found, and has served on the boards for the Open Door Pantry, Fairfield Food Pantry and One Way Farm Thrift Store, and continues today supplying them with perishable products.

Ms. Condo's dedication to saving abused, abandoned, lost or troubled children has made, and is still making, a difference in the lives of families and the community. She will never let age become a barrier to her and her life's work.

Jean Palmer Davies



Jean Palmer Davies and her late husband, William, managed the family-owned Barnesville Enterprise, a weekly newspaper, from the early 1950s until 1991. She was advertising manager, society editor, news writer, photographer and columnist. In her retirement, she still contributes a weekly column and ensures the daily newspaper is aware of activities in Barnesville, often writing the material herself.

In addition to being a member of the Barnesville bicentennial planning committee, she was in charge of the cemetery walk, which involved about 200 people. She also assisted with a month-long art show. A lifetime member and current elder of the Barnesville First Presbyterian Church, she is chair of the church's 150th anniversary celebration.

Mrs. Davies helped plan the Watt Center for History and the

Arts, and helped the community acquire and renovate Baltimore & Ohio Depot, one of the few remaining historic depots in eastern Ohio.

She helped get a portion of Barnesville designated as a historic district, and she secured Ohio Historical Markers for the Watt Car and Wheel Co. and for Barnesville as the birthplace of the Shannon Family.

Mrs. Davies was elected to the Barnesville Area Education Foundation's Hall of Fame and was named "Citizen of the Year" in 2003 by the Barnesville Area Chamber of Commerce. She was honored by both the Barnesville and Union Local chapters of the Future Farmers of America. She also was co-chairman of the public library expansion committee.

Mrs. Davies has dedicated her efforts to projects that benefit her community and future generations.

Glenn Devers



Glenn Devers founded "Mission: Veterans to DC," an interdenominational and community project that treats World War II veterans to a bus tour to Washington, D.C. Accompanied by community volunteers and medical specialists who pay their own way, the veterans tour the armed services memorials, Arlington National Cemetery and other monuments. Then they participate in a ceremony at the World War II Memorial.

Then-Congressman Sherrod Brown recognized Mr. Devers and the trip on the Congressional Record in November 2007. Retired Senator Robert Dole also acknowledged Mr. Devers' endeavor. In December 2007, Mr. Devers was appointed the national coordinator for chartered bus trips for veterans to Washington, D.C. through the Honor Flight Network, Inc.

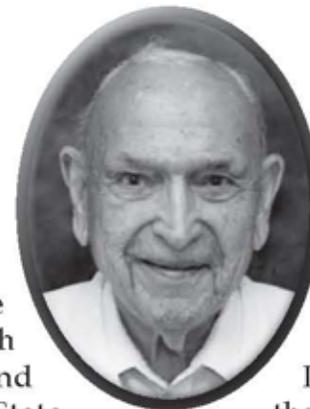
A retired educator with more than 30 years of service, Mr. Devers received the Teacher of the Year award from the Piqua City School District.

He developed and directed camps for Miami County's mentally challenged children and adults. He helped develop the special education program and a laboratory approach to the science courses for the Piqua City Schools, and a centralized library for the Springcreek School.

Mr. Devers helped re-activate the community CROP Hunger Walk, which fights world-wide hunger. He volunteers with the Piqua Arts Council and coordinated a Muscular Dystrophy fundraiser. He is a reading tutor, director of the area Youth For Christ and is involved in more church activities than he can name.

The impact of Mr. Devers' service to his community has spanned generations.

Jacob Frowine



Retiring after 35 years in education, Jacob "Jake" Frowine accepted a part-time teaching position with Ohio University, and then with Shawnee State University, where he still helps Appalachian students complete their high school equivalency.

Mr. Frowine has received many awards, including the Ohio Education Award, the Ohio Retired Teachers award, induction into the Minford Hall of Fame and the Kiwanis "Service Above Self" award. In 1997, he was named the Ohio Elk of the Year.

In the Ohio Retired Teachers Association, he helped to develop education public policy and to engage retired teachers. He has served as president of the Scioto County Retired Teachers Association and as chairman of the association's legislative committee. The Ohio Education Association of Retired Teachers

recognized him for outstanding service in a leadership and advisory capacity.

In 1982, Mr. Frowine joined the Retired Senior Volunteer Program of Scioto County, where he still delivers meals on wheels. In 2006, he earned the organization's "Length of Service Award."

He volunteered with the Southern Ohio Medical Center, where he helped raise funds for the first CT scan machine in the region. He also has volunteered with the Salvation Army, helped raise funds for the Arthritis Foundation and read to the blind through Scioto County Radio Reading.

The residents at Hill View Retirement Community elected him to represent them on the Hill View Board of Directors, where he served for eight years. He also has been an active member of the residents' council.

Mary Jane Hawk



Mary Jane Hawk gives her time and talent to many causes and she feels strongly about being a part of her community. She is an advocate for children, adults, educators, seniors and those with vision loss.

She is a retired public educator from the Shawnee Local School District, where she was a psychological counselor for more than 30 years. She also was a foster parent.

Ms. Hawk currently serves on the Board of Trustees for PSA3 Agency on Aging and Allen County Children Services. She is a service member of Who's Who in Child Development Professionals of America. She also serves on the Zoning Appeals Board for American Township and the Westside United Methodist Church Board. She is an active member of the Ohio Education Association, Phi

Delta Kappa, Indian Lake Elk's Club, VFW Auxiliary and Planning Unit Development District.

She was president of Good Sam's Club, was on the Sharon Park United Methodist Church Board for 14 years, and served as a liaison and advisor for Lima's Memorial Hospital. She was president of the Senior Citizens of Allen County when they pursued the purchase of their present property location. She also served on their advisory board.

Ms. Hawk lost her vision four years ago to macular degeneration, but this has not stopped her desire to help others. She speaks to groups about her vision impairment and its effects on her daily life. She has been in a commercial supporting PSA3 Agency on Aging's Independent Living Vision program and has been an inspiration for others who suffer from loss of sight.

Martha Pemberton



Martha Pemberton has been many things in her life: a rodeo rider, a certified beekeeper, mother, photographer and artist. She has also been a vital volunteer at the Indian River Correctional Institution for more than 34 years.

Mrs. Pemberton volunteers as tutor, counselor and mentor to the young men at the facility. She is known as "mom" by the staff and the hundreds of young men who have passed through the doors. In 1979, Martha was named Volunteer of the Year. In 2005, she received an award from the Ohio Department of Youth Services for 32 years of service.

After her husband died, Mrs. Pemberton kept bees, selling honey to make ends meet. She became known as the Bee Lady, and has lectured thousands of school children on the value of bees in our world. She still keeps hives behind her house and

sells the honey. In 1982, she was presented with a bronze medallion as part of the commemoration of the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development

Center's 100th anniversary. She was the only beekeeper to be so honored during the celebration.

During the 1930s, Mrs. Pemberton rode bucking horses on the rodeo circuit for more than 17 years, under the name of Mat King. She also does water colors and combines her painting with her extensive knowledge of photography. At the age of 90, she received a Certificate of Achievement for completing Basic Computers for Seniors

In 1996, Mrs. Pemberton was named the Stark County recipient of the Area Agency on Aging, 10B, Inc. Hall of Fame Award.

Mrs. Pemberton has touched many lives and has set an example for generations to follow.

Edna D. Pincham



Edna D. Pincham was the first black woman to be appointed as Youngstown Mayor Patrick Ungaro's assistant and served for 12 years. She also was the first woman to be named to a Youngstown mayor's cabinet, and was the first black woman to run for mayor. Ms. Pincham created the Pincham Initiative Resource Center, an information and referral center that helps people with health and education needs. For 14 years, volunteers at the center have helped children pass the Ohio Graduation Test, with a 99 percent graduation rate.

She was the first black woman elected to the Youngstown City School Board. She is a member of the Alliance for Congregational Transformation Influencing Our Neighborhoods, a group working to keep the community positive. She also worked with various community organizations, such as the YWCA Trustee Board,

Mayor's Task Force of Crime and Violence Prevention, Youngstown PTA Council and Mayor's Prayer Breakfast Committee. She is presently serving on the State Board of Trustees of the Ohio Presbyterian Retirement Systems.

She was the first black woman to serve as Ohio state president of American Baptist Churches. She has served on the national board of directors and was nominated for president of the national and international body.

Ms. Pincham has been inducted into the Ohio Women Hall of Fame, and received both the National Leadership Award from Leadership Youngstown and the Elizabeth C. Stanton Award from The National Association of Working Women.

Ms. Pincham has given her heart, time and resources to community volunteerism.

Clarence Reich



The late Clarence Reich and his wife, Melba, lived on and worked the family farm, where he was born, for 94 years. They raised dairy cows and beef cattle, pigs, chickens, all types of crops and hay for the livestock. They discontinued the dairy operation when Clarence was 65, but continued to have cattle and pigs until he was 85.

Mr. Reich served on the Board of Directors of the Woodfield Savings Bank for 26 years, and was president for five years. He was a member and officer of many civic organizations and served as vice president of the local AARP group when he was 95 years old.

The Reichs were very active with their Farm Bureau Council for more than 60 years. He was on the Monroe County Fair Board for 18 years, and he attended all but one fair from the late 1910s through 2008. Mr. and Mrs. Reich

were chosen to be the first to ring the county's Bicentennial Bell at the Monroe County Black Walnut Festival in 2002 in honor of their marriage of more than 67 years. His more than 65 years of involvement in the Farm Bureau was acknowledged by his induction into the Monroe County Farm Bureau Hall of Fame in 1997.

Mr. Reich was very active with the Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and was elected for 42 years to serve on the Monroe County SWCD Board, including 19 years as its chairman. His work was honored when he was inducted into the Ohio SWCD Supervisor Hall of Fame in 2006. He also served as the Monroe county representative to the regional Buckeye Hills Resource Conservation and Development Council for five years.

Mr. Reich's farm was a glowing example of conservation.

John Schoedinger



The late John Schoedinger welcomed all opportunities to help improve his world. He dedicated 60 years of service to the Schoedinger Funeral Home which, under his leadership, won awards such as the Business Integrity Award from the Better Business Bureau, and was named one of the "Ten Best Places To Work" by *C.E.O. Magazine*.

He served as president of the YMCA, Franklin County Unit of the American Cancer Society, Friendship House, Council of Westminster-Thurber Retirement Community and the Central Ohio Funeral Directors Association. He was a past member of the Board of Directors of the Columbus Rotary Club, Better Business Bureau and Ohio Presbyterian Retirement Services.

At age 88, Mr. Schoedinger became honorary chairperson of the Broad Street Presbyterian

Church's building campaign, which raised \$4.6 million for renovations. In memory of his wife, Dr. Juliet Stanton Schoedinger, he had the church's sanctuary air-conditioned.

Mr. Schoedinger deplored the conditions many older people were forced to live in during the 1950s. He gave generously of his time and his resources to the betterment of the Westminster-Thurber Community. In 1998, he set up a personal endowment fund to support the Life Care Commitment, which ensures that no resident of Westminster-Thurber is asked to leave because of lack of personal resources.

Mr. Schoedinger never turned anyone away for financial reasons, even if it meant offering free services. Generosity was second nature to him, and he was always sensitive to the sorrow families felt when they lost a loved one.

Daisy Smith



Daisy Smith and the organization she founded, the Toledo Council of Black Nurses, have been influencing community awareness of health issues for more than 20 years. Ms. Smith became a registered nurse in 1963 when she graduated from the Medical College of Ohio with honors. She first retired from Mercy Health Partners in 1975 and then from Cordelia Martin Health Center in 2000.

The members of the Toledo Council of Black Nurses, under Ms. Smith's leadership, have been active in public schools and churches. They have given scholarships to individuals to pursue nursing. They also have engaged the assistance of established institutions to help in their endeavors, including increased prostate cancer screenings for black men and quarterly community health fairs.

Since the formation of the Council, there has been an increased emphasis on rectifying the health disparities that minority groups face. Ms. Smith is one of those most responsible for that enhanced emphasis. With her collaborator, Dr. James Price of the University of Toledo, she published the first articles written on minority health disparities. She worked with the Ohio Commission on Minority Health and assisted in the formation of 37 local Commissions on Minority Health. Ms. Smith sits on the Finance Committee of the Toledo/Lucas County Commission on Minority Health. She also is involved with the pediatric facility named after her at the Cordelia Martin Health Center.

Ms. Smith continues to educate about disease prevention and to encourage upward educational mobility. She is a trail-blazer organizer, advocate and leader.

William Wynne



In World War II, William Wynne served as a photographer and flew 13 combat missions. He received two U.S. Presidential Unit Citations and eight Battle Stars.

After the service, he worked at the NASA Lewis Research Center for seven years. He flew with scientists during the icing research program, testing equipment that is still used more than 58 years later. He also participated in the Full Scale Aircraft Crash Fire Program, developing a camera system that recorded test crashes with accuracy to within 1/10,000 of a second.

At the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, Mr. Wynne was co-creator, with two others, of an exposé of gross mistreatment of inmates by prison guards at Lima State Hospital for the Criminally Insane in 1973. The three newsmen were finalists for a

Pulitzer Prize, and the Associated Press of Ohio presented them with five awards.

After retiring in 1984, Mr. Wynne returned to the Lewis Research Center, at NASA's request, serving four more years.

In retirement, Mr. Wynne wrote *Yorkie Doodle Dandy: A Memoir*, about Smoky, a four-pound Yorkshire terrier found in the New Guinea jungle in 1944. Wynne taught her more than 200 tricks and they entertained troops and wounded soldiers. Smoky became a war hero and has six memorials nationally. Back home, he and Smoky continued performing at public events and live on early TV.

Mr. Wynne currently is Vice President of the Yorkshire Terrier National Rescue, making regular public book signings and appearances on behalf of Yorkie rescue.



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- Area Agency on Aging, PSA 2
- PSA 3 Agency on Aging, Inc.
- Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio, Inc.
- Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc.
- Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging
- Area Agency on Aging District 7, Inc.
- Buckeye Hills Area Agency on Aging 8
- Area Agency on Aging Region 9, Inc.
- Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging
- Area Agency on Aging 10B, Inc.
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