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Pre-professional Theatre Program  
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The Ohio Department of Aging would also like to express sincere thanks to Ohio's aging network, which assists in the nomination and selection of award winners. The department especially would like to thank Ohio's Area Agencies on Aging for their contributions and service to Ohio's older adults.

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# 2011 OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AGING

## RECOGNITION HONORS

## ELDER CAREGIVER AWARDS

## AND

## OHIO SENIOR CITIZENS HALL OF FAME

MAY 26, 2011  
VERN RIFFE CENTER FOR  
GOVERNMENT AND THE ARTS

“THE BEST AND  
MOST BEAUTIFUL  
THINGS IN THE  
WORLD CANNOT  
BE SEEN OR EVEN  
TOUCHED - THEY  
MUST BE FELT WITH  
THE HEART.”

- HELEN KELLER

## PROGRAM

1:00 PM

MEET AND GREET WITH REFRESHMENTS  
HONOREES' PHOTOS TAKEN WITH LEGISLATORS

1:45 PM

GUESTS SEATED IN  
AUDITORIUM  
HONOREES LINE UP BY  
AUDITORIUM DOORS  
FOR OFFICIAL AWARD  
PHOTO

2:00 PM

HONOREES ENTER  
AUDITORIUM  
WELCOMING REMARKS:  
BONNIE KANTOR-  
BURMAN

2011 PRESENTATIONS:  
ELDER CAREGIVER  
AWARD HONOREES  
AND  
OHIO SENIOR CITIZENS  
HALL OF FAME  
INDUCTEES

3:30 PM

HONOREES PICK UP  
AWARDS AND  
PARKING PASSES AT  
REGISTRATION TABLE

PRESENTERS:



BONNIE  
KANTOR-BURMAN  
DIRECTOR,  
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF  
AGING



SUZANNE BURKE  
CEO, COUNCIL ON AGING  
OF SOUTHWESTERN OHIO  
PRESIDENT,  
OHIO ASSOCIATION OF  
AREA AGENCIES ON AGING

## THE NEED FOR ELDER CAREGIVERS

More than 65.7 million Americans help older people live in the community, despite limitations on their own activities. Caregiving takes many forms, such as adult children caring for their aging parents, spouses caring for each other and aging parents caring for their adult children with disabilities. In every Ohio community, you will find caregiving situations that involve people of all ages.

Each year, Ohio caregivers contribute more than one billion hours of unpaid help to others. The cumulative value of this care exceeds \$14.2 billion, making the estimated economic value of caregiving about 20 percent more than the state's total Medicaid spending and ten times as much as the state spends on home- and community-based long-term care. Nationally, the value of unpaid caregiving exceeds \$375 billion!

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*)

Family caregivers are the foundation of long-term care nationwide, exceeding Medicaid long-term care spending in all states. (*National Alliance for Caregiving and Evercare, 2009*)

More than seven in ten caregivers are employed. Among them, two-thirds have to make adjustments to their work life, from reporting late to giving up work entirely. (*National Alliance for Caregiving and AARP, 2009*)



## 2011 ELDER CAREGIVER AWARD HONOREES

LINDA BEVERLY  
AKRON

MARK HAMMOCK  
MANSFIELD

PHILLIP KITSON  
ANTWERP

JUNE MEADE  
RHONDA MADISON  
WEST PORTSMOUTH

PAULINE MOSS  
MAINEVILLE

JEANNE NELSON  
WEST CARROLLTON

PANDORA NEUHART  
WOODSFIELD

NANCY SHAMBAUGH  
BYESVILLE

CAROL SONNENBERG  
NAPOLEON

MARY MARTIN STOUFFER  
KINGSVILLE

RAYMOND SWORD  
DEBRA LAWSON  
ELYRIA

MARY WEAGLE  
WHEELERSBURG

## LINDA BEVERLY

### AKRON



Linda Beverly cared for Jon, her husband of more than 34 years, who passed away this year. Jon needed assistance in all activities. Linda coordinated the help she needed to give Jon comprehensive care.

The Area Agency on Aging 10B, Inc. Alzheimer's program provided the assistance Linda needed to keep Jon at home. He attended adult day care, which provided him a measure of independence. Linda and Jon received equipment from the agency as well.

The family learned to manage each new challenge with creativity and patience. They also learned to be flexible to successfully meet Jon's needs.

Linda states that, "Through our love for Jon, we successfully gave him the support and care he needed."

## MARK HAMMOCK

### MANSFIELD



Mark Hammock was the primary caregiver for his father-in-law, James Hepner, who passed away in November 2010. After James' stroke, hospital staff suggested nursing home placement. His family felt in-home care was the best path for his recovery.

Mark used his training as a licensed medical assistant and different techniques to keep James active. The family also used resources through the Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. Thanks to this help, and Mark's efforts, James began to regain functions.

Caregiving is very demanding. It would have been impossible for the family to afford the type of care Mark provided. According to his wife, "Mark has been a treasure to this family, and I feel unfathomably fortunate and honored to have him as my husband."

## PHILLIP KITSON

### ANTWERP



Phillip Kitson has provided care for his wife, Lorraine, for more than four years. His goal is to increase her independence.

Phil has learned how to help Lorraine walk and speak again. He has created devices to help her exercise. He also drives her to physical therapy and speech therapy to help her regain function.

Phil takes outstanding care of Lorraine. He uses the services of a home health aide and home-delivered meals. He has purchased other devices to help her with daily life.

Although Lorraine does not talk, Phil still talks to her, asks her questions and involves her in daily conversations. He buys her cards and tells her he loves her. For the Kitsons, caregiving is another part of their loving marriage.

## JUNE MEADE & RHONDA MADISON

### AKRON



June Meade and Rhonda Madison care for Clyde, June's husband of 62 years and Rhonda's father. As a team, they help Clyde remain at home.

June and Rhonda have a system to help Clyde with transfers and meals. They provided his doctors with information that helped eliminate all medications Clyde had been taking. The Veteran's Administration provided equipment and tools, a home health care agency helps and a local church built a ramp for the family.

Rhonda works to balance the demands of her own family, while still providing excellent care for her father.

June and Rhonda stay active in their community and ensure that Clyde participates in the Memorial Day parade.

## PAULINE MOSS

### MAINEVILLE



Pauline Moss works very hard to help all the members of her family. She is devoted to caring for her husband, Norman, who is disabled from multiple strokes.

She learns all she can about current treatments and how to cope as a caregiver. In addition, she also cares for her daughter and granddaughter. They help with Norman's care as much as possible. Pauline also drives to Columbus to help her other daughter, a widow with two children. Pauline takes care of others, even while dealing with her own health issues.

Pauline's love for Norman keeps her going. According to her daughter, who nominated her for the Elder Caregiver Award, "My mom is always giving to somebody, whether it's her time, her love or her support."

## JEANNE NELSON

### WEST CARROLLTON



Jeanne Nelson has cared for her husband for almost 20 years. Ronnie, who is a quadriplegic, chose to remain as independent as possible in his own home. Jeanne ensures that he gets the 24-hour care he needs to remain close to those he loves.

Jeanne uses specialized equipment to transfer Ronnie. She drives him to all physician appointments and coordinates his care among his caregivers, provided through the PASSPORT program and by Medicare. She fills in when help is not available. Jeanne accomplishes all this with humor and grace, despite her own health struggles.

The couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in March. They are role models for how love and a desire to live life to the fullest can carry any family through adversity.

## PANDORA NEUHART

### WOODSFIELD



Pandora Neuhart became caregiver to her father, James Neuhart in 1998. She has learned how to give him the care he needs in their home.

She has modified not only the home, but also the family's routine. She bought a newer truck to help minimize his back pain when they travel. They purchased a hospital bed and remodeled the bathroom.

Pandora is responsible for James' care in the evenings and on weekends, in addition to her full-time job. She said she could not do it all without the excellent caregivers who help her.

To Pandora, caregiving is one way she can give back to her father. "Dad and his conditions are never far from my mind. Being a caregiver is not a switch you can turn on and off."

## NANCY SHAMBAUGH

### BYESVILLE



Nancy Shambaugh cared for her mother, Norma Yaquinta, in her home. Before she became ill, Norma had been a caregiver for other family members. In 2008, she came to live with Nancy and her husband, Mark.

In 2009, Norma was diagnosed with lung cancer. In December, she fell, broke her hip and went into a nursing home for rehabilitation. While continuing to work full time, Nancy visited Norma daily. Because caregiving doesn't stop at the nursing home door, Nancy advocated for her mother to ensure she received all the necessary care.

Norma passed away in February 2011. Nancy has become an advocate for a person's right to age in place, in a setting of their choice, based on the experience she gained with her mother.

## CAROL SONNENBERG

### NAPOLEON



Carol Sonnenberg cared for her husband, Darv, for more than seven years until he passed away in 2010.

She learned many techniques to manage Darv's disease, such as redirecting his attention. She also kept him involved in family events.

Carol decided to move to a more manageable condo, and Darv thrived in his new environment. Their new home had a monitoring system and Darv wore a Project LifeSaver radio transmitter.

Darv attended the Fulton County adult day care facility. Carol attended a caregivers' support group and family and friends also helped.

"Living in the moment and taking one day at a time," is how Carol met the challenges of caregiving.

## MARY MARTIN STOUFFER

### KINGSVILLE



Mary Martin Stouffer, with the support of her family, took her parents into her home and has cared for her mother, Virginia, who suffers from dementia. For three years, Mary has restructured Virginia's daily life and provided loving care.

Mary, the mother of six children, has integrated her parents into her household while maintaining her priorities as a wife and mom. Even the youngest child knows how to ensure that Grandma is safe and supported. The children have learned invaluable lessons about life.

Mary's care for her mother has impacted her entire family. Her brother, who nominated Mary, said, "We could not possibly maintain our careers but for the sacrifices of our sister. She leads with wisdom and with love."

## RAYMOND SWORD & DEBRA LAWSON

### ELYRIA



Raymond Sword has cared for his wife, Helga, for more than 12 years. Their daughter, Debbie Lawson, moved in to help keep Helga comfortable at home.

Ray has learned how to use medical appliances and also set up a bed where Helga can see the activity outside as well as all household activity.

Debbie cares for Helga at night so that Ray can sleep. She also cooks the meals.

Ray uses the Lorain County Office on Aging's services, as well as Meals on Wheels, hospice, the Wound Clinic, home health care and a hairdresser who comes to the house to cut Helga's hair.

Ray and Debbie have changed their lives to care for Helga. They demonstrate daily how caregiving is a family affair.

## MARY WEAGLE

### WHEELERSBURG



Mary Weagle is the wife of Robert, who has been an Alzheimer's patient since 2000. She provided all his care until his placement in a nursing home in January 2011.

Since his diagnosis, she maintained his dignity by finding him volunteer jobs. When he could no longer volunteer at the usual places, she brought him to the adult day center, where he helped others during bingo.

Mary joined a support group and received respite care five days a month through hospice. Robert's daughter also helped when in town.

Mary, despite her own diagnosis of breast cancer and lymphoma in 2004, continued to give her husband excellent care. Her biggest health concern is to be able to continue to care for Robert.

## OHIO SENIOR CITIZENS HALL OF FAME

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, 19 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 350 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, Erma Bombeck and Paul Newman.

Today, we are proud to honor the class of 2011.

“LEADERSHIP AND  
LEARNING ARE  
INDISPENSIBLE  
TO ONE ANOTHER.”

- JOHN F. KENNEDY

## 2011 OHIO SENIOR CITIZENS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

EMILY CAMPBELL BROWN\*  
MANSFIELD

GIFFORD DOXSEE  
ATHENS

BRACY LEWIS  
CLEVELAND

KATHRYN HARLEMAN LOXLEY  
WELLSTON

WILBUR MULLEN  
GREENVILLE

JEAN SCHLECHT  
WARREN

HELMUT SCHMIDT, MD\*  
POWELL

CHARLOTTE SHAFFER  
TOLEDO

DILLON STAAS, JR.  
LIMA

BOBBIE STERNE  
CINCINNATI

S. PENNY TRIPLETT  
DOVER

JIM WINKLER  
MOGADORE

“CIRCLE OF GRANDPARENTS”

DIANE DEMUTH ▪ ELIZABETH HAGUE  
ANTHONY PETROZZI\* ▪ KATHRYN K. SHAFFER  
BRAXTON & POLLY TEWART ▪ JAMES TIMKO\*  
WORTHINGTON

\* POSTHUMOUS



## EMILY CAMPBELL BROWN

### MANSFIELD

- PUBLIC SERVICE
- VOLUNTEERISM

Emily Campbell Brown had a deep and lasting impact on Mansfield through her civic involvement and political activism.

Mrs. Brown considered racial justice to be one of the most important causes of her life. She was proud of her leadership in the Mansfield YWCA. She served as vice president of the Ohio Hunger Task Force and helped found the Richland County chapter of Habitat for Humanity. She continued to work as an educator into her 80s, serving as a volunteer tutor to both schoolchildren and adults.



She was involved in local political races and historic national elections. She played a part in electing Mansfield's first African-American mayor. She chaired the campaign for the Richland County senior services levy in 2008. During the 2004 presidential campaign, Mrs. Brown set up a card table at

local grocery stores and registered hundreds of new voters. She devoted countless hours to the campaigns of her son, U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown, in 2006 and Barack Obama in 2008.

Emily Campbell Brown taught her family to fight for what they believe in and to lead by example. She was a beloved matriarch in many organizations and was a popular surrogate speaker during her son's campaign. She forged relationships with youth and senior citizens alike and was a mentor and an inspiration to all her community and friends.



## GIFFORD DOXSEE

### ATHENS

- EDUCATION
- VOLUNTEERISM

Gifford B. Doxsee has prepared countless young men and women to make their marks on the world. In retirement, he has made a fulfilling career as a volunteer.

Dr. Doxsee was a professor of history at Ohio University from 1958 to 1994. The student body twice elected him University Professor. He is a member of several veterans and POW organizations and was a board member for the Ohio Infantry Division Association.

In 1984, he joined GoodWorks, an organization that serves the homeless. He also volunteered at Timothy House, a shelter for the rural homeless. He is active with Rural Action, an organization devoted to fostering social, economic and environmental justice in Appalachian Ohio.

He is a 20-year volunteer with Appalachian Community Hospice. He offers weekly companionship to terminally ill patients, as well as much-needed respite for their caregivers. He also joined the Kairos Prison Ministry, which addresses the spiritual needs and practical re-entry questions of incarcerated men and women.



Gifford Doxsee is an extraordinary person who has devoted his second career to near constant service to his fellow man, upholding the values of dignity and humanity.



## BRACY LEWIS

### CLEVELAND

- EDUCATION
- BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY
- VOLUNTEERISM

**B**racy E. Lewis betters his community through quiet, positive service. He was one of the first African-Americans in Cleveland to become a senior vice president of a major financial organization. He has served on numerous boards where he was the first and only African-American to serve, helping these organizations to diversify both their boards and their staff.

Mr. Lewis has helped to revitalize the Greater Cleveland area, leading efforts in financing for community and economic development. Cleveland Mayor Michael R. White presented him with the key to the city and named a city park in his honor.



Mr. Lewis has served as president, chairman or has actively participated in boards, commissions or organizations that serve all levels of the community. He still volunteers at the national level for the National Trust for Historic Preservation and was given an award for his leadership. He also has donated his time to

tutor children in the inner city Cleveland Public School System about music appreciation, math and reading.

Bracy E. Lewis has the uncanny ability to erase the lines of discrimination, race, gender and class. He is an important role model and mentor, and continues to be a living example of service and excellence through his efforts, his abilities and his consideration for his fellow man.



## KATHRYN HARLEMAN LOXLEY

### WELLSTON

- EDUCATION
- ENVIRONMENT & NATURE
- SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

**W**hen Darke County needed school teachers, a group asked Mrs. Loxley to join them at Miami University. She took classes while helping her husband on the family farm.

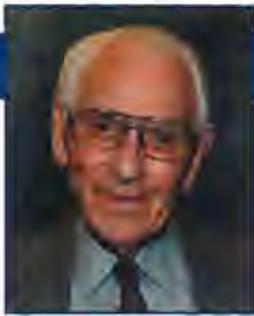
She received a teaching certificate with only 40 college credits and began teaching fifth grade at the Milton Union School. The school superintendent asked her to help train young teachers. Instead of a stipend, she took courses she needed for her degree.

While teaching fourth grade, she introduced a successful elementary economic program. She presented the program nationally.

She and her husband created an outdoor education site on their farm. The Jackson City School System adopted the program and, thanks to a grant and sponsorships, the program operated for more than 30 years. Each summer, Mrs. Loxley received the names of children who would benefit from extra help with reading and math. She trained junior educators at learning centers to help children become better students and citizens.

Mrs. Loxley cared for her sick husband while she continued to teach. After she retired, she became a licensed minister in 1993 and a licensed counselor. From 1980 to 2009, Kathryn Loxley received more than 20 awards, including honors for environmental and science education.





## WILBUR MULLEN

### GREENVILLE

- BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY
- EDUCATION
- HEALTH & MEDICINE

Wilbur Mullen always believed in an army that would not fight other men, but rather fight the enemies of mankind. He was active in the Heifer Project, which provided milk to refugee farm families through sponsorships and livestock shipments. For years, he led Brethren Service European study tours, international peace seminars and international work camps.

He joined the Greenville Brethren Retirement Community in 1972. When the facility was facing financial difficulties, he led the organization out of the crisis. Today, the facility is one of the largest employers in Darke County.



In 1978, he organized workers to rebuild a home destroyed by the tornado in Xenia. For 32 years, he has been an active member of Rotary International. He served four years as secretary and treasurer of AOPHA, which represents nonprofit Ohio long-term care facilities.

For many years he was active in the Kings Men organization which helps to raise funds for the residents who have minimal means to reside at the retirement community.

Wilbur Mullen has spent his lifetime in service to others. Asked for advice about today's economy, he responded: "Surround yourself with good people, keeping them informed and recognizing their efforts. Keep your integrity intact and build confidence."



## JEAN SCHLECHT

### WARREN

- HEALTH & MEDICINE
- PUBLIC SERVICE
- VOLUNTEERISM

Jean Marie Schlecht is a non-stop volunteer. She is best known for helping to bring two valuable services to Trumbull County. She co-founded Trumbull Mobile Meals (TMM) with Patricia Venetta in 1970, and she helped the Visiting Nurses Association launch Hospice of Trumbull County in 1982.

Trumbull Mobile Meals started with 18 subscribers and is now celebrating its 40th anniversary. Mrs. Schlecht has served as board president, finance chairperson, driver, packer and scheduler. She continues on the TMM Board of Directors.

She was co-chair of the original planning committee for a hospice program in Trumbull County. She also graduated in the first class of hospice volunteer trainees. She is a very active leader in her church. She has made several pilgrimages to third-world countries and she continues to assist planning initiatives for all kinds of assistance.

She has received numerous awards, such as the Trumbull Leader Award, the L.B. Jim Taylor Award and the TMM Volunteer of the Year Award. She also received the Community Good Neighbor Award from SCOPE of Trumbull County and the Valley Legacy Award from Shepherd of the Valley.

Jean Marie Schlecht has spent her life enriching the lives of others and making her community a better place to live.





## HELMUT SCHMIDT, MD

### POWELL

- EDUCATION
- HEALTH & MEDICINE
- PUBLIC SERVICE

**D**r. Helmut S. Schmidt devoted his professional life to the recognition of sleep medicine as a medical specialty. He helped to create the first classification of sleep disorders. He led the Insurance Committee of the American Sleep Disorders Association, which negotiated insurance companies' reimbursement of sleep medicine services. He guided the national examination process for certifying physicians in the field and ran this examination for more than 10 years.

He led efforts to establish the first National Sleep and Health Awareness Week, with a proclamation signed by President Ronald Reagan. He received the Nathaniel Kleitman Distinguished Prize from the American Academy of Sleep Medicine. In 2004, he was voted Best Sleep Medicine Physician in Central Ohio.



He was a committee chairman before becoming president of the Ohio Psychiatric Association. He also was honored with the Distinguished Life Fellow by the American Psychiatric Association.

After a successful military career, he retired as a colonel from the United States Army Reserve, receiving the Meritorious Service Medal.

Dr. Helmut Schmidt was known among health professionals for his expertise and dedication to quality patient care.



## CHARLOTTE SHAFFER

### TOLEDO

- VOLUNTEERISM
- SOCIAL SERVICES

**C**harlotte Shaffer has served the Toledo area for more than 50 years. Her career in human services began in the 1950s. She became the executive of the Toledo Council of Social Agencies during the 1960s and actively sought grant opportunities for needed human services. Agencies such as Toledo Northwest Ohio Food Bank and the community's first information and referral center owe their existence to her perseverance.

In the 1970s she served as executive director of the Community Planning Council of Northwest Ohio. Under her direction, the Council led in the creation of the Area Office on Aging. She guided programming and services to meet the growing needs of seniors.

Charlotte served as the International President of Quota International, a professional women's organization. She is one of three honorary members of the Junior League of Toledo, awarded for contributions to volunteerism in the community. She served as board president for Lutheran Social Services. She remains active with the local Advisory Board of the Salvation Army, is a past president and was appointed a life member of the Board. She served as the congregation president of Olivet Lutheran Church.

Charlotte Shaffer represents a positive image of aging with a lifestyle defined not by age, but by her contributions and service that impact the future for elders.





## DILLON STAAS, JR.

### LIMA

- ATHLETICS
- PUBLIC SERVICE
- LITERATURE & JOURNALISM

Dillon W. Staas' service, activities and prose reveal a man of love, patriotism and courage. He served several years on the "Tell America" team and spoke to students at area schools about the Korean War. He still attends school on Veterans' Day, answering questions about his experiences in the war.

He is a life member of the VFW. He served as Post Quartermaster and edited the post newsletter. He also is a life member of Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA), past president of the Johnnie Johnson Chapter and past vice president, Department of Ohio KWVA. He helped start the Lima chapter. He designed Lima's Korean War Memorial Marker and wrote the poetic inscription on its back.



He is a member of the Aladdin Shrine and is a 32nd degree mason. He has served as master of two lodges and currently serves as Scottish Rite ambassador for his lodge. He is a board member of the Lima Sister Cities Association.

He has participated in the Lima area Senior Olympics since its inception, winning numerous medals. He played softball on a senior team until his arm was injured. He now plays volleyball with a group of seniors.

Dillon Staas does not seek personal power and ambition for special recognition. He truly is an uncommon common man.



## BOBBIE STERNE

### CINCINNATI

- HEALTH & MEDICINE
- PUBLIC SERVICE
- VOLUNTEERISM

Bobbie Sterne has been a champion for health and social services for 25 years on City Council and as the first woman elected mayor of Cincinnati.

As a founder and president of the Health Department Volunteers, she initiated the city's primary health care system. She organized an immunization campaign for inner city children. She also helped found Tackling Teen Pregnancy through Prevention, Volunteers in Public Schools and Caracole, the first group housing for AIDS patients.

She served on many committees and boards over the years, including the Governor's Task Force on Health Care, the Attorney General's Task Force on Domestic Violence, the Citizen's Committee on Youth, the Community Chest Board of Trustees, the Board of Planned Parenthood and the Council on Aging. She also chaired the Health and Human Services Committee on City Council.

According to Mrs. Sterne, "My mother always used to say, 'You have no right to ask people to do something you're not willing to do yourself.' In my family, you were brought up to leave the world a better place than you found it."

Bobbie Sterne is known as a public servant, not a politician, because she did what was right, not what was politically expedient.





## S. PENNY TRIPLETT

DOVER

- EDUCATION
- BUSINESS & INDUSTRY
- VOLUNTEERISM

**S.** Penny Triplett has been a real estate appraiser, sales agent and broker for more than 41 years. She helped establish testing and licensing requirements for real estate appraisers and in 1991, she was the only female appointee to the first State of Ohio Real Estate Appraisal Review Board.

She is a member of the Save Your Home Task Force and has presented programs to help families understand their options when facing home foreclosure. In 2009, the Ohio Senate presented her with its Outstanding Achievement Award. She has served as director of the Ohio Association of Realtors



and regional president of the Association of Southern Realtor Boards. She is a seven-time Tuscarawas County Realtor of the Year and winner of the prestigious Ohio Realtor of the Year.

She has shared her extensive real estate knowledge with others, teaching at various

colleges. She believes that better educated appraisers and agents benefit the entire industry and the public.

Since 1989, she has served on many boards and committees for public and private organizations, including the American Cancer Society, the United Way, Goodwill and the Salvation Army. She is the sole caregiver for her elderly parents. Even during a recent hospitalization, she supported her parents and nursed herself, while continuing to meet her clients' requests.



## JIM WINKLER

MOGADORE

- PUBLIC SERVICE
- SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
- VOLUNTEERISM

**J**im Winkler is an advocate for historic preservation. The Brimfield Historical Society's structures required major repairs in recent years. While leading the restoration and preservation initiative, Mr. Winkler donated more than 3,000 hours of work in three years and more than 4,000 hours of work since 2000. He served as trustee and treasurer for the Society, is the statutory agent and has served as the grounds and maintenance committee chairman since 2006.

He successfully restored the 177-year-old Kelso House with help from local workers and expert advice from the Ohio State University Extension Service. He is reconstructing the original Brimfield Central School entrance arch, vintage 1921. For his efforts, he received the 2009 Outstanding Service Award from the Brimfield Historical Society and the Kelso House Museum.

He has served on the Brimfield Lions Club International board of directors and participates in all fundraisers. He has installed reflective yard signs that help emergency response teams locate residences in need of emergency service. Weekly for nine years, he has helped to peel 100 pounds of potatoes for the Gennesaret, Inc. soup kitchen in Akron.

Jim Winkler's extraordinary achievements, contributions and outstanding service through leadership, innovation and motivation serve as a model for us all.



## "CIRCLE OF GRANDPARENTS"

### WORTHINGTON



DIANE  
DEMUTH



ELIZABETH  
HAGUE



ANTHONY  
PETROZZI

A decade ago, leaders in the city of Worthington asked senior citizens to help build the character of the community's children by serving as role models and mentors to students in the elementary schools. Seven residents volunteered for the program, which was called the Circle of Grandparents. Thanks to the efforts of Diane DeMuth, Elizabeth Hague, Tony Petrozzi, Kathy Shaffer, Braxton and Polly Tewart and James Timko, this unique and unstructured idea now helps more than 2,000 children each year. It is a shining example of what Ohio's elders can achieve when they come together for a common cause.



They worked with classroom teachers to develop effective methods to promote the abstract concepts of character to children with diverse backgrounds who are growing up in a digital world. They also showed students that lifelong learning can be fun and rewarding. Thanks to their efforts, Worthington has a character education program that not only benefits the children,

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JAMES  
TIMKO

but also gives senior citizens an outlet for their many talents. This energetic group of founding grandparents has grown the original circle of seven volunteers to more than 70 grandparents in nearly 90 classrooms. Almost 40 percent of the elementary children in Worthington had a "Grandparent" help them develop their character values through monthly or more frequent visits to their classrooms. The Worthington Board of Education has repeatedly honored the program and its volunteers.

At first, the group had to convince skeptical teachers to let some senior citizens try an untested idea in their classrooms. Today, there is a waiting list of teachers in the district requesting a Grandparent.

The founding grandparents have created a legacy that is the envy of other school districts. The Circle has shared its materials with several other school districts who hope to use it as a model to build their own programs.

