



Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame

Sponsored by the Ohio Commission on Aging

*James A. Rhodes
Governor*

*Martin A. Janis
Director*



A Salute from the Governor

Today we proudly recognize ten more of our state's outstanding sons and daughters as members of the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame.

The individuals we honor here at this ceremony have been chosen by their fellow Ohioans as exemplary of the creativity, the spirit, and the motivation that made and keeps our state strong. They are living proof that productivity does not stop at age 60 or 65 or at any age. Many of those among us today have, in fact, accomplished more in their senior years than others do in a lifetime.

Their contributions cross a wide range of areas, and their talents are as varied as their many fields of endeavor; yet all share an ageless enthusiasm and energy for living life to its fullest and for sharing their efforts and experiences with others that sets them apart from the crowd.

From global explorer to statesmen to those dedicated to serving people in their own hometowns, their leadership and involvement have been a source of inspiration to all whose lives they have touched through decades of hard work.

Though we can recognize only a few at this ceremony, we are at the same time offering a salute to the many older Ohioans who are the foundation of our great state. We know that surrounding each of these outstanding men and women have been countless others, many of them Ohioans, who have been their inspiration, their support, their friends.

With pride and appreciation, we induct these ten individuals into the Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. To us and to future generations falls the task of building on the rich heritage they have established for all of us.

Program

11:00 a.m.

Registration

11:30 a.m.

Welcome by Martin A. Janis, Director, Ohio Commission on Aging

Introduction by Mistress of Ceremonies, Doris Popp, Director, Retired Senior Volunteer Program

(RSVP) for Columbus and Franklin County, and President, Ohio RSVP

Invocation by the Rev. William Talley III, Columbus Bible Way

Song by Sylvester Blue of Cleveland

"Star Spangled Banner"

12 Noon

Hall of Fame Banquet

1:00 p.m.

Inductions Ceremony

Mistress of Ceremonies, Doris Popp

Keynote Address by Governor James A. Rhodes

Sylvester Blue

"The Impossible Dream"

Inductions by Governor Rhodes

Biographies by Doris Popp

Closing Remarks by Martin A. Janis

Sylvester Blue

"How Great Thou Art"

Benediction by the Rev. Talley

Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame Members

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 A. Janis
James Cleveland (Jesse) Owens
Sidney L. Pressey
Albert B. Sabin
Louis B. Seltzer
Dr. Julius and Mrs. Helen Weil
Aaron M. Wiesen

New Inductees

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

* Posthumous

History of the Hall of Fame

The Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame was established by Governor James A. Rhodes 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.

Today ten more individuals will join the 18 charter members inducted at the first Hall of Fame enshrinement ceremony held in March, 1978. Their selection is based on contributions they have made for the benefit of mankind after the age of 60, or for a continuation of efforts begun before that age.

Each of those enshrined today will receive a plaque reflecting their portrait and biography, as reprinted in this program, and a lapel pin engraved with the Hall of Fame logo. An identical plaque will be on permanent display in the Hall of Fame Foyer of the Multipurpose Senior Citizens Center at the Ohio State Fairgrounds, to be completed next year.

Nominees for the Hall of Fame must be native-born Ohioans or residents of Ohio for a least 10 years. Any individual or organization may submit a nomination by completing an application and returning it to the Ohio Commission on Aging, Special Events Section, 50 West Broad Street/9th Floor, Columbus, 43215, by July 1 of each year. Induction ceremonies will be held annually in October.



I.W. Abel

August 11, 1908

I.W. Abel, 12-year president of the nation's largest industrial union, gained national acclaim for his innovative contributions to the field of collective bargaining and management-labor relations.

Abel first learned of the growing organization known as the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, forerunner of the United Steelworkers of America (USWA) in 1936, and soon after helped organize Local 1123 at the Canton Timken Roller Bearing Corporation where he was employed.

His constant efforts on behalf of the union through those early years earned him the position of international secretary-treasurer in 1952 and international president in 1965, '69 and '73. He also served as president of the AFL-CIO's Industrial Union Department from 1968-77. Abel retired in 1977 under the union's mandatory age rule, never having lost a union election.

Under his leadership, the USWA became the second largest union in the United States, with membership numbering 1.4 million at his retirement. Among his many contributions are the development of the experimental negotiating agreement, hailed as one of the most significant breakthroughs in labor-management relations, and the establishment of the first strike and defense fund. He also authored the book *Collective Bargaining Labor Relations in Steel: Then and Now*.

Abel has been the recipient of many awards and honors for his achievements, including the Medal of Freedom, highest civilian award in the nation, presented by former President Gerald R. Ford, and the first labor award from the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Social Change.



John W. Bricker

September 6, 1893

John W. Bricker's career as a public servant spans nearly 60 years of effort on behalf of the people of Ohio.

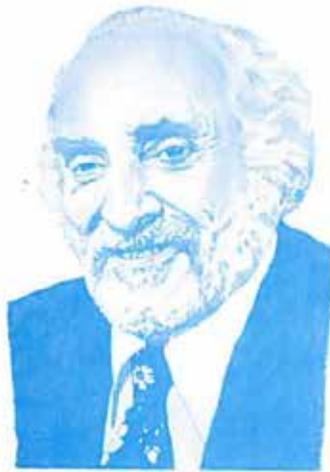
Bricker's election to public office in 1920 as solicitor for Grandview Heights, a Columbus suburb, was just the beginning in a series of state offices he was to hold, including assistant attorney general, two terms as attorney general, and as a member of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

In 1939, Bricker was elected governor of Ohio and was reelected in 1940 and 1942, each time by an increased majority of the voters.

He became involved in politics on the national level in 1944, running as the Republican candidate for Vice-President of the United States, and in 1946, with his election as United States senator from Ohio, an office he held for 12 years.

In addition to his years of public service, Bricker is a former director of Republic Steel Corporation, Galbreath First Mortgage Investments, Buckeye International, Inc. and Buckeye Federal Savings and Loan Association.

Following two terms in the Senate, Bricker resumed private practice with the law firm of Bricker, Marburger, Evatt and Barton, operating today as Bricker, Evatt, Barton and Eckler.



Dr. B. Bernard Caplan

May 6, 1911

Few would have predicted that a reformed juvenile delinquent and boxer from Detroit would someday become an internationally-acclaimed medical philanthropist, but from the start of his medical career, Dr. B. Bernard (Ben) Caplan's life has been a continuing story of exceptional service to mankind.

Dr. Caplan's missions of mercy, many of them voluntary, have taken him to 105 countries in every part of the world. Among the many examples of his great service to mankind was a trip to Bolivia where he administered polio vaccines to more than 21,000 children, using personal funds, to prevent an epidemic there.

His awards as an outstanding humanitarian are vast, and he has been honored by governments of many nations for his service to their people. Through his work on the hospital ship, the S.S. Hope; the International Committee on Athletic Medicine; the Olympic Boxing Commission; and as a volunteer physician on innumerable expeditions, Dr. Caplan has earned international recognition.

In addition to his worldwide achievements, he has been equally active in state and local affairs throughout his career. Moving to Columbus soon after his graduation from medical school, he became and continues to be an active participant in many community organizations. His years of work with juvenile delinquents here have changed the lives of many young people.

Among Dr. Caplan's most recent honors is the "Men of Achievement Award" given by England's Cambridge University. This is the only work of its kind devoted to the permanent recognition of the achievements of men of every nation.



John W. Galbreath

August 10, 1897

John W. Galbreath is the personification of an American dream — a self-made man, who through hard work and determination, has risen to the pinnacle of success.

Born in Pickaway County, Galbreath came to Columbus in 1920 to sell real estate. Within four years he had launched his now famous firm, John W. Galbreath & Company.

Examples of Galbreath's efforts can be found in major cities and industrial areas throughout the United States. High-rise office buildings and industrial townsites for many of the nation's largest corporations, housing developments and urban renewal projects all tell the story of Galbreath's work.

He is also well-known in the sports world for the breeding and racing of thoroughbred horses and has won the Kentucky Derby, Belmont Stakes, Preakness and the English Epsom Derby. He has received awards for sportsmanship and service to the sport of racing and is currently a director and vice-president of Churchill Downs, Louisville, Ky.

Galbreath has also been recognized many times for his outstanding contributions to the fields of business and education. His awards include the Horatio Alger Award, given annually to eight Americans who achieve success through their own efforts; the Founders Citation, highest honor given by his alma mater Ohio University; the Christopher Columbus Award for great contributions to the knowledge and welfare of mankind, plus many other local, state and national honors.



Wayne Woodrow (Woody) Hayes

February 14, 1913

Few figures in sports history can match the colorful and successful career of the legendary coach of the Ohio State Buckeyes.

With a total of 231 wins in his 32-year college coaching career, Wayne Woodrow (Woody) Hayes' victory record is second in the nation among all active coaches of major college teams. Only three coaches in the history of college football can top his winning record.

Hayes' college coaching career began with three years at his alma mater Denison University and two years at Miami University. In 1951, he made his debut at Ohio State University. The rest is history.

Under his guidance, the Buckeyes have won three national and 13 Big Ten championships; a record 17 straight Big Ten victories at two different times; and played in eight Rose Bowl games, one Orange Bowl and one Sugar Bowl. Three of his players have been chosen Heisman Trophy winners and 55 have been first team All-Americans.

Hayes has been honored as the "College Coach of the Year" twice, served as president of the National Football Coaches Association, and is the author of three books about football. During the Vietnam conflict, he traveled overseas on four different occasions to visit with the Americans stationed there.

Honesty, hard work and a love of teaching are said to be the keys to Hayes' successful career. His emphasis on academic as well as athletic excellence is reflected in the many achievements of his team members as OSU alumni.

Frequently asked about plans for retirement, the 66-year-old coach says he'll do something else when he finds a job he likes better. At Ohio State University, they hope that won't be for a long time.



Frank J. Lausche

November 14, 1895

Frank J. Lausche's distinguished career as Ohio's leading statesman will not soon be forgotten by his fellow Ohioans. Lausche made political history in this state through his frequent landslide victories and his great popularity with the voters of Ohio.

Lausche's career as a public servant began in his hometown of Cleveland soon after his graduation from John Marshall Law School with his appointment and subsequent elections as municipal judge and common pleas judge. His work soon earned the respect and trust of Cleveland voters and he was elected mayor in 1941 and 1943 by the largest majorities ever given a candidate for that position up to that time.

In 1945, Lausche took office as governor of Ohio, an office he held for five terms, longer than any other governor in Ohio's history. Following his years as governor, the people of Ohio again elected him to public office, this time as United State senator, for two terms.

Because of his many accomplishments, Lausche has been the recipient of many awards and honorary degrees from a number of colleges and universities. It has been said that these words on his doctor of laws degree from Western Reserve University best describe his climb to success from the steel mill districts of Cleveland to a place in history: "Frank J. Lausche, jurist, public servant, and demonstrator that America is still the land of opportunity."



Rose L. Papier

November 29, 1908

Certainly one of the most well-known Ohioans in the field of aging is Rose L. Papier, a pioneer in developing services for Ohio's senior citizens.

As coordinator of the state's first Administration on Aging, forerunner of the Ohio Commission on Aging, from 1965-73, Mrs. Papier coordinated construction, planning and services for Ohio's two Golden Age Villages, an innovative concept in sheltered housing for older persons and the first of their kind in the nation. She also organized five Ohio Geriatric Centers in state hospitals and coordinated the first six Governor's Conferences on Aging.

The "Senior Friends" program to provide companionship and assistance to low-income senior citizens and mentally-ill persons was also created through Mrs. Papier's efforts and was another first for Ohio.

In 1971, she was elected national secretary of the Association of State Agencies on Aging, and the same year served as co-chairman of the Ohio Delegation to the White House Conference on Aging.

In her present position as assistant chief of geriatric services in the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, Mrs. Papier has continued her work for Ohio's senior citizens.

Rose Papier has been listed in *Who's Who of American Women*, *Who's Who in the Midwest*, and *American Men and Women of Science*, and is the recipient of many awards in recognition of her efforts, including her recent induction as a charter member of the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame.



Theodosia Sochasky

December 11, 1891

To speak of Theodosia (Tillie) Sochasky is to speak of a lifetime of leadership and service to her fellow Clevelanders.

Born in Cleveland in 1891, Mrs. Sochasky has been active in civic and church affairs for many years. During World War II, she organized the Blue Star Mothers at St. Stanislaus Parish to sponsor parties and activities for young men departing for the service. Countless letters of appreciation from these servicemen and their families are proof of the fact that her efforts will long be remembered with gratitude.

After years of tireless efforts helping others, it was no surprise that Mrs. Sochasky should be one of the founders of Ohio's most active and well-known Golden Age Clubs in Cleveland.

As lifetime president, she has seen the St. Stanislaus Golden Age Club grow from the original 12 founders in 1966 to a membership of more than 600. The club serves as an outstanding model for senior citizen organizations everywhere, in both its recreational and service activities.

Mrs. Sochasky has been recognized as a community and state leader with citations and awards from many organizations, including the Cleveland City Council and the mayor of Cleveland, the American Red Cross, the March of Dimes, and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.



Ella P. Stewart

March 6, 1893

Few people can match the boundless energy and enthusiasm with which Ella P. Stewart has contributed so much to people throughout the world. Pharmacist, civil and women's rights leader, civic and welfare activist, and world traveler, Mrs. Stewart's career has spanned as many fields as it has years.

A nationally-prominent clubwoman, Mrs. Stewart has served as president and treasurer of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs; international vice-president of the Pan-Pacific and South-east Asia Women's Association; and president of the Ohio Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, among many others.

She has also been a member of the Advisory Committee to the White House Conference on Aging; the Women's Advisory Committee on Defense Manpower for the U.S. Department of Labor; and the United Nations Educational, Social and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). In 1954, she participated in a "Goodwill Tour" sponsored by the U.S. State Department to study social conditions in Asia.

A pioneer in civil and women's rights before either gained national attention, Mrs. Stewart was the first black person to graduate from the University of Pittsburgh's School of Pharmacy and the first woman to pass the Pennsylvania State Board of Pharmacy. In 1922, she and her husband William, also a pharmacist, settled in Toledo where both continue to play an active role in community affairs.

Among Mrs. Stewart's honors for her years of service was her recent induction into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame.



Lowell Thomas

April 4, 1892

Lowell Thomas is a legend in his own time.

It would be difficult to determine in which field of endeavor he has achieved his greatest fame since Lowell Thomas has excelled in more areas than most would ever dare to attempt. Author, journalist, explorer, radio and television personality, sportsman — his list of accomplishments is endless.

Often described as "ageless," the 86-year-old Thomas' instinct for adventure has taken him on at least 20 different expeditions to every part of the globe and around the world 30 times.

With his first radio broadcast in 1925, Lowell Thomas was established as a symbol of American broadcasting. Since that day, his voice has been heard by more people than any other voice throughout history. His was the longest running show in network broadcasting, a record 46 years on the air.

Thomas' list of achievements could go on and on — the first television news program; the developer of the Cinerama motion picture technique, a method which revolutionized the movie industry; the discoverer and biographer of Lawrence of Arabia; the first to enter "forbidden" countries in previously-unexplored parts of the world.

The honors earned by Lowell Thomas through the years are far too numerous to mention. Among them, however, he holds the Medal of Freedom, highest civilian award in the nation; the Horatio Alger Award; the Christopher Columbus Award, plus many others for outstanding efforts in journalism, exploration and skiing. He is also a member of five other national and international Halls of Fame and the author of 56 books.

The Ohio Commission on Aging

The Ohio Commission on Aging was created by the 110th General Assembly and officially came into being in November, 1973. As the state's focal point for the 1.5 million Ohioans aged 50 and over, the Commission on Aging 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;
- providing services at Ohio's two Golden Age Villages.

Martin A. Janis was appointed director of the Ohio Commission on Aging on July 1, 1975, by Governor James A. Rhodes. James F. Alexander serves as assistant director, Special Programs, and Kenneth M. Mahan is assistant director, Operations.

The members of the Ohio Commission on Aging are appointed by the governor. They are:

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