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*May 13, 2003
Statehouse
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Ohio Senior Citizens

Hall of Fame



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Recognition Ceremony

Emcee of Ceremonies

*Joan W. Lawrence, Director
Ohio Department of Aging
&*

*Pamela Matura
President, Ohio Association of
Area Agencies on Aging*

Welcome

Joan W. Lawrence

Special Remarks

*Rep. Stephen Buehrer - Hall of Fame
Sen. Doug White - Elder Caregiving*

❁ Presentation of Elder Caregivers

*❁ Presentation of Ohio Senior Citizens
Hall of Fame Inductees*

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Elder Caregiving

More than 7 million Americans help older persons live in the community - despite limitations on their own daily activities. More adults also care for adult sons and daughters with disabilities.

Ohio caregivers contribute more than a million hours of unpaid help to others. The value of this cumulative care exceeds \$8 billion in Ohio alone. Nationally, the work of family caregivers saves taxpayers \$257 billion.

Family members and other informal caregivers truly 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.

2003 Honorees

Elizabeth Berkley
Akron

Marlana Hatch
Columbus

Esther Knapp
Batavia

Mark & Cindy Lumbatis
Columbus

**Walter Lind*
Cincinnati

Donna McKelvey
Burgin

Rose Samas
West Union

Robert Sherer
Marion

Lois Stenore
Marietta

Rose Ann Talarico
Coshicot

Donnette Tigge
Toledo

Leland Wagers
Millersburg

**posthumous*

Elder Caregiving



Elizabeth Berkley

has lovingly provided 24-hour care for her sister, Pauline, for the past eight years. She even converted her home to accommodate Pauline. Caregiving isn't what she does. It's who she is.



Esther Knapp

has cared for her 74-year old husband, Arthur, for the past 20 years. Arthur has Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and cancer. She uses respite time to visit and run errands for her son, John, who is blind.



Marlana Hatch

is the devoted wife and loving caregiver of Norman. She can regularly be found taking midnight walks when her spouse is restless or preparing special treats for his adult day care friends.



Mark & Cindy Lumbatis

literally built their lives around Everett, Cindy's father. When they built their new house, they designed it with his care in mind. His room is full of windows so he can enjoy the wildlife.

Elder Caregiving

1926



2003

Walter Lund

supported his wife, Bess, in every way possible after her stroke in 1996 until his recent passing. Married more than 50 years, Walter assisted Bess with daily activities despite his own health concerns.



Rose Samos

tenderly cares for her husband, Charles, in their home. They value their time together and believe faith and a sense of humor helps them make it through each day.



Donna McKelvey

provides compassionate care in her home for her mother, Naomi, with the assistance of her four sisters and brother. She has never questioned that the best care for her mother is provided at home.



Robert Sherer

has been a faithful and loving caregiver of his wife Priscilla for more than 35 years. Robert made many sacrifices to keep Priscilla out of a nursing home as long as possible.

Elder Caregiving



Lois Sizemore

has cared for her husband, Jack, since 1994. She arranges family visits and provides all daily care needs. Lois volunteers at the Alzheimer's Association as a support group facilitator and at AARP as a tax aide.



Donnette Tiggs

has cared for her parents over the past decade. She resigned from her job as a 911 operator and police dispatcher to care for them full-time. Neither would be able to live at home without her.



Rose Ann Talarico

provided home care for her father, Tony, for four years and for her mother, Armenia, who had Alzheimer's, for seven years. She did this while facing diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer.



Leland Wagers

maintains a positive outlook while caring for his wife Naomi. "Leland is at peace with what life has given him, and it is obvious he loves his wife very much," said his nominator.

Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame

We honor outstanding older Ohioans for their 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, 11 individuals join the distinguished ranks of the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. They were selected for contributions toward the benefit of humankind after age 60, or for a continuation of efforts begun before that age.

Since 1977, almost 300 older individuals have been inducted into the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame.

We are proud to honor the 2003 class today.

2003 Inductees

Barbara Beckwith
Columbus

James R. Blair
Cambridge

David C. Crowley
Cincinnati

Hubert Dunkle
New Straitsville

Beulah R. Hoerr
Upper Sandusky

Zeke Mullins
Portsmouth

**Walter A. Poenisch, Sr.*
Grove City

James A. Rudes
Manney

Edwin P. Schrank
Akron

Viktor Schreckengost
Cleveland Heights

Richard Shearer
Painesville

** posthumous*

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Barbara Beckwith

Barbara Beckwith is a "retired" Columbus school teacher. She is also a breast cancer survivor who has charged herself with educating other women about the disease by working as a breast cancer prevention educator for the Columbus Community Clinical Oncology Program.

Barbara informs women about breast self-exams, does risk assessments, and teaches about cancer prevention, diagnosis and treatment as a dedicated volunteer with: All Women One Cause, the African American Involvement Task Force, Tell a Friend Program through the American Cancer Society, The African American Cancer Support Group, the Columbus Black Women's Health Project and others. She shares her important message with churches, community and government organizations, businesses and healthcare providers, as well as over the Internet.

"Barbara is a true educator both past and present," said her nominator. "She is outspoken, dependable and passionate about her work."

Through her courage and compassion, Barbara educates countless people in her community and beyond. She is an inspiration to all who know her. Philosopher William James said, "Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does." Barbara Beckwith is a testament to these words.

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James R. Blair

Since 1938, Blair's New Furniture and Upholstery, Inc. has made quite an impression on the Cambridge, Ohio community. Over the years, owner and operator James Blair has employed local residents and friends and continues to take a hands-on approach to his business working as many hours as he can.

James joined the Civilian Conservation Corps to provide his mother and family with extra income during the Great Depression, and he continues to make assisting others a priority. In 1992, he founded the S.A.L.T. (Serving All Local Teens) Factory Teen Center in what used to be his furniture showroom. Celebrating its 11th anniversary this May, the non-profit center has provided thousands of teens a place for recreation, tutoring, boxing, scouting, mission trips and community service projects.

James also devotes his time to the Gideons International, where he has distributed Bibles at home and abroad for almost 50 years. He is active at the Beckett United Methodist Church, where he was Sunday School Superintendent until recently. He was recognized by the local board of elections in 1993 for voting consecutively for 50 years, and in 2001, he was honored as the *Daily Jeffersonian* "Person of the Year." We are proud to now have him in the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame.

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David C. Crowley

Community service is David Crowley's life. Through his dedication and tireless efforts, he has greatly improved the lives of people of all ages in Ohio and around the globe.

His distinguished career has included serving as: a social worker, Executive Director of the Ohio Commission on Aging, Program Director of a Catholic Children's Home, Vice President for the American Association of Homes for the Aging, Project Director for Holt International Children's Service and President of Freedom from Hunger.

A U.S. Navy and Peace Corps veteran, David has directed international relief and development projects in West Africa, Nepal, Thailand, Romania, Croatia and Bosnia.

"David Crowley has the energy of someone half his age, and he isn't afraid to get involved and tackle important issues," said his nominator.

He worked to increase voter registrations for the 2000 election and, as a current Cincinnati Councilman, he successfully led efforts to save funding for three local senior centers.

He is a champion for a good cause and a champion in the hearts of the Cincinnati community.

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Hubert Dunkle

Hubert Dunkle proves that one person's contributions "can" make a difference.



Since 1997, Hubert has been collecting and recycling aluminum cans to support and beautify the community of New Straitsville. He has donated more than \$14,000 in recycling proceeds to the New Straitsville Historical Society, where he is the personnel manager. He also raised money to help build a park playground, basketball court and a skateboard track. Often spending more than 30 hours a week on his collecting activities, Hubert is affectionately known around town as "The Can Man."



Hubert serves as Vice-President of the New Straitsville Improvement Committee and is part of the lighting committee. He mows the lawn and makes repairs to the community shelter, tends to the Veterans' Memorial in New Straitsville, and honors veterans by placing flags on graves and the town's flagpoles on holidays. The World War II Veteran is a member of the Hocking County Veterans Honor Guard, Masonic Lodge, Lions Club, American Legion Logan Post and AMVEIS Post 1776.



Friends say, "Hubert is known for his willingness to help his community and his kindness. His motto is, 'If nothing else can, cans can.'"

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Beulah R. Hoerr

Beulah Hoerr is an angel in her community. The Upper Sandusky Sheriff's Auxiliary agreed when they awarded her a Heroes and Angels Award earlier this year. Her dedication to improving the lives of others has surely earned her a pair of wings.



Beulah was named Citizen of the Year for Upper Sandusky in 1992. "If you need anything done in Upper Sandusky you turn to Beulah Hoerr. President Bush would call Beulah one of the 'thousand points of light' that keeps the world humming," said her nominator.



This upbeat and energetic woman has volunteered with more than 13 organizations in her community including 25 years at Wyandot Memorial Hospital, 22 years at the Red Cross, 17 years as the memorial chairperson of the Wyandot County Heart Support Group, and many more. She provided more than 1,000 hours of service at Fairhaven Home.



She does all this while working part-time at Wyandot Tractor and Implement, where she has been employed for more than 50 years. Beulah has won numerous ribbons at the Wyandot county fair for her pies, baked goods and other various entries. She still finds time to serve her community on a daily basis.

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Zeke Mullins

Zeke Mullins has been entertaining others through music since he was 15 years old.



He began singing bluegrass and country songs on the radio in 1936. Service with the Civilian Conservation Corps as well as the Merchant Marines during World War II briefly interrupted his entertainment career, but he quickly returned to his true passion-country music.



After the war, Zeke settled back in Portsmouth and assembled a band to play a morning show on WPAY-AM and later hosted a square-dancing show at the station. In 1956, he became one of the station's disc jockeys. He moved to WNXT-AM in 1994 and gets up at 4:00 a.m. each Monday through Friday to host a morning show.



Zeke helps his devoted listeners start their day by playing their favorite gospel, bluegrass and classic country tunes. He has even received fan mail from as far away as Australia, from a supporter who heard his program via the Internet.



Friends and colleagues say, "Zeke is friendly, enthusiastic and full of passion for his work. He doesn't know a stranger and is a wonderful role model for positive aging."

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Walter A. Poenisch, Sr.

Walter Poenisch was a man of many varied talents. Walter was a cookie-baking, cake-decorating, bull-riding cowboy. He started his rodeo career in his 30's, late by most standards. Before he retired from the rodeo at age 50, he was the Ohio Cutting Horse Champion for three consecutive years and an accomplished bull rider.



Walter is best known for endurance swimming, an endeavor that started over a glass of milk he ordered at a restaurant. The owner thought a cowboy drinking milk was funny, words were exchanged and a wager was made over a swim. The owner turned out to be an ex-Olympic swimmer who defeated Walter by a mere body length. He encouraged Walter to try endurance swimming.



On his 65th birthday, Walter embarked on his "Swim for Peace," becoming the only person to swim from Cuba to the USA. His 128.8 mile swim remains the longest ocean swim in *Ginness World Records* besting his two previous records. He still holds the title "World's Strongest Endurance Swimmer," for feats such as towing 30 ton yachts in the ocean with his feet and hands shackled. Partially paralyzed at age 77, he approached his disability as he approached his swims, with a positive mental attitude, perseverance, intestinal fortitude and faith in God.

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James A. Rudes

Jim Rudes has been delighting audiences on the stage and screen for more than 50 years. He has made a positive impact on his community by providing factual information and entertainment through his gift of speech.

He was an anchor and investigative reporter with Channel 13, WTVG, when he retired after 40 years of broadcasting. He started in both radio and television, but quickly found his talents were best used in front of the camera. He became a trusted correspondent to the Toledo area, covering major events such as the Toledo Palm Sunday tornado and interviewing Presidents Nixon, Eisenhower and Johnson.

Jim has also graced Toledo stages and has performed in more than 90 area theatrical productions. In 1953, he began performing with the Toledo Repertoire Theater, where he continues today. He received the Ohio Community Theater Excellence in Acting award twice and was inducted into the Lake Erie West Performing Arts Hall of Fame in 2001. He and his wife, Patricia, are the leads in *On Golden Pond* in Ontario, Canada at the Gore Bay Summer Theater this July.

Jim also coordinates the Friend to Friend Program, sponsored by RSVP. This intergenerational program links nursing home residents with elementary students.

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Edwin P. Schrank

Through a successful business career and community service, Edwin Schrank has made his mark on Akron and beyond.

In addition to being the CEO of McNeil Akron, Inc., he always made time to help others. Edwin served as chairman or president for: the Area Agency on Aging 10B, Boy Scouts of America, the Summit County American Red Cross, Akron Community Foundation, the United Way of Summit County, where he received a Distinguished Service Award in 1982, and the Ohio United Way, where he earned another Distinguished Service Award in 1986.

Other organizations benefiting from Edwin's expertise and leadership abilities include the Saint Thomas Hospital Medical Center Board, Junior Achievement of Akron, the Akron Labor-Management Executive Committee, Summit County Quality Care Advisory Board, the Bath Zoning Commission and the Western Reserve Historical Society.

Countless lives have been touched by the hard work and compassion of Edwin Schrank. His nominator says it best, "Through his sharp intelligence and concern for people, Edwin has assisted organizations who serve everyone from children to the elderly. He devotes tremendous amounts of time and energy to all of his endeavors and is a role model for others."

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Viktor Schreckengost

Viktor Schreckengost shaped many of the childhood memories of Americans. Who could forget their banana-seat bicycle, pedal fire engine complete with the bell or dad's first riding lawn mower? Viktor designed these and a number of other 20th century icons.



The son of a commercial potter in Sebring, Ohio, Viktor's most famous ceramic work is a punch bowl commissioned by First-Lady Eleanor Roosevelt. The *Jazz Bowl* remains one of the signature pieces of American Art Deco and an icon of the Jazz Age. He also changed the face of American dining when he designed the first mass-produced modern dinnerware. However, his talents are not limited to ceramics, his industrial and art deco designs are recognized worldwide.



Victor patented more than 100 creations from 1934 to 1971. He recalls one day when he passed 32 items he designed on his way to work. Murray manufactured more than 100 million of his bicycles and pedal cars, making it the largest manufacturer of each in the world. He also designed the first cab-over-engine truck. In 1930 at the age of 25, Viktor became the youngest faculty member at his alma mater, the Cleveland Institute of Art, where he started the Department of Industrial Design. His legacy continues through his students.

Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame



Richard Shearer

While other people talk about their inner child, Richard speaks fondly of his "inner manager." He uses his management skills to enhance the organizations he assists.



Richard is very active with the Lake County Council on Aging. He served as president of the board from 1996 to 1998 and was a key supporter of the successful county Senior Citizens Service Levy. He currently serves as the chairman of the nominating committee. He was instrumental in creating the first strategic plan for the council and developing quality circles, a practice that continues today. He helped organize and develop the Lake County Council on Aging Foundation. He reorganized the Lake County Advisory Board, developed regulations and serves as a consultant to the board.



Richard also serves on the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging Board. He has been a board member for the past six years and was chairman from 2000 to 2001. As chairman, he helped lead the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging National Conference held in Cleveland.



Richard retired from Uniroyal Chemical in 1998 after 40 years, the last 11 years he was a human resource manager. "He presents a positive image of aging in his active lifestyle and community involvement," his nominator said.

Hall of Fame Charter Members

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Ernest A. Bohn*
Anna V. Brown
Milton Cariff
W. Fred Cornell
Nelson H. Cruishank
Arthur S. Flemming
Zelma Watson George
Richard Gasser*
Leslie Townes (Bob) Hope
Martin Jarvis
James C. (Jesse) Owens
Sidney L. Prassey
Albert B. Sabin, M.D.
Louis B. Seitzer
Dr. Julius & Mrs. Helen Wolf
Aaron M. Weissen

1978

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

1979

Paul E. Brown
Phyllis Diller
Gertrude W. Donahay
Joseph W. Fichter
Lillian Gish
Edwin C. Henke
Sister M. Henrietta, C.S.A.
William O. Walker
Sela Walsh
Floyd E. Wenger

1980

James T. Flood
Sherman L. (Jack) Frost
Edward D. Kuskas
Edward C. Haaf
Dominick Ladino
Helen G. McClelland
The Mills Brothers
(Herbert L. Harry, Donald)
Elijah Pierce
William Prosser
Donald B. Robinson
David Rubinhoff
Murtis H. Taylor-Mills

1981

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

1982

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

1983

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

1984

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

1985

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

1986

Anna Bishop
Lois Filipe
Jack Halbeisen
Helen Hawley
Ruth Kane
David Lusk
Kenneth Miller
Dunwood Neff
Erie Sauder

1987

Alma Cahill
Phyl Chelrick
Orie Hill
Alice Hoffman
Edward Huber*
Thaddeus Hurd
Melvin Miller
Edwardine Riggins
Robert Secrest
Georgia Siliman
Alice Weston

1988

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

1990

Mercedes Colner
Raymond G. Drake, Jr.
Mable Hardeman Edwards
Eleanor Kahle
Jerome Kaplan, Ph.D.
Ilse Kerchner
Albert A. Neidock
Bernice Cisco Williams

1991

James T. Foley
Rev. Kay M. Glaesner
Marie Haug, Ph.D.
Ruby Long
Vance B. O'Donnell
Mildred M. Seltzer, Ph.D.
Vernon Rodney Young, Sr.

1992

Thomas E. Hairston
Clem Hamilton
Harold W. Kohn
Martha McDrary
Vera Saunders
Marnie Sayre
Rev. Wray C. Smith
Josephine B. Vornowich
Furl P. Williams
Judge Warren C. Young
Helen W. Zekowitz

1993

Tilmon Adamson
Don Barrett
Evelyn Darnovsky Bander
Joseph E. Cattani
Jimmy Crum
Dorothy F. Davis
Bob Feller
Roberta M. Graham*
Philip C. Johnson
Zenobia Perry
George R. Smith

1994

George Adcox
Morris Becker
Byron Winfield Brown
Mary Callow
Paul M. (P.M.) Gilmer
Dr. Helen I. Glueck
Kathryn Hagler
Deserée Mitchell Liddell
Grace E. Maratta
Lars Nelson
Edon H. Phillips
Audrey A. Rowan
Francis Saunders
James S. Savage
John J. Schiff

1995

Josephine Bruns
Thomas C. Eakin
Helen Ferro
George James*
Austin Eldon Knowlton
James Lee Middleton
Corwin Nixon
Ervin J. Nutter
Mary Jane Cooper O'Brien
Betsy B. Pitzer
Rachel Ann Trent Rayford

1996

Abraham Brickner
Helen Spotts Brown
Virgil E. Brown
Michael J. Lacivita
Katherine LeVaque
Aaron Levine
Martha Whelan Murphy
Jewel L. Rollen
Harold E. Sawyer
John P. Sizich

1997

Doris Blackston
Elsie Colamese
William S. Dery
Orville R. Ferguson Sr.
Dr. Willard B. Fernald
Edward J. Groening
Elsie Helset, Ph.D.
Margaret Hunt
Cecil A. Maxwell
Carl H. Swick
John B. Williams

1998

Sister Mary Humbert Davis
Lowell Dock
William Henry Fouse*
Mary Carter Glasco
Senator John Glenn
Luella Glick
Betty Hartley, Ed.D.
Virginia Kress
Nancy Filori Kubina
Belle Likover
Dennis & Betty Morris
Blanche Motts
Frank Angelo Nappi*
Betty Nein
Pauline Radebaugh
Nelson Schwab, Jr.

1999

Donald Becker
Naomi Brown
Betty Collins
Gloria Giannestra
Glenn E. Maddy
Kenneth M. Mahan
Thomas E. McFadden*
William Rosell Rogers
William L. Simmons
Don A. Simpson
Dr. Richard & Helen
Spitzer

2000

Bertie Bjorn
Mary L. Bowermaster
Judith Y. Brachman
Baz Gingery
Lois Ide
Lubomir "Lu" Hromadka
Richard J. Noll
Rev. Lonnie Simon
Dale Tom
Grayce Williams

2001

Dorothy Dexter Alexander
Erna Bombeck*
Robert T. Fox
Ben N. Groh*
Rev. Phale D. Hale
Elizabeth Harper
Donald R. James
Norman Harold Lambert
Sally Richenbacher
Glen Wheeler

2002

Mildred Wirt Benson*
Francis Carr
Mary E. Cherry
Ralph Cobey
Clifton S. Coleman
Bob & Jewell Evans
Jerry Francis
Fred Hissimaki
Everett Hosack
Peggy Irwin
Phil Rubin
Marie Schill, RN
Edith Wiseman

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