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**Ohio
Department of
Aging**

*Elder
Caregiver Awards
&
Ohio Senior Citizens
Hall of Fame*

*May 22, 2012
Ohio Statehouse Atrium*

*“There are only four kinds
of people in the world -
those who have been caregivers,
those who are currently caregivers,
those who will be caregivers and
those who will need caregivers.”*

- former First Lady, Rosalynn Carter

*“A happy life is one spent in learning,
earning and yearning.”*

- entertainer and 1979 Ohio Senior Citizens

Hall of Fame Inductee, Lillian Gish

Program

Meet & Greet

Honorees' photos taken
with legislators

Refreshments provided

2:00 PM

Welcoming Remarks

Bonnie Kantor-Burman
Gov. John Kasich (video)
Suzanne Burke

Presentations

Elder Caregiver Awards
&
Ohio Senior Citizens
Hall of Fame Inductions

*Honorees, please pick
up your awards and
parking passes at the
registration table
following the program.*

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

Recognizing Caregivers

Nearly 2.3 million Ohioans are age 60 or older. We are living longer, more vibrant lives, but we also are dealing with an increased rate of chronic disease and disability. Thanks to medical advances and trends in public policy, more Ohioans than ever are able to get the care they need in the settings they choose.

Informal and family caregivers form the backbone of Ohio's long-term care system. When they are engaged, make informed decisions and seek appropriate assistance, caregivers not only maintain a high quality of life for themselves, their loved ones and their families, they also strengthen the state.

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.

Today and throughout the year, 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. (*National Alliance for Caregiving and Evercare, 2009*)

More than seven in ten caregivers are employed. (*National Alliance for Caregiving and AARP, 2009*)



***2012 Elder Caregiver
Award Honorees***

***Susan Gaylord
Toledo***

***Cindy Gross
London***

***Audrey Helton
Goshen***

***Dr. John Mattox
Flushing***

***Linda Yoest
DeGraff***

Susan Gaylord

Toledo



Susan Gaylord cared for her mother, Virginia, and sister, Patty, who had Down syndrome, during the last years of their lives. After they passed, Susan turned her attention to her father, Frank, who has been dependent on her for full time care since 2009.

Susan and her sister, Rebecca, coordinate Frank's care. They found innovative solutions to his declining vision and hearing, such as magnifying glasses, brighter lights and larger TV. They also bought him a computer so that he can remain connected to family and friends.

Susan provided excellent care for her father even while she was dealing with her own health issues and her husband's disabling illness. She is a tireless advocate who does everything with love and devotion. She knows what it takes to help those you care for and about live a rich, meaningful life, regardless of limitations.

Cindy Gross

London



Cindy Gross has always known her grandmother's neighbor, Geraldine Henry, as an adopted grandmother. Today, Cindy looks after Geraldine's affairs to make sure she continues to remain in her own home, which means a lot to her.

Cindy started with little things like getting groceries, and later became Geraldine's power of attorney to manage her assets and pay her bills. Cindy worked with Geraldine to interview and hire caregivers, and she manages the schedules and payment for each caregiver, while never paying herself.

Cindy's daughter describes Geraldine's relationship to her family: "Geraldine became like a grandmother to us. Although she always retained the spark of youth, as we grew older, so did she. And, as naturally as Geraldine played the role of grandmother, Cindy stepped into the role of her caretaker."

Audrey Helton *Goshen*



Dr. John Mattox *Flushing*



Audrey Helton became caregiver for her husband, Estel, when a stroke left him with limited mobility and speech. She provided his personal care until his passing in April. Her approach to caring for Estel may have changed when she broke her arm in 2010, but her passion for ensuring he had the best care possible never waned.

Immediately after her accident, Audrey sought out Clermont Senior Services to assist them both. Aides helped with cleaning and daily tasks so that Audrey could focus on meeting Estel's personal needs and wishes.

Their daughter was born with a rare eye disorder and is legally blind. Thanks to her mother's love and support, she is now grown with a family of her own. Audrey is able to help those she loves because she knows when to ask for and receive help herself.

Dr. John Mattox gave his wife, Rosalind, around-the-clock care for four years until she passed away in November. John bathed her, brushed her teeth, prepared meals and fed her. He also dispensed her medications and kept her comfortable at home.

John helped her stay connected with the world via the Internet and adaptive software to overcome her declining abilities. He also used staff at Area Agency on Aging 9 for support. The couple's two children took turns visiting on the weekends, bringing along their four grandchildren for the visit.

Today, John takes care of himself by gardening and planting flowers that his wife loved. He also is the curator of the Underground Railroad Museum in Flushing and is a member of several organizations, including "A Special Wish Foundation."

*Linda Yoest
DeGraff*



Linda Yoest and her husband are parents to one adopted child and are legal guardians for three others. Linda also has cared for her mother, Rosena, for 10 years. The children and Rosena benefit from time together because Linda diligently plans their schedules. Linda and her family often travel with Rosena to visit family.

Linda is an advocate and responds nimbly to her mother's changing needs. Last year, Linda rearranged her own home and moved her mother in. Linda's brother often stays with their mother when Linda has to be gone for long periods of time with the children.

Linda stretches the family food dollar and shops at thrift stores to make the family's limited resources go farther. With Linda's dedication and resourcefulness, her family is confident they can overcome anything that comes their way.

*“The best and
most
beautiful things
in the world
cannot be seen
or even touched -
they must be felt
with the heart.”*

- Helen Keller

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, 12 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 2012.

*“Leadership
and
learning
are
indispensible
to
one
another.”*

- John F. Kennedy

2012 Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame Inductees

Darlene Baney

Findlay

Norman A. Bell, Sr.

Toledo

Anna Clara Gee Blackwell

Springfield

Werner Coppel

Cincinnati

Eugene D'Angelo, Jr.

Upper Arlington

Germaine Hahnel, M.D.

Olmsted Township

M. C. Hokenstad, Ph.D.

Shaker Heights

Patricia Irwin

Fairfield

Julian Marcus*

Bexley

Glenn Maxwell

Bellaire

Jane Scott*

Lakewood

Alberta Robinson Shurelds*

Lima

***posthumous**



Darlene Baney

Findlay

- **Health & Fitness**
- **Public Service**
- **Volunteerism**

Darlene Baney teaches, ministers and serves her northwest Ohio community. She began volunteering in 1961 with the American Red Cross. As the Disaster Services Chair for Hancock County, Darlene is the go-to person with any disaster operations questions. She has personally assisted

victims of natural disasters in Florida, New Jersey, Tennessee and other locations throughout the eastern United States.

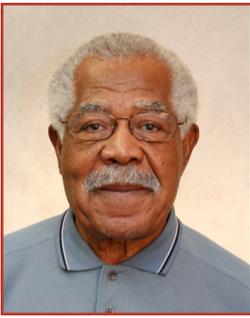


Darlene helped start parish nurse programs to provide blood pressure checks after Sunday church services. She started the cancer support group at St. Marks United Methodist Church in Findlay, which

has grown into a community program. She also started the summer lunch program at Findlay's Glenwood Middle School.

She and her husband, Walter, have two daughters, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, but also count as family the students they've hosted from Ecuador, Norway, Ukraine, Egypt and New Zealand.

"Positive aging means leaving a legacy and example of living life to its fullest by taking some risks and by being thankful each day for the love of family, a good marriage and a loving God," Darlene said.



Norman A. Bell, Sr.

Toledo

- **Public Service**
- **Volunteerism**

Norman Bell is driven to develop and promote a decent quality of life for older adults. During his 30 years of public service with the City of Toledo and Lucas County, he helped his neighbors by connecting them to the services they needed. Norman has served more than twenty agencies and organizations. Norman believes in giving back by volunteering and fostering relationships in the community.

In the late 1980s, he represented Toledo on a peace delegation to the USSR. He visited Russian citizens and shared common hopes and wishes for the two countries. Currently, he volunteers with Sister Cities International and is involved with the Tanga Chapter, Tanzania, Toledo's African sister city.

Norman earned his bachelor's degree from Southern University A & M College, and his master's from the University of Toledo. He is a lifetime member of the alumni associations of both institutions, and presently is a board member of the UT Alumni Association.

"Aging is an opportunity to continue to give back and be involved in achieving a just and vital community," says Norman. "I want death to be out of breath when it finally catches up with me."





Anna Clara Gee Blackwell *Springfield*

- **Music & Literary Arts**
- **Education**

Anna Blackwell is a successful musician and teacher. She has taught piano to thousands of children and earned a master's degree in piano performance from Wright State University at age 76. She is the pianist at St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Springfield and has served the music programs at Central Chapel AME Church in Yellow Springs and Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Springfield.

When her husband of 59 years, Harold, became ill, she got a degree in nursing to take the best possible care of him. When Harold passed away

in 2008, Anna chose to help children with special needs. She earned a master's in special education at age 82. "Education has given me an opportunity to fulfill a dream of being a good teacher, a chance to better my circumstances and, finally, to give a life of service to people young and old," Anna said.



"Positive aging enables a person to recognize and accept other peoples' points of view, adapt to change, forge new friendships and relationships, and find new meaning to our lives," she said. Anna is working on her autobiography, *He's All I Need: My Life Story*, and recently released her second gospel CD, "He's All I Need."



Werner Coppel

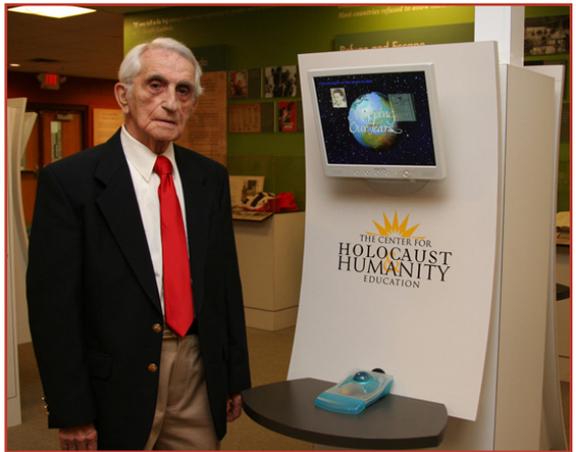
Cincinnati

- **Education**
- **Public Service & Advocacy**
- **Volunteerism**

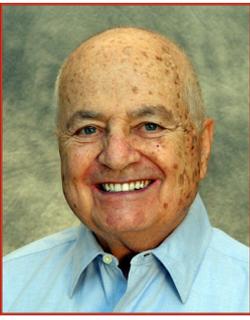
Werner Coppel lived for 12 years under Nazi rule and survived two years in the Auschwitz concentration camp before he and his wife made Cincinnati their new home and new hope. He uses his story to teach future generations to stand up against “the cancer around us: hate and prejudice.”

In the mid-1970s, amid public claims that the Holocaust did not happen, Werner began speaking about what he had witnessed and endured as a young man. He has addressed approximately 108,000 individuals in 1,500 audiences over the past 37 years, and has always donated his time and travel expenses. He proudly serves the Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education through their speakers bureau.

In May 2001, Werner received a Doctor of Humane Letters Honoris Causa degree from the College of Mount St. Joseph in Cincinnati. He also has served on the board of his synagogue, Temple Sholom. In his down time, he plays golf and spends time with his wife, their two sons and four grandchildren.



“Always be positive and stand up to hate and prejudice, even if it doesn’t affect you,” Werner said.



Eugene D'Angelo, Jr.

Upper Arlington

- **Television Broadcasting**
- **Music Arts**
- **Philanthropy**

Gene D'Angelo has made a lasting impression in the television broadcast industry, the performing arts and philanthropic pursuits. In his 37-year broadcasting career, he managed television and radio stations in Ohio, New York, and Indiana. He brought about many broadcasting firsts, such as computerized newsrooms and live, on-location coverage. He brought

the 24-hour news format to central Ohio and took the Children's Miracle Network telethon to a national audience.



After retirement, he returned to his first love: music. He has supported music programs at Linden-McKinley High School and The Ohio State University, and has performed with various

music groups, including the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus band. As Chairman of the Columbus Symphony Orchestra, he raised the organization to new levels of professionalism.

As an Italian-American, he's proud to give back to his family, heritage, community, country and the world. Under his leadership, an exact replica of the Santa Maria was built and brought to Columbus, where it remains today. He is an active member of St. John the Baptist Italian Catholic Church, and has served as the Columbus Italian Festival Chairman and Co-chair.



Germaine Hahnel, M.D.

Olmsted Township

- **Health & Fitness**
- **Public Service**
- **Science & Medicine**

Dr. Germaine Hahnel was a pioneer in family medical practice, and continues to be its biggest advocate. She showed an interest in medicine as a child and was one of three women in her class at the University of Cincinnati, College of Medicine in the 1960s. She opened a small private practice, seeing mostly family and friends. Her practice gradually grew to 3,500 active families.

She left her practice in 1976 to chair the Family Practice Department and establish the Family Practice Residency Program at Fairview Hospital. She also has served Cleveland's Hassler Medical Center for family medicine, Renaissance Continuing Care Residential Center and the Malachi House, and she is a clinical assistant professor of family medicine at Case Western Reserve School of Medicine.

“There is a misconception that when you're older, you have nothing to offer,” she said. Today, she enjoys living in a retirement community and encourages other older adults to do the same.

“People become isolated living at home alone and miss out on opportunities to spend time with other older adults who share a passion for staying busy and living life to the fullest.”





M. C. Hokenstad, Ph.D.

Shaker Heights

- **Education**
- **Social Sciences**
- **Public Policy**

Terry Hokenstad is a worldwide leader in social work education and research. He has studied global aging for more than four decades and has authored eight books and numerous articles, chapters and monographs in the fields of comparative social welfare, care of older people and social work

practice and education. He has been editor-in-chief or served on the editorial board of several scholarly journals.



Terry's research has examined innovations in elder care and pension policies in countries throughout the world and has influenced public policy here and abroad.

He served on the United Nations Technical Committee responsible for drafting the International Plan of Action on Aging. In 2002, he was named to the U.S. delegation to the U.N. World Assembly on Aging.

“Countries around the globe are facing a growing older population and thus the need to redefine retirement,” Terry has written. He describes himself as an active ager, which means continuing to teach and write, engaging in civic affairs and community service roles, and being a lifelong learner. He practices what he preaches: “Older people can and should actively contribute to the community and the society.”



Patricia Irwin

Fairfield

- **Health & Fitness**
- **Public Service & Volunteerism**
- **Science & Medicine**

Pat Irwin has a mission to heal, educate and serve her Butler County community. She has a legacy of caring not only for her family, but also for individuals in her community through her service as a health care provider and educator. She was a registered nurse and established a private practice for people in need at the Psychotherapy Center. She works with those who struggle with mental illness and helps their families cope.

Pat regularly speaks to various community groups about topics such as depression and women's health issues. "I saw that too many women pay too high a price for being nice and giving out all they have," she said. "Women need to refuel and get back on the balance beam." She is the co-founder of "Speak Easy," a weekly support group for depressed women. For more than 22 years, the group has reached out to those who have a variety of mental health issues.

Pat is a role model for aging gracefully. In 2002, she was recognized as a YWCA Woman of the Year, as well as one of the Cincinnati Enquirer Women of Achievement. She is a vital part of her community and seems to give more of herself as she ages. "I don't focus on the aging process," Pat said. "I am drawing on my husband, family and friends for nurturing."





Julian Marcus

Bexley

- **Public Service**
- **Business**
- **Volunteerism**

In 1972, at age 71, *Julian Marcus* was a pioneer of the civic engagement movement. He recognized that, like him, most retirees had much to offer, and he viewed mandatory retirement age as an artificial cut-off that ill served many people. “The fact that men or women may reach their 65th birthday is not an indication that their work life has come to an end,” Julian said.

Julian established the Senior Citizen Placement Bureau in central Ohio to bring the issues of mature job seekers to local employers and government entities. He was a skilled fundraiser and built strong connections with local employers, as well as with his employees. He did not accept a paycheck and



used retired businessmen to help with fundraising. In its 40-plus years, the agency – now known as Employment for Seniors – has helped more than 10,000 clients secure employment.

In 1973, former Columbus Mayor Tom Moody proclaimed a “Senior Citizens Placement Bureau Week.” In 1974, Julian was

named by the Columbus Citizen-Journal as one of the Top Ten Men of the Year, and he received the Humanitarian Award in 1982 from the Temple Israel community.



Glenn Maxwell

Bellaire

- **Public Service**
- **Volunteerism**

Glenn Maxwell has served his community and his church, and has a special gift for building not only structures, but also lives. “I was inspired to do good by watching my mother caring for the poor people we knew, knowing that we ourselves were poor,” he said.

In 1992, he volunteered with Habitat for Humanity to help rebuild Louisiana after Hurricane Andrew, and that was the beginning of a great passion. He has traveled to South Korea, Mexico, South Africa and Hungary, as well as many states in the U.S. on Habitat projects. Glenn and his wife established Habitat for Humanity of the Bellaire Area in June 1998.

“When the houses are dedicated and the keys are turned over to the new homeowners, all the hard work that you did was worthwhile when you see the joy in their faces and know there is hope for the future,” he said

At 77, Glenn is still helping others. “Don’t quit! Don’t be boastful about what you do and continue doing what you can for yourself, family and others who need help,” he said. His mother always told him to do God’s will, and he passed that lesson to his children, grandsons and the many others with whom he’s worked.





Jane Scott

Lakewood

- Journalism
- Music Arts

As a journalist, *Jane Scott* united generations. In her society page columns, she wrote about teenagers and older adults at a time in the 1950s and 1960s when neither got much attention in the media. When the Beatles invaded Cleveland in September 1964, Jane became the Plain Dealer's rock critic. She treated artists with respect, and as musical styles changed, she kept up.

It's been said that an act truly hadn't arrived until they met Jane. According to her friend, Janet Macoska, Jane helped make David Bowie a star in America by writing a positive review of his first U.S. show. "He never



• Janet Macoska

forgot her," Janet said and recalled the show later when Bowie sought out Jane to thank her. In 1975, she predicted Bruce Springsteen would be the next superstar – and she wasn't wrong. When she died, the industry held a memorial at the Rock Hall of Fame in Cleveland.

In her "Senior Class" column, Jane often

emphasized the importance of staying active mentally as well as physically. Listening to grunge bands and braving mosh pits may not fit with most retirees' lifestyles, but it worked for her; it was her medicine. She truly was forever young.



Alberta Robinson Shurelds

Lima

- **Public Service**
- **Volunteerism**
- **Advocacy**

Alberta Robinson Shurelds was a teacher and an advocate for civil rights who lived a life of service to God, her church and her community. Ms. Alberta, as she was called, often spoke at colleges and universities about segregation in America. She recounted personal stories of what it was like going from segregation to integration in the south.

She was motivated by truth and fairness, and wanted the world to be a place where justice prevailed. She believed that we were supposed to help each other in whatever ways we could and that our rewards would not come in this life. She was friends with senators, state representatives and governors across the country, and they often called for her counsel about prominent people, issues and processes in Ohio.

Ms. Alberta encouraged those full of potential to relentlessly pursue success.

She worked with felons to help them regain their right to vote when they were released and immersed herself in the Fourth Street Missionary Baptist Church.

Ms. Alberta often would say, “Hold on to God’s hand and the love of your family and everything else will end up all right.”

