

**Ohio  
Senior Citizens  
Hall of Fame**

**October 21, 1981  
2:00 p.m.**

**OHIO  
COMMISSION  
ON AGING**

**James A. Rhodes**  
Governor  
**Martin A. Janis**  
Director

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## Governor's Message

Today we join together with pride to honor the distinguished men and women chosen for the 1981 Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame.

From noted public servants and scientists to those who have served quietly in the day-to-day lives of their communities, all have discovered the satisfaction that comes from helping others and the exhilaration that follows a challenge well met.

Some have achieved national recognition — others are known only to those whose lives they have touched with their special service. Though their backgrounds and their chosen paths through life are as varied as the individuals themselves, all possess an intangible quality that sets them apart from the crowd and motivates them on to always higher goals.

There are no glory seekers among the members of the Senior Citizens Hall of Fame; in its distinguished ranks you will find only those people who have special talents to share, who find real joy in performing their tasks to the best of their abilities, and for whom the word "retirement" has no meaning, other than the opportunity to take on new challenges. These inductees are visible proof to the world that the abilities, interests and enthusiasm of older persons do not diminish with advancing age, but are in fact enhanced by their years of experience.

The 1981 inductees represent the best in all of us, and as such, should be our examples and our inspiration. Today, as we honor these men and women, let us remember that we all have special gifts to offer our families, friends and communities, and let us each renew our commitment to carry on our own unique kind of service.

## Program

### Welcome

Jim Alexander, Assistant Director  
Ohio Commission on Aging

### Invocation

The Reverend Michael Reeves  
Corinthian Baptist Church  
Columbus, Ohio

### The National Anthem

Mario Alch, Professor of Music,  
Ohio State University

### Remarks

Governor James A. Rhodes

### Biographies

Jim Alexander, Assistant Director  
Ohio Commission on Aging

### Inductions

Martin A. Janis, Director  
Ohio Commission on Aging

### Closing Remarks

Director Janis

### Benediction

The Reverend Michael Reeves

Following the program, refreshments will be served in the lobby outside the auditorium. At that time, you'll have a chance to congratulate this year's honored guests. You are also welcome to visit the Hall of Fame Foyer upstairs to view the plaques awarded to the 1981 and previous years' inductees.

## History

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.

This year 10 individuals join the distinguished ranks of the Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. Their selection is based on contributions they have made for the benefit of mankind after age 60, or for a continuation of efforts begun before that age.

Each of those enshrined receives a plaque with their portrait and a brief biography, and a lapel pin engraved with the Hall of Fame symbol. An identical plaque is on permanent display in the Hall of Fame Foyer in the Martin Janis Senior Center, Ohio State Fairgrounds, Columbus.

Nominees for the Hall of Fame must be native-born Ohioans or residents of Ohio for at least ten 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 are held annually in October.

## Members

### Charter

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 C. (Jesse) Owens  
Sidney L. Pressey  
Albert B. Sabin, M.D.  
Louis B. Seltzer  
Dr. Julius & Mrs. Helen Weil  
Aaron M. Wiesen

### 1978

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

## **Members cont.**

### **1979**

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

### **1980**

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

### **1981**

Alfred A. Antenucci  
Jessie Z. Bartlett  
Anthony J. Celebrezze  
Beulah Fawcett  
Carl F. Graf  
Walter E. Havighurst  
Charles D. Hill  
Charles Y. Lazarus  
Larry W. Pelton

\*Posthumous

\*(Russell) Games Slayter

## **1981 Inductees**

**Jessie Z. Bartlett**



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**November 22, 1906**

Ohio's older citizens have a strong and devoted advocate in Jessie Bartlett.

One of the original members of the Ohio Commission on Aging when it was established in 1973. Mrs. Bartlett's work on behalf of older people began long before that time.

For many years, she has worked tirelessly with a wide range of civic organizations to develop programs and services for low-income and elderly citizens. From 1970-75, she worked with Columbus Model Cities Project as coordinator of senior citizen programs, one of which included the establishment of the Model City Senior Citizens Club at Poindexter Towers in Columbus.

In 1972, she was a member of a task force organized to set up neighborhood clinics throughout Ohio where low-income older persons could receive free services.

She was a member of the group that organized Ohio's chapter of the National Caucus/Center of the Black Aged, and she was also a moving force in establishing the local chapter of that organization. Still a leader on the local, state and national levels, she continues to serve as national parliamentarian for the caucus.

Because of her dedication and concern for the plight of older persons over the years, she is sought after by many organizations which serve the aging, and she has been a board member and active participant for the Franklin County Office on Aging, the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging, the Metropolitan Area Community Action Agency, the Franklin County Council of Elders, the Ohio Welfare Conference, the National Council of Senior Citizens, the Human Resources Center, and the Mid-Ohio Health Planning Federation.

## **Anthony J. Celebrezze**



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**September 4, 1910**

With his first election to public office more than 30 years ago, Anthony J. Celebrezze was on his way to becoming one of the most outstanding public servants in Ohio history.

The political career of this young attorney from Cleveland began in 1950 with his election to the Ohio Senate. During his two terms as senator, he distinguished himself through his work on many important committees, and twice he was voted one of the top senators.

From Ohio's General Assembly, he returned to Cleveland to serve as mayor of that city, an office to which voters returned him five times.

His achievements in the Ohio Senate and in Cleveland brought him national recognition, and while serving his fifth term as mayor in 1962, he was appointed secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

During his tenure as Cabinet member under Presidents Kennedy and Johnson, Anthony Celebrezze was instrumental in the passage of the Older Americans Act, the Medicare Act, the Civil Rights Act, the Economic Opportunity Act, the Drug Abuse Control Act and many others.

In 1965, Anthony J. Celebrezze received yet another high honor with his lifetime appointment as judge of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals.

Judge Celebrezze's contributions to the citizens of this state and nation have been recognized with 10 honorary doctorates, and countless awards and citations. In 1973, by an act of the United States Congress, the new federal building in Cleveland was named the Anthony J. Celebrezze Federal Building.



## **Beulah Fawcett**

**May 2, 1892**

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Occasionally in life one comes across a person whose zest for living, genuine concern for others and energy for whatever tasks lie ahead is an inspiration to all who meet her. Beulah Fawcett is one of those special people.

Born with only one leg and no arms below the elbows, Miss Fawcett might well be considered handicapped by most observers — but only until they meet her. In spite of her physical disadvantages, she has accomplished more than many people ever do.

A faithful member of the United Methodist Church of Chesterhill all her life, Miss Fawcett served as church recording secretary for more than 50 years, 31 of which found her teaching a regular Sunday School class and presiding over many church organizations as well.

With her pen held between her elbows, she saw to it for many years that the news from Chesterhill was published regularly in the *Morgan County Herald* and the *Marietta Times*.

Many young men in the Armed Services over the years have also found a faithful correspondent in Beulah Fawcett, and many residents of Chesterhill, both young and old, have benefited from her good advice and friendship.

In addition to her correspondence, weekly news columns and church activities, Miss Fawcett is a fine seamstress as well and until recently, made all her own clothing.

With her indomitable spirit that has overcome more obstacles than the average person has ever been asked to face, Beulah Fawcett is indeed a very special person.

In her own words: "After all, it is how you do a job that is important, not what part of the body one uses. If you think a job is hard, it will be. It all depends on how you look at it."



**Carl F. Graf**

**July 21, 1917**

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Pride in the past and an enthusiasm for the future are the qualities that have set Carl Graf apart from the crowd.

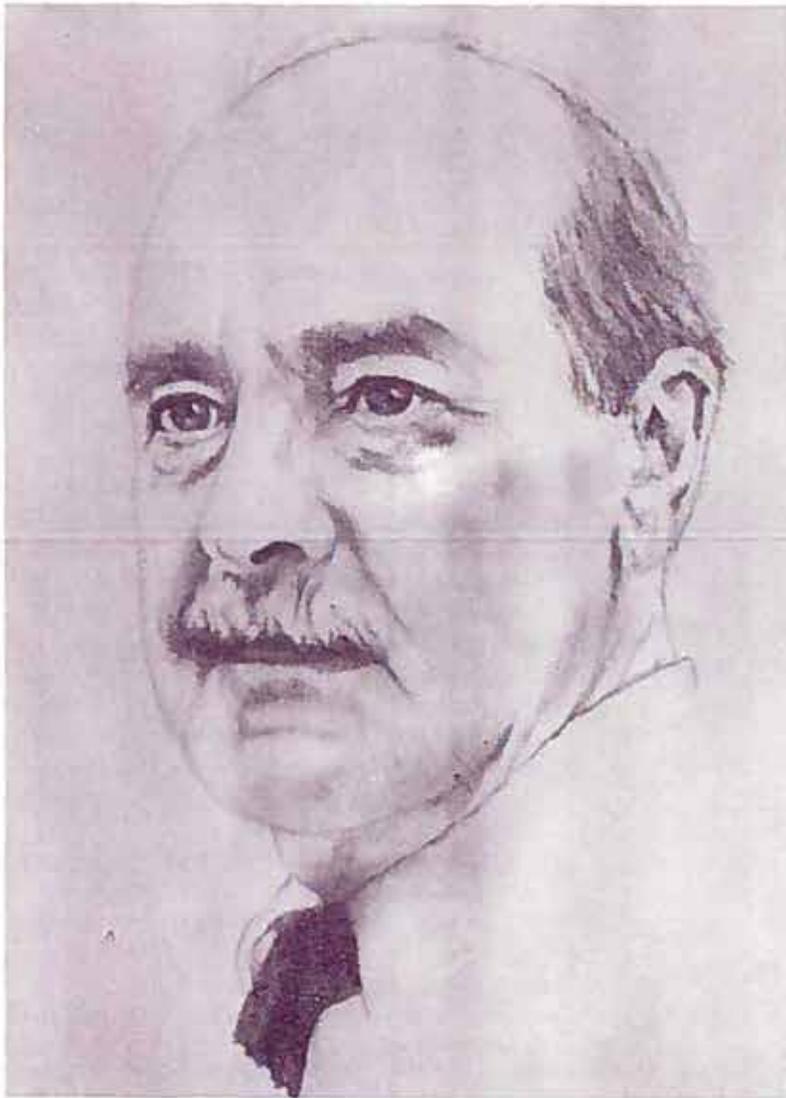
Born in Germany, Carl Graf and his family settled in Columbus' German Village area when Carl was still a young boy. Though he grew up an American citizen, he always treasured his German background, and as an adult, he has worked hard to preserve the German cultural heritage in the United States.

An equal interest in music led him to become a member and eventually president of the Columbus Maennerchor, one of the finest German-American singing societies in the nation; a member of the United German Singing Societies; and the North American Singers Association.

As a member of these organizations, he has dedicated countless hours to establishing and maintaining friendly ties between German and American singing societies. In 1981, the president of the Federal Republic of Germany conferred the Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit upon Graf for his outstanding service and contributions to the improvement of German-American relations.

In his business life, Carl Graf has devoted equal time and energy to his career in finance. As vice-president of corporate and industrial development and community affairs for BancOhio and chairman of the board for the Capitol South Community and Urban Redevelopment Corporation, he has taken a leading role in the growth and development of Columbus business and industry.

In spite of his busy schedule and personal interests, Carl Graf still finds time to be a leader in many civic and charitable organizations, and in 1981, the mayor of Columbus proclaimed May 31 as Carl F. Graf Day to recognize his outstanding achievements as a community leader.



## **Walter E. Havighurst**

**November 28, 1901**

## **Walter E. Havighurst**

One of the outstanding contemporary writers of regional history in the United States, Walter Havighurst offers today's readers and those of the future a look at their past and the forces that have shaped their world.

With nearly three dozen books of fiction, biography and regional history to his credit, as author, co-author or editor, it is no surprise that Walter Havighurst has earned a permanent place of honor among the chroniclers of American life.

A Wisconsin native, Havighurst settled in Oxford, Ohio, in 1928 to begin his teaching career as a member of the Miami University faculty, a job he held until his retirement 41 years later. Prior to his retirement in 1969, he was appointed Miami's first Regents Professor, a designation of distinction created by the Ohio Board of Regents.

Throughout his prolific career, his works have been noted by awards such as the Friends of American Writers Award for his book *Land of Promise* (1946); the Ohioana Society's Literary Award; the Award of Merit from the American Association for State and Local History; and the American History Award from the Society of Midland Authors.

Among his well-known writings are the *Great Lakes Reader*, a collection of three centuries of history and literature about the Great Lakes, and a sesquicentennial history of Miami University, *The Miami Years, 1809-1959*.

As a permanent tribute to Dr. Havighurst's many achievements, Miami University's assemblage of rare books and other collections now bears the name "The Walter Havighurst Special Collections Library."

## **Charles D. Hill**



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**March 10, 1903**

The story of Charles D. Hill is that of the kind of men and women who have built this nation. From humble beginnings in a Pickaway County log cabin, Charles Hill has become one of the leading entrepreneurs in central Ohio.

The same enterprising spirit and diligence that led a boy of 10 to manage a successful bread and milk route would later lead Charles Hill to the top of two phenomenally successful businesses.

His natural flair for detecting a good business opportunity became evident early in his career. In 1933, shortly after the sale of beer was legalized, young Hill quickly took stock of the situation and formed the Hill Distributing Company, which became one of the top national distributors for many leading brands of beer.

Perhaps his most visible achievement and a landmark to many Ohioans, however, was Hill's creation of Scioto Downs, a 175-acre harness racing facility that serves as a model for fine tracks everywhere and is aptly known as "Ohio's Showplace of Racing."

His insistence on presenting only the finest in harness racing continues to attract the top drivers and horses in the sport to Scioto Downs.

Far from the pony he used to deliver his milk route as a boy, Charles Hill also owns and operates the Hill Farm Standardbred breeding nursery, producing some of the finest horses in harness racing.

In his hours away from his business ventures, the same energy and leadership that led Charles Hill to the top guarantee success for the many community and charitable organizations with which he is involved.

## **Charles Y. Lazarus**



## **Charles Y. Lazarus**

**April 27, 1914**

Born with a name that is a household word to every central Ohioan, Charles Lazarus could have been content to rest on the family laurels.

Instead, although following the family tradition by joining the F. & R. Lazarus department store, Charles Lazarus started at the bottom of the ladder, working his way from floor salesman on up through the ranks.

His career at Lazarus was interrupted as the United States entered World War II, and he left Columbus to serve his country as a member of the military. By the time of his discharge in 1945, he had attained the rank of lieutenant colonel, Air Force Air Transport Command, and had been decorated with honors such as the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star, among others.

Following the war, he returned to Lazarus and continued his upward climb, ultimately earning the position of chairman of the board and chief executive officer. In addition to his work at Lazarus, he served on the board of directors, Associated Merchandising Corporation, and as director and vice-president of the Federated Department Stores, Inc., of which the Lazarus store is a member.

In the tradition of his family, Charles Lazarus has also been a leader in the growth and development of Columbus. He has served on the boards of many Columbus-based corporations and organizations, and has been honored many times for the contributions he has made to the city and its people.

In recognition of his many achievements, he has been awarded honorary doctorates of law and the humanities, in addition to many other awards which attest to his dedicated involvement in the total life of the community.



**Larry W. Pelton**

**September 19, 1909**

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Since his retirement from the corporate world in 1971, Larry Pelton has been a full-time worker for senior citizens at the local, state and national levels.

Starting as vice-president and president of his local chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) soon after retiring, his efforts on behalf of AARP have since earned him the roles of assistant state director of northwestern Ohio, a member of AARP's Joint State Legislative Committee, state director of AARP and associate area vice-president for Area V, a five-state region.

In his local work, Pelton was co-founder of the Area Agency on Aging for Planning and Service Area 3, which coordinates services to senior citizens in a seven-county area in western Ohio. As a long-time member of the Board of Trustees for the Hancock County Senior Citizens, Inc. in his hometown of Findlay, Pelton also played a vital role in securing the present senior citizens center for the older residents of Hancock County.

As the AARP's state representative on the Ohio Commission on Aging's statewide Special Events planning committees for several years, he assisted with plans for Senior Citizens Day, the Governor's Conference on Aging, and senior citizens activities at the Ohio State Fair.

Prior to his retirement, Pelton was an executive with the Marathon Oil Company for 44 years, serving that company in the United States and overseas. Among his lasting contributions to Marathon were the initiation of many important safety programs and a management development program for Marathon employees.

## **Alfred A. Antenucci**



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**November 20, 1912**

On March 30, 1981, Alfred A. Antenucci suddenly became a national hero through his courageous efforts in the moments following the attempted assassination of President Ronald Reagan.

A labor leader and president of Carpenters Local 1750 for many years, Antenucci had just heard President Reagan address a meeting of the AFL-CIO in Washington, D.C. and was standing outside the hotel when a young man near him suddenly drew a gun and began firing at the President and his party.

With no hesitation nor thought of personal danger, Antenucci struck the gunman and pinned him to the ground, subduing him in those chaotic moments before the Secret Service could reach him.

"I don't feel like a hero," Antenucci says humbly of his role in the events of that memorable day. "I just did what any average guy would have done."

Others feel differently about Antenucci's actions. Fellow residents of Cleveland suburb Garfield Heights are proud of their long-time friend and neighbor and have honored him with the key to city hall, the proclamation of an "Alfred Antenucci Day" and the renaming of a local street, "Antenucci Drive." His name is also included in the congressional resolution honoring those who performed heroic actions during the assassination attempt.

Though he still modestly insists he "just did his share," Antenucci admits he is proud to have brought honor to his family and to have served the President. Though he may not feel the part, Alfred Antenucci is indeed a hero in the eyes of his fellow Ohioans.



**(Russell) Games Slayter**

**December 9, 1896-October 15, 1964**

**(Russell) Games  
Slayter**

When Games Slayter won a patent for his first invention in 1921, few would have guessed it was only one of 164 patents he would earn in his lifetime.

By the time of his retirement many years later, Games Slayter was an internationally-known scientist and expert in glass technology. Known as the "Father of Fiberglass" before the end of his career, he served as vice-president for research and development for Owens-Corning Fiberglas from 1938 until his retirement in 1963. Prior to that, his work with Owens-Illinois had brought that company several patents on the manufacture of glass work, with Games Slayter named as inventor.

Though his patents were largely in glass technology, Dr. Slayter's varied interests also brought him patents in metallurgy, segregation of seed, agricultural processes, combustion techniques, pre-fabricated homes and electronics. He authored numerous technical articles, served as a consultant to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and was a fellow or board member for numerous organizations whose concerns ranged from science to defense to home building.

Like many scientists with a concern for the future, Dr. Slayter also had an avid interest in environmental protection, and he spent much of his free time working at his farm on cattle breeding, planting foliage to feed and protect wildlife, and other conservation techniques.

Among the many honors and awards bestowed on Dr. Slayter are honorary doctorates, the dedication of the Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corporation Technical Center in his honor, and the Quarter Century Citation from the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Engineers.

## The Ohio Commission on Aging

Ohio's first programs for senior citizens began in 1965 with the creation of the Administration on Aging by Martin A. Janis as a division of the then Department of Mental Hygiene and Correction. From these initial programs, the 110th General Assembly saw the need to establish a separate government unit to serve Ohio's older citizens, and the Ohio Commission on Aging was officially established in November 1973. As the state's agency for the 1.5 million Ohioans aged 60 and over, the OCoA 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 Janis was appointed director of the Ohio Commission on Aging on July 1, 1975, by Governor James A. Rhodes. James F. Alexander and Kenneth M. Mahan serve as assistant directors with supervision over all the commission's divisions.

## The Ohio Commission on Aging

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

Joseph W. Fichter, Chairman, Oxford  
Muriel M. Bertsch, Hamilton  
Clarence H. Borgelt, Toledo  
James E. Carnes, Barnesville  
Howard Chesler, University Heights  
The Rev. Lyman W. Liggins, Toledo  
The Rev. Calvin T. Risch, Columbus  
Fred Robbins, Dayton  
Grace Slicer, Columbus  
Guy R. Taylor, Canton  
Mary Tecca, Warren  
Floyd E. Wenger, Bluffton

Martin Janis	Director
Jim Alexander	Assistant Director
Kenneth Mahan	Assistant Director
OCoA Division Chiefs	
Jack Fox	Health, Rights & Benefits
M.L. Johnson	Title III Program Coordination
Rick Miller	Planning, Evaluation, Research & Training (PERT)
Patricia Payton-Burns	Fiscal Management