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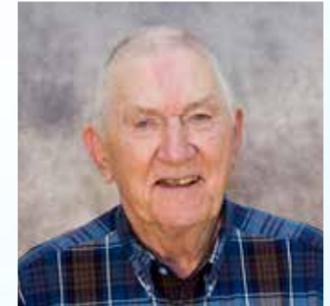
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"A happy life is one spent in learning, earning and yearning."

Entertainer and 1979 Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame Inductee, Lillian Gish

Welcome!



Bonnie K. Burman, Sc.D.

Since 1977, more than 400 individuals have been inducted into the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame recognizes the many ways Ohio's elders are living "well beyond 60" and continuing to grow, thrive and contribute throughout their lives. Inductees are inspired by their age, not defined by it. They set a stellar example for other Ohioans to follow and are a precious resource for our state, nation and the world.

Leading our ceremony are Bonnie K. Burman, director of the Ohio Department of Aging, and Jacqi Bradley, chief executive officer of the Area Agency on Aging 3, and president of the Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging.



Jacqi Bradley

This year's honorees have helped Ohio prepare for its growing and changing aging population, have bolstered their community and their state through their good works, and are recognized as leaders in their prospective fields.

Helping communities plan for Ohio's changing population

- **Mary Ann Brown, Lima** – Mary Ann was director of The Arc of Allen County from 1953 to 1995, and remains active in advocating for children and adults with developmental disabilities, their families and caregivers.
- **Earle Bruce, Columbus** – Perhaps best known as coach of The Ohio State University football team from 1979 to 1987, Earle also has helped raise nearly \$1 million for the OSU Wexner Medical Center to find a cure for Alzheimer's disease.
- **Joan L. Stroh, M.Ed., Athens** – Joan has supported families in her community for 30 years as a geriatric social worker and counselor, and volunteers with and advocates for AARP and the Area Agency on Aging 8 advisory council.

Bolstering their communities and the state through good works

- **Pauline Cornish, Lore City** – Pauline helped establish her community and Salt Fork State Park as a hub for the burgeoning "heritage tourism" industry through the restoration of the Kennedy Stone House Museum.
- **Albert H. Horn, Jr., Bryan** – Albert's lifelong leadership of the Bryan Area Foundation and the Bryan Cameron Community Hospital have improved the health and the lives of countless people in the community.
- **John Hughes, Springdale** – John has logged 38,000 miles as a cyclist promoting health and fitness, while raising funds for various charities and improving the health and care of residents in Maple Knoll Village.

Leaders in their fields

- **Janice K. Barden, St. Helena CA (formerly of Cuyahoga Falls)** – Raised in Cuyahoga Falls, Janice founded Aviation Personnel International (API), the first female-owned and operated search firm exclusively dedicated to the hiring needs of business aviation.
- **Charlotte Leeth, Marseilles** – Charlotte uses skills acquired over 35 years as an educator to help at-risk youth and provide unique learning experiences for area children.
- **Eve Sullivan, Cambridge, MA (formerly of Yellow Springs)** – Eve founded the nonprofit peer support organization, Parents Forum, which helps individuals and agencies around the world develop strong supports and resources for parents and other caregivers.

We extend a special thank you to Ginni Ragan, chair of the Ohio Advisory Council for Aging, for her continued support of the Hall of Fame and for providing today's refreshments.



Janice K. Barden

St. Helena, CA - formerly of Cuyahoga Falls

As a woman working in the once male-dominated field of aviation, Janice Barden has paved the way for thousands of men and women, who, like her, nurtured a love of aeronautics and its related disciplines. She has worked with both foreign and state-side airlines and business aviation departments, and steered many individuals to higher goals and successful careers.



Janice was born in Cleveland and raised in Cuyahoga Falls. She majored in business and minored in drama at Miami University. She earned her bachelor's degree in industrial psychological testing from Kent State University. In 1971, she leveraged her 16 years as a professional aviation psychologist to establish her own company, Aviation Personnel International (API), which is the first female-owned and operated search firm dedicated to the hiring needs of private (business) aviation.

Under Janice's leadership, API has aided the careers of thousands of aviation professionals. API's professional and technical standards helped to raise the bar for quality and performance in aviation, placing thousands of high-achieving professionals in an array of positions in the field. Janice continues to serve as the company's chairman of the board.

Throughout her career, Janice has displayed an inexhaustible passion for breaking down the barriers that had long prevented highly capable women from performing in the same aviation jobs as their male counterparts. In 2009, she wrote the preface to the book, "Flying Above the Glass Ceiling: Inspirational Stories of Success from the first women pilots to fly airline and corporate aircraft" by Captain Nina Anderson.

Janice is a member of the National Business Aviation Association (NBAA), and served six times as local committee chairman for their annual convention of 33,000 people. She has received the NBAA John P. "Jack" Doswell Award and the NBAA American Spirit Award, and was recognized as an aviation industry "Game Changer" at the 2015 NBAA Leadership Conference. Janice is one of five recipients of the National Aeronautical Association's Wesley L. McDonald Distinguished Statesman of Aviation Award.

In 1992, President George H. W. Bush appointed Janice to a Presidential Blue Ribbon Panel to research training options and address the pilot and aviation maintenance technician shortage. She also served on the president's committee for the rehabilitation of returning Vietnam prisoner of war pilots.

She credits the faculty at Kent State for her early success. "I was a woman candidate in the 1940s, and that didn't even faze them. The belief in success on the part of the faculty was immeasurable." She earned the Kent State University Distinguished Alumni Award in 1986.

Janice is currently married to a retired aviation industry leader and living in Napa Valley.





Mary Ann Brown Lima

Mary Ann Brown is regarded as the “mother of services” for people with developmental disabilities in Allen County. When her son Shelby was born with Down Syndrome in 1949, she did not yet know the positive impact her life’s work would have for everyone in her community. In the 1950s, Mary Ann began volunteering to raise funds to start the Robin Rogers School (later called the Marimor School), a school for children with disabilities. Her group of supporters

faced many challenges, but stayed focused on improving the lives of these children and their families. Parents held bake and craft sales, and the Knights of Columbus helped with funding and engaged local contractors to donate materials. Mary Ann became involved with The Arc of Allen County, which formed in 1952. A year later, she was named director. She remained in that position until she retired in 1995.

As the children served by The Arc and Marimor School aged into adulthood, she recognized a need to provide them with opportunities to continue to grow, thrive and contribute. She guided the formation of a sheltered workshop that provides employment services, helped secure

federal funding for group homes and apartments, and laid the groundwork for an intermediate care facility for persons with intellectual disabilities, which today bears her name.

Over the years, Mary Ann has brought comfort to families facing the challenges of a child with disability. She believes, quite simply, that “All persons and families have a right to be normal, be successful, comfortable and happy.” She adds, “Allen county was one of the first and has one of the best programs going because it offers integrated programs of all kinds for all stages and special needs in life.” This is especially important as people with disabilities are living longer, more productive lives.

Since her retirement in 1995, Mary Ann has continued as a relentless advocate. In 2005, she returned to the workforce as a provider of residential supports. She currently works with many older adults with disabilities, and helps with tasks around the home, while advocating for and informing families.

Mary Ann received the President’s Award from the Allen County Board of Developmental Disabilities for her lifetime achievement in the field of developmental disabilities. Her other awards include 1995 Woman of Vision Award from the Lima Jaycees and the Dr. Martin Luther King Award from Bradfield Center in Lima.

She credits her community service and involvement for her longevity, quipping, “You don’t age very fast if you go fast enough.”

Mary Ann has paved the way for so many serving in Allen county, ensuring that all persons with disabilities are able to live within their community as equal citizens, go to school just like any other child and grow to become a contributing citizen.



Earle Bruce Columbus

Earle Bruce perhaps is best known as head coach of The Ohio State University’s football program from 1979 to 1987. He also is a stalwart warrior in the fight against Alzheimer’s disease, and generously volunteers his time and energy to improve the human condition. He is passionate about supporting research toward better treatments and a cure.

Before coaching the Buckeyes, Earle was a player. He joined the team in 1950 as a freshman fullback. He graduated in 1953 and began a coaching career that would take him to a variety of high schools and colleges before returning to his alma mater. In 1979, he took over for the legendary Woody Hayes at The Ohio State University, where he led the Buckeyes to eight bowl appearances and four Big Ten Championships, and was named Big Ten Coach of the Year in 1979. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2002.

Earle has positioned The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center as a state and national leader in Alzheimer’s disease research. He started the Earle and Jean Bruce Alzheimer’s Research Fund with his late wife in 2007. He supports the fund through a variety of fundraisers such as the Beat Michigan Tailgate, the Athletes Against Alzheimer’s phone-a-thon, the Buckeye Football Spring Kick-off, and various speaking engagements across Ohio. Earle has helped raise nearly \$1 million for the fight against Alzheimer’s disease.

Earle also is a strong supporter and advocate of the Memory Disorders Research Center at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. With the funds raised, researchers developed the SAGE (Self-Administered Gerocognitive Examination) test, which has already demonstrated its potential to detect mild cognitive impairment (MCI) and early dementia. This online assessment tool has been downloaded more than one million times and has helped countless patients and caregivers identify cognitive impairment at an early stage.

The fund also has supported imaging trials, the study of deep brain stimulation for the treatment of Alzheimer’s disease, and drug therapies for the treatment of degenerative disorders, as well as social work and outreach for caregivers and families.

Earle’s advocacy began as he dealt with finding quality caregivers for his father and sister. He established Buckeye Home Health Care in 2004 and speaks regularly at Peregrine Health Systems Alzheimer’s Care Centers.

While officially retired from coaching, Earle serves as a radio analyst and podcast developer. He works closely with The Ohio State University Alumni Association, and is particularly proud of the number of high school and college players and coaches who worked or played for him.

Earle credits his wife for supporting him through the highs and the lows: “Jean was an incredible mother and grandmother, and the best football coach’s wife ever.” Earle and Jean were married 56 years and have four daughters.





Pauline Cornish

Lore City

Pauline Gray Cornish is a firm believer that we move forward wisely only when we truly understand our past. Considered a trailblazer by many in her community, Pauli has led efforts that not only restored and preserved important historical landmarks, but also made her community a hub for the burgeoning “heritage tourism” industry.

A native Ohioan, Pauli moved to New York with her family when she was a child. In 1980, Pauli returned to Winterset in Guernsey County with a family of her own. One of her favorite activities was walking in nearby Salt Fork State Park to look at the wildflowers on a path that frequently took them past a distinctive-looking stone building. Pauli felt that the structure must have significance, and in 1998 her dream to restore the building began to take form.



The Kennedy Stone House was built in 1837 and was home to several generations of the Kennedy family until 1960, when its surrounding land was bought by the state. As chairperson of the Guernsey County

Bicentennial Committee, Pauli used a small amount of left-over funds to commission a painting of the Stone House. Using the interest that the painting generated, a local group formed the “Friends of the Kennedy Stone House,” a non-profit organization dedicated to the full restoration of the building and establishment of it as a museum. One of the 10 founding members, Pauli was selected as chairperson of the Friends’ board of trustees.

Restoration at first seemed daunting. The original estimates came in around \$600,000, which made the project unlikely to even get off the ground. However, Pauli was determined and, through shrewd negotiation, frugal resourcefulness and fully utilizing volunteer time and resources, she brought the price tag down to just \$86,000.

The Kennedy Stone House was dedicated in May, 2003. Its popular features include a summer kitchen, herb garden and veterans courtyard. Pauli created a unique docent program through which volunteers from around the state come and volunteer for a week or two at a time as museum guides. The cottage built to house the visiting docents is named the Cornish Docent Cottage in honor of Pauli and her son Ron. During the season, the Stonehouse Museum welcomes as many as 10,000 visitors. At 91 years old, Pauli still occasionally dons her 1800s-era costume to conduct museum tours.

In 2004, Ohio State Parks honored Pauli with the prestigious Chiefs Award for her efforts to restore and revitalize this important part of Salt Fork State Park. She is a life member of the Guernsey County Historical Society and has participated or led many other efforts to preserve and celebrate the region’s rich heritage.

An avid world traveler, Pauli prides herself as having visited every continent, except Australia.



Growing, thriving and contributing



Albert H. Horn, Jr.

Bryan

At the age of 20, Albert Horn committed himself to giving back to his nation through military service. For the past five decades, Al has used his financial and business expertise to help his hometown of Bryan, Ohio, to grow, evolve and thrive.

Al’s lifetime of civic service started in 1942, when he enlisted in the United States Navy. It was during this time that he made a promise to his spiritual leader that if he survived this experience, he would strive to continue to give back to his country, community and family.



A lifetime Rotarian, Al is a believer in the Rotary’s Four Way Test: “Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?” This, along with his faith, guides him in his service to his community.

In 1967, Al and his family relocated to the community of Bryan in northwest Ohio. He became an active member of the Wesley United Methodist Church and Rotary Club. His affiliation with both groups gave him the chance to display his reliability and resourcefulness as he served in numerous leadership positions within each organization.

Al rallied and directed civic-minded neighbors to establish the Bryan Area Foundation. His regular job with the IRS forced him to defer a leadership position on the foundation’s board of directors, but upon his retirement, he joined the board and served as its treasurer for 18 years.

In 1972, Al joined the Bryan Cameron Community Hospital’s board of directors and served for more than 40 years. His financial acumen helped the hospital show a profit and embrace growth and technology. Under his leadership, the hospital launched the SHARE Foundation, which allows patients to receive treatment, even if they cannot pay. When he retired from the board, the hospital named its new patient care central tower in his honor.

The benefits he has brought to his community touch many aspects of life. He managed levies for Bryan City Schools and the City of Bryan police and fire departments. He served as chairman of the Bryan Board of Public Affairs, which oversees the operations of community-owned utilities.

Ten years ago, Al was recognized for his contributions when he was awarded the Bryan Area Foundation Good Citizen Award. A few years later, his military service was acknowledged when he participated in an Honor Flight visit to the World War II monument in Washington, D.C.

Al and his wife June had been married for 57 years when she passed away in 2014. They have one daughter, Jennifer.

About his service, Al says, “I had the opportunity to be involved with persons who wanted better lives for those who reside in the area. It took teamwork and, at times, we did not agree. We did not argue, but stayed truthful, and our objectives were obtained for everyone’s benefit.”



Growing, thriving and contributing



John Hughes Springdale

John Hughes' 38,000-mile journey started 45 years ago with a bicycle and the dream to improve the lives of his neighbors while taking charge of his own health. John has always taken fitness and physical activity very seriously. At age 87, he continues to log as many as 100 miles per week on his bicycle and participates in as many charitable fundraisers as he can.

John has travelled the U.S.A. and abroad on his bike for various charities including the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the Fuller Center for Housing, Habitat for Humanity and others. His efforts have helped further diabetes research and provided housing for those in poverty. He made a personal financial contribution to the Maple Knoll Village to create a cycling room to promote health and wellness for his neighbors.

John's trek began with a diagnosis as an adult with type 1 diabetes. "My doctor said I ought to exercise," he said. "I 'inherited' a bicycle from my son and started riding to work and on various trips." Since then, John has pedaled in Germany, Belgium, Holland, England, Switzerland and more.

He uses the Internet, particularly YouTube, to identify new cycling opportunities. Most recently, in March 2015, John completed about 100 miles of the 300-mile spring ride down the Natchez Trace Parkway with the Fuller Center Bicycle Adventure.

John has volunteered to participate in a study to gauge the benefits of mentors in helping others with type 1 diabetes monitor their glucose levels and effectively manage the disease.

To further efforts to improve the lives of his neighbors, John made a \$250,000 donation to help open the Richard Neubauer, M.D. and John Hughes Hospice Center on the Maple Knoll campus. While Maple Knoll offers a full spectrum of care, John saw the need for a hospice center through caring for his wife Marjorie in her final days. "When one half of a couple's health declines more rapidly than the other, they are often separated. Yet, that's when they really need to be with each other most," John said. "Difficulties with transportation could make it hard to see each other." Maple Knoll residents now need only to walk across campus to be with their loved ones.

John has also volunteered with Meals on Wheels and with the Independent Transportation Network, which helps seniors and people with disabilities remain independent by providing them with a safe driver to medical appointments.

John is a life-long learner. After the age of 75, he took lessons and learned to play the trumpet, trombone, saxophone, clarinet, flute and keyboard. He says, "If I run out of something to do, I pick up a musical instrument and have a try at it." He also is known for his woodworking skills and makes desks and other wooden creations for his family and friends.

His proudest accomplishment is his family consisting of Bart and Sandy Hughes, Ginny Hughes, and grandchildren Jordan Hughes and Katarina Hughes.

Growing, thriving and contributing



Charlotte Leeth Marseilles

Charlotte Leeth spent her 35-year career in the Upper Sandusky school system as a teacher and an administrator, but her love of people has made the world her classroom. She has made it her life's mission to connect with young people in need, wherever they may be, and is changing the world, one heart and one mind at a time.

At Upper Sandusky High School, Charlotte taught English. She also held the positions of dean of students and student council advisor. Working with high school students who were struggling in academics or in life, she realized that the school district could do more to help these children earlier. She took the job of principal at one of the local elementary schools while continuing to teach high school English to help students be more successful throughout their academic careers.

Not one to rest upon her retirement, Charlotte began volunteering at the local probation office to help young offenders do better in school and improve their grades. Doing so helped the students enhance their self-esteem and reduced the likelihood of them getting into trouble outside of school.

She also volunteered with the Wyandot County Youth Commission, where one of her most memorable experiences occurred. Following an event, one of the boys offered to help her move boxes, but surprised her by asking for a hug. The boy's mother had just died and he was dealing with anger issues. Charlotte contacted his guidance counselor, learned about his specific problems in school and began mentoring him to manage his anger and focus on academic success. Today, he is doing well and stays in touch.

As a board member on the Wyandot County Historical Society, Charlotte became involved with the restoration of an old school house as an educational museum. Charlotte serves as the "Old School Marm," re-enacting days gone by for local third graders touring the museum. Students who attend the Summer History Camp are treated to many historical characters, such as Rosie the Riveter, Annie Oakley and Eleanor Roosevelt, all lovingly brought to life by Charlotte.

For the past ten years, Charlotte has made an annual mission trip to the Ukraine with S.A.R.A. (Sharing American Resources Abroad). During her missions, Charlotte teaches conversational English at three schools in the city of Mukachevo. The mission has helped purchase a water filter for the orphanage to make the water fit to drink, raise money for a van for each house, purchase sound equipment for their music performances and supports other basic needs.

Of her mission work, Charlotte says, "Do what you can while you are here. The time is short and the need is great. You get a lot more out of what you give than those you help."

Charlotte and her late husband had three children, and her four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren are Charlotte's special joy.



Leaders in their fields



Joan L. Stroh, M.Ed. Athens

Joan Stroh plays many roles, and has excelled at each. As a private practitioner, she has helped families work through tough times. As an academian, she has helped shaped the faces of health care and elder care. As an advocate, she has helped give the elders and caregivers in her community true choice and voice in how they live their lives.

Joan earned a bachelor's degree in sociology and a master's degree in education (guidance and counseling) from Ohio University, Athens. She has served as a geriatric social worker and counselor for 30 years, providing individual, marriage and family counseling to geriatrics, adolescents and adults. From 1996-2012, Joan provided mental health services to Russell's Nursing Home in Albany, Ohio. Since 2006, she has coordinated a monthly support group for caregivers and provides bereavement counseling services to Hospice at Kimes Nursing Home.

She served for seven years as an adjunct professor in the Colleges of Health Professions and Osteopathic Medicine at Ohio University. She taught undergraduate classes on rural gerontology and teaming, as well as instructed second year medical students on family care issues, mental health assessment and successful aging. For nearly 25 years, she has given presentations on elder issues such as coping with loss, suicide, sexuality, successful aging and advanced directives.

Joan is a member and current president of the regional advisory council for the Area Agency on Aging 8, which provides a link between community elders and their county councils on aging. She is an advocate for programs and services to professionals, students, volunteers and legislators. She is a voice for elders and caregivers in rural Appalachia, where many counties have high poverty rates and are medically underserved. She stands up for consumers on issues such as access to landline phone service.

She also has been an advocate and volunteer for AARP since 2008, serving on their executive committee and working on local, state and national caregiver issues. "We as a nation and as a state could never afford to give what family and friends provide, and could not do it as lovingly," she said. "But we also need to support those who are caring for our elderly."

"I have learned often it is the people that are most difficult who need us the most," Joan added. "I have worked with women in nursing homes who now have the time to remember and deal with past abuse, and I have helped them to put that pain at rest. I have worked with dementia clients who responded to a soft voice and attention to relieve fear and anxiety. I have helped caregivers deal with changes they have never expected, and have had the privilege to be in peoples' lives at the end of life. This has given me great rewards and pride in what we all do in the aging field."

Joan and her husband have two sons and five grandchildren. She enjoys gardening, cooking and traveling.



Eve Sullivan Cambridge, MA - formerly of Yellow Springs

Eve Sullivan is not only an avid gardener, but also a cultivator of hearts. Through her professional career and her continued volunteer work, Eve helps plant the seeds of strong families. She uses her excellent communication, cross-cultural, foreign language and people skills to help adults around the world become better parents.

Eve founded the nonprofit peer support organization, Parents Forum, more than 20 years ago, and is the author of the program handbook, "Where the Heart Listens: A handbook for parents and their allies in a global society." Parents Forum provides workshops on emotional awareness to help individuals and agencies develop strong support networks and helpful resources for parents and other caregivers.

Parents Forum has worked in prisons, where inmates have been deeply appreciative of these self-awareness tools. Eve recalls an inmate who asked for parenting education, and is now released and a father again, thanks to Parents Forum. He currently works with other ex-offenders.

For many years, Eve served as professor-for-a-day at MIT's Charm School, presenting "How to Tell Somebody Something They'd Rather Not Hear," a mini-workshop based on the Parents Forum original curriculum. Her entry

"Opening Doors to Parents" was one of 15 finalists from more than 700 entries in the Ashoka Foundation's 2012 Changemakers "Activating Empathy" competition. She has been a featured parenting expert on numerous radio programs.

Eve majored in French in graduate school and speaks it fluently. She has an excellent command of languages, which has served her well in bringing her message of parent peer support to parenting educators and parents in the U.S. and other countries. In January 2015, she participated in "The Family in the 21st Century: Roadmap in a changing world," a conference in Tunisia, as a member of the International Federation for Parenting Education on whose board she serves. Last year she was invited to join the WHO/UNICEF Violence Prevention Alliance, and gave a short "science slam" presentation at the alliance's 2014 meeting in Washington DC.

Eve received the Arminta Jacobson Parenting Education Professional of the Year in 2011 from the Texas Association of Parent Educators, the MIT Federal Credit Union People Helping People Award in 2010, and MIT's Creating Connections Excellence Award, with Parents Forum co-founder Christine Bates, in 2009.

In retirement, she continues her volunteer work on behalf of parents while also being devoted to her family. For her family and all whose lives she touches, Eve models the principles of Parents Forum, including good self-care and a focus on caring, honest and respectful communication. She enjoys spending time with her four grandchildren, singing with them and teaching them about the world around them, just as she has helped countless other parents and grandparents do over the years.

