

Eighteenth Annual Dedication  
of Bay Village Foundation  
Bronze Memorial Plaques



**BAY  
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Cahoon Park Memorial Bridge  
Bay Village, Ohio

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# MEMORIAL DAY 2020

All of us have had to approach our day-to-day lives differently with the COVID-19 pandemic, which has impacted some of our most cherished traditions. One such tradition in our town and sponsored by the Bay Village Foundation is the annual Memorial Day observance held at the north end of Cahoon Park and near Lake Erie.

While this event serves as the Foundation's annual public meeting, its most meaningful aspects are the recognition of the Foundation's Scholarship Awards to Bay Village high school seniors, grantees from the Foundation's annual Grants distribution and the Memorial Bronze Plaque program.

For this year, the Scholarship award winners were Bay High School seniors Olivia Doland, Olivia Reed and Edward Papp. Ms. Doland was selected to receive the T.Richard Martin Scholarship, in honor of a founding trustee of the Foundation and long-time member of the Village's City Council.

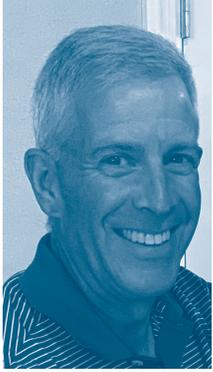
The Foundation Grant program supports organizations, programs and initiatives that serve and improve the lives of the citizens of Bay Village. Grants were awarded this year to the Bay Historical Society, Bay Village Library, BayArts, Lake Erie Nature and Science Center, Village Project, Youth Challenge, and Bay High School's Home of the Rockets project.

The 2020 plaque honorees are Marie Ashmus, James Cahoon and Al Paulus. The Foundation Bronze Plaque Program was established as a way for families and friends to give permanent recognition to Bay citizens in one central place. A plaque is one way to honor the life and work of Bay Village residents, living or deceased. Friends of the families and the public are invited to attend the ceremony and to view the plaques installed on the park footbridge.

With the Memorial Day program and parade cancelled, this bulletin is provided to recognize these important activities. Please read and enjoy the enclosed biographies for this year's and prior honorees.



## ALAN PAULUS



Alan Paulus was born June 14, 1956 (Flag Day) in Midland, Michigan, where he and his four siblings were raised until he left for college. Al graduated with honors from the University of Notre Dame with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics. While at Notre Dame, Al was a manager for various athletic teams, including the 1977 and 1978 national championship fencing teams.

During his high school years, Al met Julie Spyker. They dated throughout college and married in 1978, shortly after graduation.

Al joined the Saginaw, Michigan office of Ernst & Young (EY) in June 1978 and was promoted to partner in 1992, when he and Julie moved their family to Bay Village to join EY's national office in Cleveland. He soon became the firm's National Director of Auditing Standards, where he was involved in the development of the firm's audit methodology and related training materials and the accounting profession's auditing standards. Al moved to the EY Cleveland practice office in 1997, where he provided audit services to such Cleveland based companies as Eaton, TRW, NACCO, Hyster-Yale, Steris, Park-Ohio Industries, and Materion. During his final five years at EY, Al ran EY's Professional Practice—Auditing and Assurance Services Group, which

developed and maintained audit policy, methodology, tools, and training for EY's audit engagements.

Al served as a trustee of the Bay Village Foundation for 14 years, including 3 years as its president. During his time as the Foundation's president, Al led numerous efforts to improve our community, including the campaign to refurbish Play in Bay, and helped the Foundation grow to over \$500,000 in total assets. Al also served as treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Play House, vice president and treasurer of the Greater Cleveland Salvation Army, a volunteer for Northcoast Health Ministries and the treasurer of the Cleveland chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (where he was awarded the Tom Landry Award, for his support of FCA and dedication to youth). Before moving to Bay, Al was actively involved in the Midland, Michigan community where he served on the Board of the Midland County United Way for several years as treasurer, vice president, and president. He also served as treasurer, vice president and president of Family and Children's Services of Midland, and president of the Blessed Sacrament Church parish council. In addition, he was involved in the Boy Scouts (where he was awarded the Exploring Division's Bronze Big Horn Award), Junior Achievement, Leadership Midland, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Rotary Club.

Al and Julie continue to live in Bay Village, and support many community organizations. They are the proud parents of Teresa Heffernan (Kevin) and Katy Coil (Dan) and the proud grandparents of Samantha and Ryan Heffernan and Annie, Patrick and Jacob Coil.

## MARIE ASHMUS



Marie Ashmus has been a resident of Bay Village since the 1974. Born and raised in Northeast Ohio, she is second generation Japanese-American and one of Bay Village's first Asian residents. Marie was a teacher in Bay from 1974 to 2008. During her tenure, she taught thousands of kids at Normandy, Westerly, and Bay Middle schools. She was one of the first teachers in the gifted and talented education (GATE) program in the school district and also taught third grade, first grade, and, for many years, kindergarten. So many Bay students got their great educational starts in her classroom! Marie also inspired older district students through the Bay High student aide externship. Through the externship, high school students could receive educational credit for helping a teacher in an elementary classroom. Marie welcomed dozens of high school students into her classroom and many of them ended up choosing education as a career.

Marie's love for teaching is reflected in how adored she is by her former students. Every time she sets foot in any local establishment, especially Heinen's, she is approached by former students and parents and is treated like a local celebrity. She is amazing at remembering her students and loves catching up

with each of them.

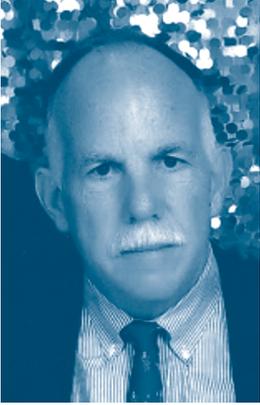
Her expertise was recognized when, after nomination by her students' parents, she became the very first K-12 classroom teacher to be named the Outstanding Alumnus of the Michigan State University College of Education. Every previous recipient of the honor had been a college professor or researcher, but Marie focused the spotlight on the teachers who apply creative and effective methods to classroom education.

Marie's commitment to the community extends to her family life. Her husband, Keith, is a founder and longtime supporter of the Bay Village Foundation and her two kids plus her niece and nephew graduated from Bay High School.

In 2018, Marie was diagnosed with Multiple Systems Atrophy, a rare disease that interferes with the ability of the brain to manage the functions of the body that most of us take for granted—regulating blood pressure, balance, walking, swallowing, hand and finger coordination, digestion, and on and on. As she continues her brave fight against this debilitating disease, she is comforted by all the support from her fellow Bay Village residents. For more information about MSA, go to [www.defeatmsa.org](http://www.defeatmsa.org).

Thank you, Marie Ashmus, for your commitment to Bay Village, and especially for your years of tireless commitment to the education of Bay's children.

## JAMES H. CAHOON



James H. Cahoon was born and raised in Akron, Ohio (02/04/1954). He graduated from Washington and Jefferson College (1976), where he was a four-year football letter winner, twice president of his fraternity, and member of Who's Who in American Colleges and University. He holds a Master's Degree from the University of Akron (1990). Jim has lived his adult life by the axiom; "Happy is the man who dreams dreams and is willing to pay the price to see those dreams come true." He taught Social Studies in the Akron Public Schools for thirteen years, where he coached football, girls' cross country and track, girls' basketball and softball. His sports teams won eighteen city series championships, eight district championships and two regional titles. He is a member of the Summit County Sports Hall of Fame.

Jim moved into school administration in 1989 when he became Coordinator of Pupil Services in Akron, then High School Principal eventually becoming Superintendent of Black River Local Schools. Cahoon's career was capped off beginning in 1999 as Principal of Bay High School, where he served for twelve years. Principal Cahoon was extraordinarily proud of his teachers and students during his tenure. Bay High was frequently ranked among the best in the country in Academics (particularly AP), Music and Athletics.

Some highlights of Jim Cahoon's career at Bay High include the school earning Blue Ribbon School Status in the fall of 2010, beginning YPF (Youth Philanthropy Fellowship), a group of students, who raised money for health charities, starting HUDDLE (Helping Us Develop Dedication Leadership and Enthusiasm), a role model program, where students from the high school would teach life lessons to 2nd, 4th and 6th graders and helping to start PAL (Pupil Assisted Learning) with Brian Routhouska, which was a Typical Peer Friendship Program with Special Education Students, and formalizing Rocket Cards (People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel-Maya Angelou).

Jim Cahoon was a student centered principal, who hoped the high school was a place where each student felt safe and could achieve to his/her fullest. He has forever referred to Principal of Bay High School as the greatest job he could ever have. Jim is happily married to Dr. Debra Dodez Cahoon. They have three children, Kyle, Erin and Kate. They have been blessed with five wonderful grandchildren. Jim loves to play golf, attend music concerts, follow Cleveland/Bay Village sports teams, volunteer and travel the world with his wife. He is a Vice Chair of the MetroHealth Foundation Board and has chaired golf tournaments for MetroHealth's Cancer Center (Brett Altieri Memorial), Fill This House, Care for Aids and With Love, Maggie. Cahoon has stayed involved in Bay Schools during retirement with OCAD (Our Children Are Dying), PreVenture, the We Care Committee and the Bay High School Athletic Hall of Fame, which he helped found with Jack Rekstis. Jim and Deb recently moved to Eatonton, Ga, but Bay Village and Northeast Ohio will always be home.

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## BARB AND IAN WOODBURN



Barb and Ian Woodburn have proudly dedicated their lives to family, friends and our community at large. Their love of others and pay-it-forward philosophy have profoundly impacted countless people in their path while also shaping a lasting legacy.

High School sweethearts from Rocky River and Westlake, they married in 1960 after graduating from Ohio University and settled in Bay Village in 1962 to start/raise a family of three daughters. Education is a high priority in the Woodburn family. Barb has taught children in Bay schools for over 40 years. Her constant smile and nurturing teaching style are consistently recognized by parents and students alike. Being a regular recipient of the Apple Award is a testament to her impact on the lives of her students. She has also been instrumental in developing philanthropic programs in her 4th grade class, in order to encourage her students to care for others. Barb's passion of teaching is also evident at her church where she has taught confirmation classes for decades at Bethesda-on-the-Bay

Lutheran church. No cause has been too great for Barb to be involved in like the school levy campaigns, Play-In-Bay building project, Lutheran Hospital Board, Fill This House and many more. But her true love has been modeling unconditional love to her family.

Ian is a patriotic first-generation American citizen whose parents emigrated from Scotland. Following college, he worked at Society Bank as a corporate banker for nearly 20 years before transitioning to Heidrick & Struggles to recruit c-suite executives. His career then moved into the medical industry serving as CEO for Medical Consultants Imaging Corp. Serving those in need of compassionate healthcare became a high-priority as Ian served on the boards of both Lutheran and Fairview Hospitals, as well as The Lutheran Home. In addition to excellence in the business community, Ian has been a tremendous athlete playing competitive tennis, squash and golf for the majority of his adult life. Golf continues to be his greatest passion, as Ian plays 140+ rounds each year. Athletics notwithstanding, what brings him the greatest joy is his family and his lasting, loyal friendships.

Barb and Ian's selflessness and heart for others is evident to all who know them. Together, they embody a devotion to serving others, along with maintaining a palpable and joyful pride of our community. They are proud of their three daughters, sons-in-laws, 8 grandchildren (and their spouses), and soon to be 6 great grandchildren.

The Woodburn's love of family and our country is contagious. They encourage all to celebrate human differences and have taught all that it is better to give than receive. In many ways they are unsung heroes, quietly accomplishing great things while never seeking or expecting recognition. Their positive attitude is inspiring and the impact is everlasting to their family, Bay Village and their faith community.

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## GARY A. EBERT



Each year at BAYarts' annual fundraiser Moondance, a person (or people) who has made a difference in the community and in the arts gets a chance to "shine in the moonlight." On Sept. 14 this year, BAYarts will honor Gary and Pamela Ebert, who individually and together have contributed a lifetime of service to Bay Village and to BAYarts' continuing expansion.

In 2006, when BAYarts was forming a new board and hurdling other challenges, Gary stepped up with legal counsel and a genuine interest in seeing the new organization succeed. He has remained on the board ever since (only occasionally leaving a meeting early for another city meeting or a grandchild's sporting match). Pam was the creative force behind BAYarts' sold out ENCORE! last year, a benefit for the playhouse renovation, raising twice the targeted funding goal (while making it look incredibly easy).

Together, the Eberts are benefactors of BAYarts' historic red caboose, a passion project, funding renovations and upkeep over the years and dedicating it to their grandchildren.

Gary and Pamela graduated from Ashland University and moved to Cleveland so that Gary could attend law school. Pamela taught elementary art in Rocky River and later music at St. Bernadette in Westlake. They moved to Bay Village in 1976 where they raised their three children – Carrie, Amanda and Brian – and immediately became very involved in the community. Gary ran for city council in 1982 and in 1986 was appointed law director. Together they co-chaired the Mayor's Charity Ball for more than 20 years.

Over the years, Gary was president of the Bay Men's Club, was involved in Kiwanis and co-founded the Village Foundation (now the Bay Village Foundation) with T. Richard Martin – dedicated to benefitting city organizations through funding and scholarships. Although he recently retired from the city, he remains a consultant and keeps up with his busy law practice. He is on the leadership council of St. John Medical Center, a trustee for "Wigs for Kids" and, in addition to BAYarts, is on the board of directors for the International Municipal Lawyers Association

These days many of the Eberts' activities revolve around their five grandchildren. Pam is still active in the arts: painting, sewing and knitting hats for "Wigs for Kids." Gary is an avid gardener and loves to golf. Together they enjoy travel and spending time with family and friends.

## FRANK & MARGE (SOPER) HELDT



Frank & Marge (Soper) Heldt were born in Chicago, Illinois in 1925 and 1926 respectively. They attended rival high schools on the northwest side of Chicago and met while attending Wright Junior College after Frank returned from serving 3 years in the Air Force during WWII which included a visit to Normandy, France 5 days after D-Day.

After a year at Wright Frank left Chicago to attend the University of Iowa where he played football for 3 years and graduated in 1950 with a degree in business. On December 26th of that year they were married in a blinding snowstorm, but it must have been a good sign for the marriage lasted over 66 years! Their 3 sons, Gary, Jeffrey and Bruce were all born over the next 7 years as the family moved from Chicago to Baltimore to Indianapolis to Cleveland following Frank's sales career. One visit to Bay Village was all Marge needed to be "sold" on Bay and they moved in right after Christmas 1961.

Over the next 50+ years Frank & Marge immersed themselves in the community--church, school, civic, athletic--you name it and they were involved in it. They were members of Bay Presbyterian Church for 56 years where Marge sang in the choir for over 30 years and also played in the bell choir for 10.

Frank continued in his sales and management career with Pfizer and then Merck while Marge was a dutiful homemaker and when the boys were older went to work as a secretary for the board of education and eventually Bay High School, a position she held for 12 years. Marge was also a 50 year member of the Village 100 Women's Club (where she also served 2 terms as president), the PTA, the Bay Garden Club and was a co-founder of the Bay Village Recycling Club. She was also a passionate gardener, bike rider and bridge player and still found time to sew cancer pads with some of her friends.

Frank was an active citizen as well and was a member of the Bay Men's Club and the Bay Rockets Association both of which he served as president. He was a member of the finance committee that raised the funds for the construction of the new Bay Memorial Stadium at the high school in 1972. Every summer from 1963 through 1974 he coached his 3 son's baseball teams. In his retirement years he was an active volunteer with the Friends of the Library and he served on Mayor Tom Jelepis' committee to bring cable television to Bay Village in the 1980's.

Frank and Marge were die-hard fans of the Indians, Browns and Cavaliers and for many years had season tickets to the Indians and Browns. Their greatest sports passion, however, was saved for the Bay High Rockets where over a 50+ year span they watched their sons and granddaughters participate in football, basketball, baseball, track, cross country, soccer, softball, volleyball and the Rockette's Dance Team. Frank probably saw over 1000 Bay High School athletic events during that time period!

Frank's and Marge's family includes sons Gary (Joy), Jeffrey, Bruce (Karen) and grandchildren Drew, Jake, Lauren and Meredith. The family would like to offer a special "Thank you" to the wonderful anonymous donor whose generosity made today's event possible. Your heartfelt gesture is deeply appreciated by the entire Heldt Family.

## ROBERT AND NANCY FLEMING



Robert and Nancy Fleming were longtime residents of Cahoon Road. While they may have lived on the "wrong side of the tracks" in Westlake, they were appreciative of all that Bay Village has to offer, especially all the parks with lake views to walk their big dogs.

Bob, nicknamed Beet by his older brother, was the second of three boys born to Robert L. and Agnes Fleming of Seven Hills, Ohio. A member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, Bob graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering from Case Institute of Technology in Cleveland in 1961. He worked at NASA Lewis Research Center on the Saturn V and introduced himself to his Cahoon Road neighbors with a moon landing party in July 1969.

A founding father of the Cleveland Fagowee Ski Club, Bob met Nancy (Majercak) at a club meeting in 1972. Nancy was the second of four children born to Edward and Nancy Majercak in Lakewood, Ohio. She attended Saint Augustine's Academy and graduated from Lakewood High School. They married in Las Vegas during a swimming pool convention in January 1975. They owned their own ski and swimming pool businesses, winning numerous design awards and the trust of customers across the greater Cleveland area. Nancy applied her experience from jobs at AT&T and GMAC toward administration and accounting.

Bob and Nancy both transitioned to careers in real estate and built many enduring friendships while working out of the Bay Village Smythe Cramer office.

Nancy became known as the "Saint Bernard lady," raising six successive Saint Bernards, and fostering many other big dogs. Bob and Nancy would often walk their dogs at the lake and Cahoon Park.

In addition to Bob's three children from his first marriage, Debbie Cross, Bob Fleming, and Sherri Holcombe; Bob and Nancy have one daughter, Emily, a graduate of Westlake High School. Bob and Nancy lived in Sheffield, for two years after selling their home before moving to Alexandria, VA, near Emily and their youngest grandson.

Bob passed away in May 2018 at the age of 80. Nancy continues to care for big dogs and has become a grandmother extraordinaire.

**WAYNE AND JEANNE REESE**



Wayne Reese, a proud native of Bay Village and son of former mayor, Henry Reese. He graduated from Bay High School, Ohio State University and attended Cleveland Marshall College of Law. He served three years in the U.S. Army as a member of the Army Security Agency and was employed for 35 years at Massachusetts Life Mutual Co.

He is a co-founder and life-time member of The Bay Village Foundation and has served on Bay Village City Council, Bay Youth Development Board, Mayor’s Task Force for the Youth Center and St. Raphael Parish Council. He is co-founder of The Bay Education Foundation and a member of the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) committee.

Jeanne has volunteered for 45 years on The Fairview Hospital Auxiliary Board and she is a Eucharistic Minister of St. Raphael’s Parish. Jeanne enjoyed her years assisting Wayne with his many civic projects ; and, in supporting their two daughters.

Wayne and Jeanne are proud parents of Wendy Reese and Kristie Reese Brown (George) and two grandchildren, Stephanie and Elliot Brown

**GERALD & JOYCE MAURER**



Gerald (Jerry) & Joyce Maurer have been longtime residents of Bay Village, Ohio. They first moved to Bay Village in 1967 and resided there until 2002. They then resided in Westlake, OH during retirement for sixteen years. And now Joyce has recently moved back to Bay Village in 2018.

Jerry was born in Rochester, NY in 1936. His family moved to Akron, OH and he spent most of his childhood there. He is a graduate of Notre Dame University, BS (class of 1958) and Ohio State University, MBA (class of 1959). Jerry worked for The Higbee Company of Cleveland, Ohio from 1960-1974. He spent fourteen years at Higbee working as a store manager. He then joined his brother, Charles Maurer to work for the venture American Handling Equipment from 1974-1988. His last professional chapter was dedicated to his own business venture when he owned Exercare Fitness Equipment Company from 1988-2002, after which he later sold the company and entered into retirement. Jerry was keenly interested in hobbies such as restoring antique automobiles, collecting and restoring Handel lamps, and researching and writing a book on the family genealogy. Jerry was also president of the Cowan Pottery Museum Associates (CPMA) which supports the Cowan Pottery Museum displayed at the Rocky River Public Library. Both Jerry and Joyce are continual patrons of the Cleveland Museum of Art and the Cleveland Orchestra.



Joyce Maurer (nee Froning) was born in St. Marys, OH in 1937. She is a graduate of The College of St. Mary of the Springs (currently Ohio Dominican University) of Columbus, OH (class of 1959). Jerry and Joyce were married in 1960. They lived in Lakewood, OH, and then decided to raise their family in Bay Village, OH in 1967 for it’s quiet suburban life and excellent schools. Joyce chose to be the primary caregiver of their five children, Joan Stumpf (nee Maurer), Jill Mutch (nee Maurer); Joy Dagon (nee Maurer), John Maurer and Justin Maurer. Joyce is also a faithful member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Avon Lake, OH. All of their children attended Bay Village schools and are graduates of Bay High School. Jerry and Joyce have sixteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren presently. Their greatest joy and purpose has been to raise their children and watch their family grow.

Jerry died of Lewy Body Dementia in 2014. He is survived by Joyce and the family. Our dedication is an effort to celebrate the values that Jerry and Joyce lived by: faith, family, industry, and love.

RUSSELL BRILL (MAY 24TH, 1989 – DECEMBER 27TH 2016)



27 years. We only got 27 years. But in that 27 years we got a lot.

Bay High got a really talented artist. There wasn't an instrument he couldn't play (well, maybe not the sitar. The sitar is hard). But likely no one brought as much energy, as much "joie de vivre" as Russell out on the football field on Friday nights. And when I need to be near him I listen to his music and his dad reads his poetry.

Bay Diner got one of the friendliest most engaging waiters ever. Russell had kindness for all, young and old, from the older "regulars" to young kids unable to make up their minds – or sit still.

Bay Methodist church got a thoughtful young man who went through 2 years of confirmation only to not go through with the confirmation because he wasn't intellectually convinced. Yet Russell was a 7 year volunteer to the Appalachian Service Project, eventually serving as a leader.

AA got a tireless member and an inspirational sponsor. He helped dozens of young men find their way.

His wife Laura got too little time. But she got a man who utterly adored her.

His family got a wild ride, seeing the most loving heart, the brightest intellect, the funniest wit, and incredible talent wrapped up in a surprisingly frail package. We experienced all the emotions that exist in the human condition. And we were blessed to have him, even though it was only for 27 years.

A few quotes that reflect his essence -

"God respects me when I work; but he loves me when I sing"  
– Rabindranath Tagore

"The purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others"  
– Albert Schweitzer

"The players gonna play play play play play & the haters gonna make some legitimate points about my shortcomings baby  
I'm just gonna shake it off"  
– Russell Brill & Taylor Swift

JEAN AND JULIUS ZAJAC



Jean and Julius moved to Bay Village in 1963. They chose Bay for its superior school system and proximity to Julius's employment. Jean, a retired elementary school teacher, was a stay-at-home mother. Julius and his brother, Ted, also a long-time Bay resident, ran Perry-Fay Manufacturing in Elyria, Ohio. They sold Perry-Fay to Parker Hannifin in the late 1960s, after which Julius was involved in several smaller manufacturing operations on the west side of Cleveland. Their children, Jeannie and Jim were active at the Lake Erie Nature and Science Center, learning directly from its founder, Elberta Fleming. Jean volunteered at the Center for many years. Jean and Julius were active in fundraising for the Center in its formative years and served as hosts for many of its popular 'progressive dinners'.

Jean and Julius were members of Bay Village United Methodist Church. Jean passed away in October 1992. Julius remained in his Bay Village home until 2009 and passed away in August 2013.

**HENRY AND BETTY LAUB**



Henry and Betty Laub, lived most of their lives in Bay Village and were very proud to be a part of this lovely and welcoming community by the lake. We, their children, would like to take this wonderful opportunity to honor their memory and the city they loved so much.

Henry Laub and Betty Dietrich were born in Cleveland and Chicago, respectively. They met at the University of Michigan where our father was working on his MBA degree and our mother was training as a dental hygienist. Their first few married years were spent on the East side of Cleveland while our father started his career at Merrill Lynch in downtown Cleveland. He would eventually retire from Merrill after a remarkable and successful career spanning 50 years.

Looking for a safer and more comfortable new home for their growing family, in 1955 our parents built a small colonial house in a neighborhood in western Bay that had only recently been carved out of the forest. We had dense woods to the east and fields and orchards to the west. We kids felt like pioneers and were allowed to play freely in this wild territory.

Our childhoods were filled with wonderful memories of walking to Glenview (and later the new Middle and High Schools), family adventures in Bay and regular travel, both domestic and international. Our parents were very generous in showing us the world and teaching us to appreciate the cultural differences and natural beauty to be found wherever we went.

In 1970, our parents built their dream home in a newer neighborhood in far western Bay. One by one we kids went off to college and ultimately moved out of state. Our parents lived together in that home until our mother died in 1989. Our father eventually remarried and continued to live in the Bay house with his new wife, Miriam, until his death in 2016 at age 90.

Throughout our lives in Bay, we all sincerely loved and appreciated the beauty, safety and friendly ambience of this charming little community by the lake. For our family, the years spent in Bay were among the happiest of our lives.

Curtis Laub, MD  
Theresa Lawrence  
Cynthia Laub

**EDWARD R. MATTHEWS (1915-2016)**



Ned Matthews was born on New Years Eve, December 31st, 1915. He grew up in Lakewood, Ohio and graduated from Lakewood High School. It wasn't until his college years at Fenn University where he met the girl of his dreams, Grace McGahan. They shared a life long romance together that would be fit for a novel. The couple married in 1944 and had one child, Craig. Ned and his beloved son's favorite pastime was fishing down by the pier in Bay Village.

In World War II, Ned joined the United States Army and became a high ranking officer. During the Battle of Guadalcanal, Ned spent eighteen (18) days in a trench to avoid capture by the enemy. This battle served to be the first major offensive and decisive victory for the allies in the Pacific.

When the War was over, Ned and his family moved to Bay Village where he would spend the remaining years of his life. Neighbors would say that their humble house would serve as a nucleus of happiness in the neighborhood. Ned's occupation was the bookkeeper at Glidden Paint Company. His favorite hobbies included bowling, gardening, pinochle and of course, fishing.

Ned lived to be 100 years of age and certainly lived his life right. He had a good sense of humor, never complained and always looked toward the bright side of things. He will be remembered as someone with a loving heart and who always thought of others well-being before his own.

**ROBERT J. THOMAS (1945-2016)**

“Beloved photographer, businessman, citizen, and friend”



Born on Cleveland’s east side, Bob graduated from Shaw High School and earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Master of Business Education from Bowling Green State University. In 1970 he married Monica Roman and returned to Shaw High School to teach Distributive Education, at the same time starting the Retailing Program at Ursuline College in Pepper Pike. Shortly thereafter he left education to work for Republic Steel in Manpower Planning and Development; he moved on to the Personnel Department of Allied Supermarkets and finally to Bowman Distribution as Corporate Training Director. This last position had Bob travelling throughout the U.S. and this definitely took time away from his wife and two young children, Stephanie and Bobby.

As a teaching assistant at BGSU, Bob had dabbled in photography for supplemental income and that interest had grown through the years; so in 1986 he and Monica teamed up and established Thomas & Thomas West Shore Studio, Inc. in Bay Village, which they had called home since 1977. It quickly became one of Cleveland’s most respected studios. The studio was sold in 2009 to two talented young women who had had their own high school senior pictures done by Bob. The legacy continues.

Bob’s photographic artistry continues to grace many homes in Bay Village and throughout NE Ohio. He was an exceptional talent, recognized by the Professional Photographers of Ohio as “Mid-East Regional Photographer of the Year” in 1995. One of his best known photographs (“All My Children”), a delightful portrait of nine Irish Setter puppies, hangs on permanent exhibit in the Photography Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City. His favorite subjects, however, were the hundreds of high school seniors he photographed yearly. He was able to see the best in each of them.

Besides his business endeavors, Bob served on the Red Cross Executive and Blood Committees, organized the first all-high school blood bank this side of the Mississippi, served as Bay Men’s Club President (1989-90), and in 2004 became a “walking” volunteer for SOAR, an organization that provides recreational opportunities for adults with disabilities.

Bob, a multi-talented man, with a kind, gentle heart often remarked that he had received so many blessings: a devoted family, faithful friends, and living and working in Bay Village.

**HERMAN AND JOYCE BREDENBECK**

Herman Edward “Herm” Bredenbeck was born May 2, 1933 in Cleveland, Ohio. He attended Brooklyn Village Schools. He graduated from Brooklyn High School as class president, lettering in three sports.

Herm attended the University of Cincinnati, receiving a degree in Mechanical Engineering. While in college he met a student nurse, Joyce “Joy” Cuppett. They married in 1956.

Herm worked for Baldwin Piano after graduation. He was involved in the development of the electronic piano. Herm still enjoys playing the piano.

In 1959, Herm and Joy moved to Bay Village. They lived on Westwood Road until the gift of three children made a move desirable. The Bredenbecks have lived in their present home since 1967. When they moved to a Bay their present street was a gravel road!

Herm joined the family firm, Advance Manufacturing and retired as president recently. During his career he was President of the Cleveland Tool and Die Association and was active in near west side related business groups. The Weatherhead School of Business

recognized Advance Manufacturing as a leader in their field.

Joy was busy raising the family and returned to nursing in 1972. She retired from Lakewood Hospital in 1994 as Patient Education Coordinator. She completed her career as Parish Visitor for Bay United Methodist church. The Bredenbecks joined the church in 1959 and have been active in various areas of church life.

Over the years Herm and Joy have traveled throughout the world. They visited China, Australia and many places in Europe and the U.S.

Herm and Joy are now “aging in place” enjoying their home, gardens and community. Their children: Jon, Kristen, Gretchen and seven grandchildren give this in love and gratitude for the gift of their parents and grandparents.

**HAWTHORNE FAMILY**



We wish to memorialize the Hawthorne Family because the enjoyment of living in Bay Village was one of the most important aspects of their lives.

The Hawthornes, Robert, Ruth, Robert II, and Ronald, moved from Springfield, Illinois, to Bay Village in 1952.

Robert was a top executive at American Greetings Corporation for 30 years. He was the director of training and artist recruitment.

Ruth was a teacher at Normandy Elementary School and Westerly Elementary School for 20 years. We hope that many of her former students will see this plaque.

Robert II was a proud 1963 graduate of Bay High School. He lettered in baseball on Coach Jack Llewellyn’s team. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Wittenberg University and his master’s degree from The Ohio State University. He taught business courses at community colleges, and he was a dedicated federal civil servant over a long career with the Veterans’ Administration and the Department of Housing and Urban Development in downtown Cleveland.

Ronald was a proud 1966 graduate of Bay High School. He attended Heidelberg University, and he earned his bachelor’s degree and his master’s degree from The Ohio State University. He worked in marketing and strategic planning for several Cleveland banks and for General Motors Delphi Corporation.

The Hawthorne family were members of Bay Presbyterian Church. Robert II and Ron played on the BPC softball team in the Bay Mens’ League for many years. We hope that many of their former teammates will see this plaque.

**LELA (1922-2007) AND RICHARD (1922-2015) SCHIER**



Richard Schier was a proud alumnus of West Tech High School, Cleveland; and, a WWII Navy veteran, stationed in Charleston S.C.. Richard was a long time employee of Eaton Corporation, where he held several patents relative to his specialized mechanical and gear Naval training.

Lela attended Ohio University majoring in Business and Accounting. She worked for several companies over her lifetime.

David Junk, a family friend remembers Richard and Lela this way: “He and Lela were soul-mates, they were married for over 60 years. Richard and Lela were a great couple who enriched the lives of those around them with their gregarious nature”.

Mr. Junk continued, “Richard always had a laugh to share and story to tell. He was proud of his military service during WWII; he was a patriotic, sincere, honest, trustworthy man. He was very conservative in his view of life and business.” They are missed by their family and friends.

**JIM POTTER**

James R. (Jim) Potter, a Bay Village resident since 1976, and a retired aerospace executive, is one of the city's longest serving civic workhorses. Jim was born in Crescent City, California and grew up in the Los Angeles area where he attended University High School, served in the Navy and began his career with North American Aviation Corporation. He was elected President of the UCLA Graduate School of Management Executive Program in 1974. Jim started several companies including Potter and Associates which received county, state and national recognition before retiring in 2010.

A member for 32 years of Bay's American Legion Post 385, he served seven years as Post Commander. He was a Charter Director of The Bay Village Foundation and helped organize the Bay Soccer Club, Play in Bay and the Bay Youth Center. In 2000, he was runner-up in the Bay Mayoral election.

Jim was selected as Bay Citizen of the Year in 1994 and Veteran of the Year in 2008. His wife of 46 years, Judy, also prominent in civic affairs, passed away in 2006. They raised

three children, Jennifer, Jeanie and John, all graduates of Bay High School. He is now married to the former Linda Luecke, who is also active in civic affairs. Together Jim and Linda have twelve grandchildren!

He is a Past President of the Bay Kiwanis Club, serving as president in 1983-84 and again in 2004-2005. Active today, he has served the club in many capacities over thirty eight years including the role as master of ceremonies for the Bay High School Academic Achievement Awards for 21 years. Currently Jim remains as an advisor to St. Raphael School Builder's Club, a Kiwanis youth leadership club.

The list gets longer. He was appointed to the city's Charter Review Commission for 1992. He has served twenty nine years as a member of the Bay Village Civil Service Commission, 20 of those years as Chairman. In the process, he became a founding member and twice President of the Cuyahoga County Association of Civil Service Commissioners.

Jim was a member of Leadership Cleveland, class of 1978, after which he served on the Cleveland Catholic Bishop's budget committee, and on the Development Board of St. John Westshore Hospital.

A man of strong faith, he is a member of St. Raphael Catholic Church, where he served on three capital campaign committees. In 2015, he retired as an extraordinary minister and lector after 40 years of service. Jim's life of service is marked by his willingness to take responsibility as the opportunity presents itself on behalf of those things that matter most to him: family, faith and community.

**EILEEN VERNON**

Eileen and her husband, Don were charter members of The Bay Village Foundation in 1997, where Eileen remains on the board for over 20 years. She helped organize the first Foundation Memorial Day gathering in 2002 and chaired the Honors Plaque program since it's beginning. She served as Executive director of the Foundation for a few years and as its president for 9 years. She is currently active with the Community Fireworks Committee and the Live Theater in Bay, and she serves as a lector and Eucharistic minister at St. Raphael's Catholic Church.

As President of The Bay Village Foundation, Eileen was one of the drivers of the Community Fireworks Fund that helped save the community's fireworks display, helped raise the funds for the repair of the City Hall clock and she kicked off the plans to refurbish Play-in-Bay.

Eileen and her husband Don have been residents of Bay for 32 years. She was debate coach at Bay High School from 1985-1988. She served as Executive Director of The Cleveland International Volunteer Organizations. She graduated from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in 1991. Eileen became the Regional Vice President of The American Arbitration Association for twelve years before retiring in 2005.

Before coming to Bay Village, Eileen taught speech and debate at Bradley University and hosted a daily talk show for 12 years on WZOE Princeton, IL radio. Eileen and her husband Don are proud parents of Jan, Donna and Christina. They have 8 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

## HENRY AND HELEN REESE



Longtime residents Mayor Henry Reese and his wife Helen moved to Bay Village early in their marriage and reared their family here. Henry served as mayor from 1970-1978, and was Bay Village's first full-time mayor. Prior to becoming mayor, he served on the Board of Review from 1967-1968, and as a councilman from 1968-1969. While mayor, Henry was a member of the governing board of the Northern Ohio Area-wide Coordinating Agency, presided over the Westshore Council of Governments and was an official of the Mayors & City Managers Association. Mayor Reese is credited with paving the way for many public improvements and civic amenities still enjoyed by the community. He is also credited with expanding Bay Village's youth programs. In addition, Henry was employed by the Shell Oil Company for 35 years where he worked in finance, sales, industrial relations, human resources and real estate.

Helen was an active member of the Bay Women's Club, an usher at Huntington Playhouse, and worked behind the scenes supporting Henry at many social events. The couple raised two sons, Wayne and Robert, in Bay Village.

## 2014 Dedication

## JOHN MATYAS



In John Matyas' memory, words of wisdom passed to us, we share with you that you may live life to its fullest, laugh out loud, and love always...

Don't complain.

God will not burden you with more than you can bear.

It's all in the approach.

Prioritize.

Always save for a rainy day.

Don't double up to catch up.

Believe half of what you see, and none of what you hear and you'll do ok in life.

Sometimes you have to revert to mushroom mode.

Don't go changing to try to please me (that should be a song).

When you've lost something always check the freezer first.

There are calories in beer and apples in the fridge.

Money doesn't grow on trees.

You have to have money to make money.

Don't pots around.

Make the most of every moment.

Most Fondly,

John's loving wife Patricia, Sara Matyas Styles, Laura Matyas, and our families

## THE JOHN HARKNETT FAMILY



Both Pat and John were born in New York and moved to New Jersey where they met and married and started a family. After corporate moves to Florida, Connecticut and Illinois, they were transferred to Bay Village forty years ago and decided it was the place they wanted to stay.

Their four children—John, Caryn, Kristen, and Jami—got an excellent education at St. Raphael’s School. They enjoyed participating in Indian Guides and Princesses and played on numerous Bay Recreation Programs and St. Raphael sports teams. Many of these teams were coached by their dad (John).

John said, “From Bay Days to days at Cedar Point we have a wealth of happy memories that are now being shared with our eleven grandchildren. Thanks, Bay Village, for being a great place to raise our family!”



**LISA J. HUHNDORFF**  
(1964 - 2002)

### DAUGHTER OF KAREN AND HARRY HUHNDORFF

Lisa was born in St. Albans, Vermont and moved to Bay Village with her family in 1966. After several moves, the family permanently settled in Bay and Lisa completed her middle and high school years. In addition to her studies, she was active on Year Book Staff and in AFS during which she spent a part of her 1981 summer in Portugal.

Lisa, a 1982 Bay High School Alumna, graduated from The University of Michigan earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial and Operations Engineering and a Second Lieutenant Commission in the United States Air Force in 1986. From 1986 to 1990, Lisa served as Chief, Industrial Engineering Branch of the 89th Civil Engineering Squadron, Andrews Air Force Base. In 1989, she earned a Master of Business Administration Degree in Logistics and Operations Management from George Washington University. Promoted to Captain Huhndorff, she received her pilot wings in 1992 at Williams Air Force Base in Arizona. She became part of a Reserve C-141 Squadron based at Andrews and flew worldwide airlift missions as well as priority Presidential support, State Department, and Aeromedical Evacuation missions attaining the rank of Major. 1997-2002, Lisa joined Northwest Airlines as Flight Engineer, then becoming Second Officer flying Boeing 727

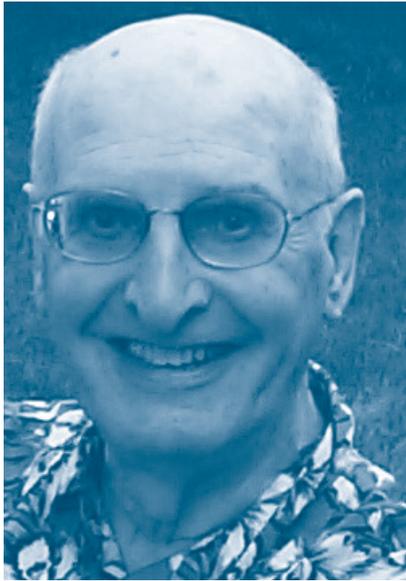
aircraft. She was promoted to First Officer one year later.

In addition to flying, she was an avid skier, sailor, and scuba diver. At home in Annapolis, MD, she enjoyed gardening, decorating, and cooking.

Always willing to challenge life, Lisa made many decisions to meet her goals until her untimely death, the result of a cerebral aneurysm at age 37.

In celebration of her life and as a tribute to her memory, we dedicate this plaque to remember our daughter. Lisa lives in the hearts of her loving family and her dear friends forever.

**JOHN L. YUHAS, SR.**  
**(1928-2013)**



John L. Yuhas, Sr., was born on August 13, 1928 in Lakewood, and attended Saints Cyril and Methodius School while growing up in Lakewood's "Bird Town." His mother died when he was two years old, and John benefited from programs at Lakewood Day Nursery, which provided structured activities to motherless children. The experiences there formed the foundation for his life's work in elementary education and recreation.

John graduated from Lakewood High School in 1947. He was a three-sport letterman in football, basketball, and track. He was the Ranger's leading scorer in basketball in both his junior and senior seasons. After graduation, John worked for the Lakewood Service Department and attended Ohio University briefly before being drafted into the Army in 1950.

While in the Army, John was assigned to special services. He worked providing recreation activities for the troops at his base. He also participated on the Camp Breckinridge football, basketball, and track teams. Participation on these teams allowed him to travel around the country and play against many All-Americans and professional players of that era. Just prior to his discharge from active duty, he played in the 1953 Salad Bowl in Phoenix, Arizona, the precursor to today's Fiesta Bowl. He then served as an Army reservist until 1957.

John returned to college and graduated from Ohio University with a B.S. in education in 1957. Soon thereafter he started his thirty-year career as an elementary physical education teacher for the Berea City School District. While working as a summer baseball league

coordinator at Lakewood's Madison Park, John met Rosemarie Siemer, and they subsequently married on May 30, 1958. They moved to Bay Village and lived there for the next 47 years. They had four children; John L. Yuhas, D.O. (Kimberly) of Fremont, OH, Monica Mack (Frank) of Mechanicsville, VA, Jay Yuhas, D.O. (Michele Moore, D.O.) of Bay Village, and Jennifer Ponce (Roberto) of Farmington Hills, MI. Their ten grandchildren are Mike, Amy, Eric, Carolyn, Annemarie, Steven, Patty, Cyril, Isabella, and Carmen. He was an excellent role model and ardent supporter of all of his children and grandchildren. In recent years, he reveled in attending his grandchildren's Olympic Day at Normandy School, and was noted by parents, teachers and staff to be in his element.

While starting his life in Bay Village, he maintained his athletic career and Lakewood roots. John and his Lakewood buddies won the 1959 World Slow Pitch Softball Tournament sanctioned by the Amateur Softball Association of America. The demands of family life and a sore knee brought his playing days to a close, so he began to work after-school hours and summers with the Bay Village Parks and Recreation Department. He was the commissioner of the Early and Bay Major Softball Leagues at Cahoon Park. There he enjoyed interacting with many players, umpires, maintenance crews, spectators and the children who liked to hang out at the ball fields. For many years, John's golf classes were popular among many Bay residents as well. For over 25 years, he volunteered for the Bay High School Football Chain Gang.

During John's residence in Bay, he was a parishioner at St. Raphael and then Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Over the years, he moved his family to several different homes in Bay, restoring and maintaining them with great pride. He always meticulously planned and planted vegetable and flower gardens. One Christmas, he donated a beautiful pine tree from his Bassett Road property for all to enjoy as the community tree in the gazebo. John was inducted into the Lakewood Athletic Hall of Fame in 1991. In 2005, he moved from Bay Village to Avon Lake and continued his gardening and devotion to youth athletics. His game plan for life will live on with those he taught. Pull your own weight, appreciate others, and play a game. Marvel at the human body's capabilities and respect your own body. Listen to music and play along when you can. Plant a garden. Eat breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and always find room for dessert!

**ELIZABETH ROSS MARTIN**

Elizabeth Ross Martin (Betsy) was born in Cleveland in 1930. Her family moved to Lakewood when she was three years old, and remained there until 1943. At that time, her family moved to Green Bay, Wisconsin, where she graduated from high school. Betsy then attended Carleton College in Minnesota for two years before transferring to the University of Wisconsin-Madison where she received her Bachelor of Business Administration from the School of Commerce.

While at the University of Wisconsin, Betsy met her future husband, T. Richard Martin (Dick). They were married in 1952. They spent two years at Fort Knox, Kentucky while Dick served in the army during the Korean War. After military service, Dick and Betsy moved back to the area. They spent two years in Rocky River before moving to Bay Village in 1957.

Betsy worked at National City Bank as a credit analyst for two years before their daughter, Susan was born. Susan was followed by, a son, Ross three years later. Betsy then devoted her time to her family and she became involved in community projects and activities. During her children's school years, she was very active in the P.T.A. She participated in the League of Women Voters, P.E.O. and their church. She currently serves as a volunteer at the Lake Erie Nature and Science Center and has served as a volunteer for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Association for many years.

Betsy has lived in Bay Village for over 55 years and she still considers it to be the BEST PLACE TO LIVE.

**JAMES C. REDINGER**

Jim was born March 21, 1937. He grew up on Lake Road with his parents, two brothers and a sister. He attended Bay Schools K-12. Being the youngest, his accomplishments in BHS sports were impressive: 10 Varsity Letters (3 Football, 3 Basketball, 4 Baseball), Captain of Baseball team (1954), Captain of Basketball team (1954-55), Captain of Bay's ONLY undefeated football team (1954), 1954 Otto Graham Award Winner as Outstanding Football Player in Cuyahoga County, SWC Most Outstanding Player in Football (1954), Honorable Mention All State Football (1954), All SWC First Team Baseball (1954-55), "All County" In Football in Cleveland News and Cleveland Press, Pitched a No -Hitter during senior year (1955).

Jim earned a BS in Economics from Purdue University (1955-59). Jim played football for Purdue successfully and went on to play for the Boston Patriots briefly. He married his high school sweetheart, Elizabeth, in 1961, and had five children. All children attended and graduated from Bay High School. He also coached football for BHS in 1984-1986, with the team winning the SWC conference in 1986.

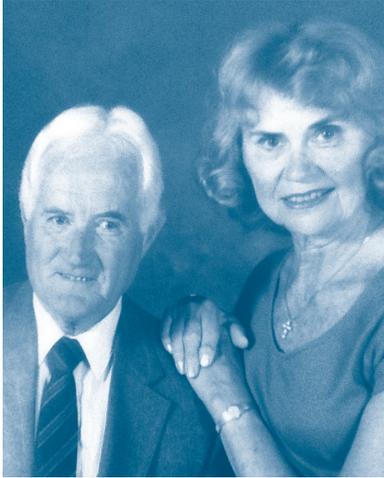
Jim has worked mostly in the investment business starting with JN Russell and then McDonald & Co. as Sr. Managing Director in charge of Equity Capital Markets.

Jim now works with his son, Michael, forming the Redinger Wealth Management Group at UBS Financial Services, Inc. Jim also serves on the boards of Catholic Charities, The Diocese of Cleveland, and The Bay Village Foundation.

Jim was given the "Distinguished Alumni Award" from BHS for Business and Community Service. He was inducted into the Bay High Athletic Hall of Fame in 2008 as a member of the 1954 only undefeated football team in Bay's history. In 2009 he was inducted again as an individual player into the Bay High Athletic Hall of Fame.

Jim and Liz reside in Marblehead, Ohio. All five children, their spouses, and fourteen grandchildren live in the Cleveland area. He has a grandson playing his final year of football and basketball at BHS (2012-2013).

## IVAN AND MIRIAM SHEPARD



This plaque is in honor of Ivan and Miriam Shepard. How appropriate it is that this dedication plaque will be located just down the road from where Ivan and Miriam Shepard lived on Lake Road in Bay Village for over 50 years. Their beautiful home, which overlooked the lake, is where their love grew, where they raised their three children, and where the center of most activity occurred for their family, which included eleven grandchildren, and recently two great-grandchildren. It was home where they taught mainly by example through loving guidance to their children the virtues of kindness and wisdom, which formed the children to see the presence of God in all. Their home was a place where the fondest memories were of just having fun with loved ones.

Miriam was born in Perth Amboy in New York and raised in East Sparta, Ohio. Ivan was born and raised in Agawam, Massachusetts. Miriam and Ivan met in 1949. He had returned from naval service in World War II in the Pacific and was a student at Ohio State University. Miriam had just graduated from the same university, where she was also a student. Miriam had been selected as an OSU sorority beauty queen while a student and caught the eye of Ivan. They married in 1950, lived in Columbus, Ohio, and subsequently had three children,

Kirk, Robin, and Mark. The family moved to Bay Village in 1962, when Ivan, an insurance executive, was asked to start a new company in Cleveland. The Shepard family fell in love with the century home with the large porch overlooking the lake and purchased it. The house was built in 1880 and proudly displays a plaque presented by the Bay Village Historical Society, which hangs near the front door. The plaque signifies that the house was one of the original homes in Bay Village. The white clapboard home was just right for both: Ivan with his love of nature and the lake's many scenic presentations and Miriam with her love of decorating, cooking, antiques, and the space to create a warm family setting. In the past, Miriam even served as president of the local antique club. The home was also the perfect setting to raise their three growing children; eventually all three would graduate from Bay High School. Two of their three children returned to Bay after college and are currently raising their own families in the community. Even though Ivan and Miriam participated in many activities within the community, schools, work, and the church, nothing supplanted the importance of family as the center of their lives. And in return, "Mimo" and "Pepe" (as they were fondly called by their grandchildren), have always been in the center of the lives of their three children, their spouses, and their grandchildren.

They passed onto their children and families the lesson that love begins at home and forms the core of who you are and how you treat others as you go through life. They gave us the comforting gift of knowing that no matter where you are in the world, you can always close your eyes and come home to the beauty of Bay Village and the warmth of a loving family there waiting for you.

## JOAN HIRSH (1940 – 2011)



Joan was born in Chicago and came to the Cleveland area because of her husband Robert's job. After the birth of their daughter, Margaret, her volunteer time went to their shared interests. The Bay Village schools benefited during Margie's K to 12 years.

Joan did a program at Westerly that Margie remembers called Lighted Schoolhouse.

She also did publicity and other volunteering. Joan worked on special events and served on the Board of Directors for Lake Erie Nature and Science Center and supported Airedale Rescue. When Margie was competing her horses, Joan did a great deal of advertising, publicity and fundraising as a volunteer for Northern Ohio Dressage Association, as well as the United States Dressage Federation-Region 2.

Joan was a tireless worker for the League of Women Voters, the Bay Chapter as well as the League of Women Voters Cuyahoga Area. She not only raised funds and handled publicity, but she also came up with ideas for League events. Her "Let's Vote" project of Mock elections at the Bay Village Middle School was the model for Mock elections at High Schools around the County by LWV Cuyahoga Area. Candidates Nights and Voters Guides always received her meticulous attention. She worked very hard lining up workers for Bay Days and the Bay Chapter's part in

that. The Board of Education recognized her contributions at Candidates Night 2011 with a tribute and a plaque that hangs in the Middle School library. The inscription reads "In memory of Joan Hirsh. We honor her years of service in Civic Education to our Bay Village students and the community with the League of Women Voters."

Her death on August 30, 2011 was unexpected and mourned by all who knew her.



**TOM JELEPIS**

Tom Jelepis was born in Cleveland in 1955 and moved to Lakewood at the age of 5. Upon graduation from Lakewood High School, Tom enlisted in the Marine Corps for a three year tour. Tom then graduated from Cuyahoga Community College and Cleveland State University, where he earned a degree in Urban Studies. He was also in the Leadership Cleveland Class of 1999.

Tom and his beautiful bride, Bev, also a Lakewood High Graduate, married in 1980 and moved to Bay Village in 1981 where they raised two wonderful daughters, Elizabeth and Caitlin, both former students at St. Raphael and graduates of Bay High.

Tom was appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission by then Mayor Ed Chapman in 1991. He served as Ward 2 City Council Representative from 1992-1993, and Bay Village Mayor from 1994-2000.

While Tom is proud of many achievements he and his team accomplished, one of his favorite areas of focus was on the youth of the community.

During Tom’s time in office, the City worked corroboratively with the Bay Village Schools to establish a number of initiatives such as the formation of the High School Mentoring program, as well as the Magistrate program, which has been emulated and is

in the majority of communities in Cuyahoga County.

Tom, with others such as Bonnie Hunt, City Council, the Schools, and dozens of Bay residents, created the Bay Youth Center which was established to provide a safe environment for children to play and socialize. The “Play in Bay” playground project was also built during this time which included the participation of hundreds upon hundreds of residents, city personnel, and numerous volunteers from all segments of the community.

Tom enjoyed spending time with the kids, and it wasn’t unusual to see him at the end of the day at the Bay Youth Center shooting a game of pool with the middle schoolers, or on the baseball fields behind City Hall playing in a pick-up game with the high schoolers.

Tom served on dozens of Boards, Commissions, and Committees, the majority geared towards improving the lives of people of all ages in Bay Village and elsewhere.

The owner of a commercial real estate firm, Tom considers his time in office in Bay Village as one of the highlights of his life.

**TOM AND SANDY SULLIVAN**



Thomas C. Sullivan, Sr. (Tom) was born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1937, and his wife, Sandra Simmons Sullivan, was born in Dallas, Texas in 1939. They were married in Dallas in 1960. After spending two years in the Navy, the Sullivans settled on the west side of Cleveland and moved to Bay Village in 1994. They are the proud parents of six children, have four daughters-in-law and sixteen grandchildren, with one grandchild residing in Rocky River, twelve in Bay Village and three in Alaska.

Tom is the former CEO and Chairman of RPM International Inc., a \$3.5 billion company in the building materials industry.

Both Tom and Sandy remain involved with many local civic activities.

## ROBERT KITZEROW



Bob Kitzerow was born in Cleveland, Ohio on August 18, 1920. He attended school in Cleveland and graduated from West Tech High School in 1938. He played football at Tech and played in the Thanksgiving Day Charity Game at Cleveland Municipal Stadium in 1937.

Bob attended Findlay College where he played football and ran track. He graduated in 1942 with a major / minor degree in History, Sociology, Math and Physical Education. He then attended Western Reserve College where he received his Masters in sociology in 1954. He has also taken post graduate classes at- Oberlin and State and at Sorbonne while serving in WWII.

He first taught in Chardon in 1942 until he was drafted in 1943. He did some substitute teaching in the Cleveland schools until he was hired in Bay Village in 1946. While in Bay he taught many subjects, was department chair in math, football coach, assistant principal and principal at Bay Junior High and then at the current middle school. He retired in 1979.

Bob served in the U.S. military with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Army ETO for two years from early 1944 through December of 1945. He didn't see his oldest child until she was 14 months old. He did keep a pair of her booties with him on half-track. He joined the reserves and was activated for the Korean War in 1950 in the 317th tank battalion stationed at

Camp Polk in Louisiana where he trained soldiers for overseas combat.

Bob was elected to the West Tech Hall of Fame in 1989 and was also named a Distinguished Educator in Bay Village where he was selected for the Hall of Fame in 1991. He is a member of the Findlay College Athletic Hall of Fame (1978) and the Findlay College Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame (1998). Bob has received the Walt Disney Award for Community Service in 1993 and in 1970 he was invited to attend a national convention in Washington, D.C. for his leadership in middle school education.

Bob married Dorothy Nowak on September 5, 1942. They started dating in high school and waited for college to be completed and a job found before marrying. It was a true fairy-tale romance! Dorothy passed away in 2004 after 62 years of marriage.

Bob and Dorothy Kitzerow had two daughters, Jacquelyn and Leslie and one granddaughter, Johanna Hoelscher (husband Jason). Bob now spends a great deal of time and love devoted to his five great grandchildren Joshua, Julia, Jordan, Joey and Jill.

He has always enjoyed carpentry, gardening, and TEACHING. He is still very active with the West Tech and Bay High Alumni Associations where he does a lot of volunteer work and serves on the committee for the Bay High Athletic Hall of Fame and the Tri-Bay Golf Classic.

Bob is truly a wonderful man who has done so much for so many over his long life that he truly deserves this wonderful award from the Village Foundation.

## JOHN AND ALVA O'NEILL



John and Alva O'Neill have been active in the Bay Village community for many years, as both residents and business owners. John was born in Ireland and Alva Mason in Cleveland. They met while John was in the states to visit an uncle and aunt. John's presence in Ohio was meant to be a stop en route to Australia, but while here he learned a trade and met his future bride, and America became his home.

The O'Neills married in 1951. Alva worked downtown in the Terminal Tower for the Cuyahoga County Park Board during the exciting time of park expansion, now known as the Emerald Necklace.

John was a Carpenter and worked for several large contractors such as MJ Boyle of Chicago as a foreman building the Nike site in Cleveland.

In the late 50's the O'Neills started a home building business, with John using his carpentry skills and Alva maintaining the books. The O'Neills built houses in various West Side suburbs including Fairview Park, North Olmsted, Bay Village and Avon Lake. In 1960, they started construction on Bradley Bay Health Center, originally known as Bradley Road Hospital, and opened the doors in 1962, both becoming licensed nursing home administrators in order to provide exemplary care. What began as a 25-bed rest home has grown into a continuum-of-care facility offering 136 skilled care beds and 33 senior living apartments. The O'Neill family of homes now includes Center Ridge Health Campus in North Ridgeville, Lakewood Senior Health Campus in Lakewood and Wellington Place in North Olmsted.

John and Alva have turned the operations over to their son, John Thomas, and now David Thomas, their grandson, also a licensed nursing home administrator, is active in the business.

John and Alva have two children, Doreen Ziska and John T. O'Neill, and six grandchildren.

Alva's life long interest has been her love for gardening and a love for her home town of Cleveland. She enjoys going to the Orchestral and various musical events throughout Cleveland and the surround areas.

John has always been an avid reader and a student of history, Shakespeare and Karl Marx. He travels to Birmingham England every year to participate in the World Socialist convention in a genuine quest for a world that we can live in without wars, where nations will focus on care and advancement for their people. John ran for US Senate on the Socialist Labor Party ticket in 1972 and to this day is a frequent guest on local radio shows and in newspapers with letters to the editors on his views of the economy and world events. Many of John views were formed when he fought in WW II in the Irish Guards Armory Division of the British Army and drove a tank in battle where he witnessed the savages and worthlessness of war first hand. John enjoys spending time at the gym everyday and surfing the internet, reading current events from the World's newspapers.

## 2008 Dedication

## WALTER R. GROEGER (1931-2007)



Walter was born in a rural part of Germany in 1931. He had a simple childhood with many happy memories. But all that changed with World War II. His young father died on the Russian Front and his mother and 7 of their 9 children were forced to leave their home. (That part of Germany was given to Poland in reparation.) The family left their home with only the things they could carry and sometimes had to beg for food. So, he became a refugee in the new Germany. He went to work when he was very young and by the time he was 18 he knew he wanted a different life.

He had the fearlessness and spirit of adventure of youth, so he applied for work permits to Canada, Australia and the United States. And the US responded first. He arrived with one suitcase. In a short time, he became a US citizen.

Many fortuitous circumstances brought him to Cleveland and he went to work for Ford Motor Co. He retired from Ford after 30 years-he was only 50 years old. During that time and after he nurtured his hobbies and passions:

-He was a photographer and had his own dark room.

-He skied.

-He was an actor in a movie produced by one of his many friends.

-He produced gallons and gallons of Red and White wine.

Many friends were beneficiaries of that effort.

-He loved animals and cared for them-whether wild or house pets.

-He painted seascapes in oil.

-He belonged to a tennis club.

-He was a great old-fashioned cook.

-He had a wonderful garden-he could make anything grow.

But his favorite hobby by far was traveling. He was very proud of having been in all 50 states. Also 5 Canadian Provinces, Mexico, Jamaica, Germany (of course), Poland, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, England and Wales. His favorite saying when he was lost was: "if you don't know where you're going, any road will take you there." Appropriately, his ashes were scattered into the Pacific Ocean off the island of Kauai. So he continues to travel.



### **THOMAS ALLEN VERNON (1956-1979) SON OF EILEEN AND DONALD VERNON**

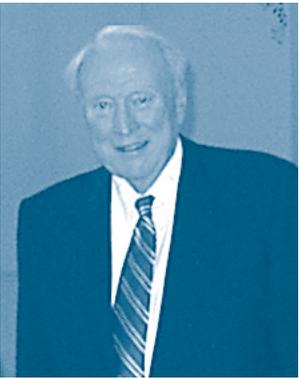
Thomas Allen Vernon was a high spirited, funny and lovable son and brother. His life was cut short by an automobile accident. He was a talented singer, composer, and guitarist who loved music more than anything else in his life. He was very active in high school chorus and was a member of the Madrigal singers of Princeton High School, Princeton, Illinois.

In his short life he did all the things that little boys do. As he was growing up he delivered newspapers, he helped build our kayak, he learned how to be a handy-man from his dad, and he loved fishing, camping, and his faithful dogs, Priscilla and Beau.

Tom attended Slippery Rock College in Pennsylvania. We wish that we were listing many accomplishments here but his life was too short. We remember the glow of his face, the beautiful smile, and his sweet voice. We remember him today and always. We are grateful for the opportunity to have a remembrance of him permanently installed in this lovely park.

His memory lives on with us even as the family moved to Bay Village 25 years ago. Having this memory of him here in this beautiful place that we know he would have loved means a lot to his parents, Eileen and Don and his sisters, Jan, Donna and Christina.

### **T. RICHARD MARTIN**



T. Richard Martin was born in Cleveland, Ohio and graduated from John Marshall High School where he excelled in track. He attended the University of Wisconsin, graduated from their School of Commerce, and was inducted into the Iron Cross Society Honorary.

After college, Dick married Betsy, a fellow University of Wisconsin graduate. They honeymooned while Dick served stateside in the Army in the Military Police. They moved to Bay Village in the late 1950's to the house they currently call home. They welcomed daughter, Susan and son, Ross.

Dick Martin was appointed to Bay Village City Council in April 1967 to replace Donald Gresham, who passed away in March 1967. Dick was re-elected thereafter for two year terms beginning January 1, 1968 through January 1, 1990. He was elected to the office of President of Council for the term beginning January 1, 1972 and every four years thereafter.

In the mid 1990's, City officials and citizens alike realized the need for a private foundation in Bay Village. With help from then Mayor Tom Jelepis and Law Director, Gary Ebert, the charter for The Village Foundation was written. In 1995, Dick Martin, Wayne Reese and Tom Jelepis signed the Articles of Incorporation. The Founding Trustees of The Village Foundation elected Dick Martin, President.

The mission of The Village Foundation is to preserve the quality of life in Bay Village, Ohio by using the talents and resources of private citizens and non-government funding. The Village Foundation exists to provide support for projects and programs fostering Bay Village's social, historical, cultural and educational heritage.

Dick is the leading contributor to The Village Foundation with many of his donations made in honor and in memory of outstanding citizens who dedicated much of their life in the service of the City of Bay Village.

T. Richard Martin has had an enormous influence on the Bay Village we know today, demonstrating a love of community, willingness to serve and dedication to the future that is rarely seen. We will all reap the benefits of his vision for years to come.

### **DAVID HENRY JACOBS (1921-1992)**



David Henry Jacobs was born in Akron, OH on May 4, 1921 and graduated from Buchtel High School.

During World War II, he served in the Naval Lighter Than Air Squadron from which he was honorably discharged in 1945 as a Lieutenant Senior Grade. He is a graduate of Indiana University and obtained a degree in Business Administration in 1947. As a young man seeking employment in Cleveland, he made his home at the YMCA. He developed a fondness for the organization and subsequently became one of their financial supporters. He met Barbara M. Barrow at Indiana University. They married in 1948 and had three children: David Henry, Jr., Marie Desire and John Walter. They are all graduates of Bay High School.

Over the years, together with his brother Richard, they founded their company, The Richard and David Jacobs Group, and compiled a portfolio of major developments and properties throughout the country.

In December 1986, David Jacobs became an owner and Vice Chairman of the Cleveland Indians. The team embarked on a major revitalization that included the opening of the new ballpark in 1994 in Cleveland's Gateway development complex known as Jacobs Field.

During his career it mattered to David that things were going well with his employees. He was a very personable man and chose to park in the employee parking lot in order to maintain contact and communication.

The world was a better place with David in it and he continues to be an inspiration to many.

## DEL DONAHOO



Feature reporter Del Donahoo travels throughout Northeast Ohio in his “Folkswagon” to cover people, places and events for WKYC, Gannett’s NBC affiliate in Cleveland, OH. He is best known for his “Del’s Folks” and “Del’s Feasts which spotlight people and dining places.

In November 2003, Del turned 80 years young, celebrating 34 years at Channel 3. In 1993, he was honored with a Silver Circle Award from the Cleveland Chapter of NATAS for 25 years of service in broadcasting. In 1990, he was inducted into the Ohio Broadcasters Hall of Fame. On his 65<sup>th</sup> birthday, the mayors of 116 towns/ cities across NE Ohio proclaimed it Del Donahoo Day.

Del co-anchored the live morning show “Today in Cleveland” weekdays at 6:30 AM with Tom Haley until June of 1997. During his years with Channel 3, Donahoo served as a general assignment reporter and news anchor. Before joining the Cleveland’s NBC News Bureau in 1968, he was a news/ feature reporter for WDAF-TV Kansas City, MO for seven years. Del previously worked at WOW-TV/ Radio in Omaha and WSUI Radio in Iowa City while attending the University of Iowa.

Del and his wife Martha are both Iowa natives. Del is proud to have been born and raised on an Iowa farm near Moravia. They reside in Bay Village and have two children, four grandchildren and a cat named “Cookie”.

## FREDERICK FRANCIS DRENKHAN



Cleveland native, Frederick Francis Drenkhan was born November 1, 1926 and moved to Bay Village, December 7, 1941. He graduated from Parkview High School, Bay Village Class of 1944. Fred served in the U. S. Navy from 1944-1946 , serving in the Pacific, Japan and China. In 1948, he joined the City of Bay Village Department of Police and served as its Chief from 1965 to 1976. Continuing his law enforcement career, Fred served as the Executive Director of the Cuyahoga County Police Chiefs Association from 1976 to 1985.

Throughout his honorable and distinguished career, he is remembered for innovative and ongoing programs. In 1972, while serving as Bay Village Chief of Police, the Bay Village Youth Commission was created. The Youth Commission’s purpose continues to assist “first time offenders” involved in acts of juvenile delinquency.

Fred was instrumental in the creation of the Westshore Enforcement Bureau (WEB), a formal Council of Governments involving six communities to share resources of equipment and manpower with disasters, criminal activity and investigations. The WEB concept has been adopted by many of the communities in Cuyahoga County.

While serving as the Executive Director of the Cuyahoga County Police Chiefs Association, he represented sixty-one county police departments. He was instrumental in the development of the Cuyahoga Regional Criminal Information System (CRIS), a central criminal history file. He also created and served as the coordinator of the Cuyahoga County Crime Stoppers program. He published a monthly bulletin called “Chiefly Chatter” as well as editing and publishing a magazine called “Police Chiefs in Review” which featured every police department in the county and its history.

In 1992 , Fred received the “Man of the Year” award from the Cuyahoga County Police Chiefs Association. He married Johanna in 1951. Together they have three children, Diane M. Barnes, Springfield, MA, Bay High class of 1972, Leeann F Nemec, Strongsville, OH, Bay High class of 1974 and Fred G. K. Drenkhan, Bay Village, OH, Bay High class of 1984. Fred and Johanna have six grandchildren. Fred has served his community well as employee, volunteer, friend and neighbor. Bay Village, its residents and institutions, have always been a high priority for Fred.

**BRADLEY HOWARD FRIEDEL**

Bradley Howard Friedel enjoyed playing many sports as a young boy, but soccer caught his eye and his heart at the age of six. He represented the Bay Soccer Club and played on a travel team called the Bay Firecrackers, and helped the Firecrackers earn one of the most outstanding records in the State of Ohio. At Bay High School, he sharpened his goalkeeper skills and played goalkeeper on a select travel team known as East-West.

Brad's athletic skills were not limited to soccer. At Bay High, he earned eleven varsity letters as a three-sport athlete. He was named MVP in Soccer; Third Team All Ohio in Basketball; First Team Greater Cleveland Soccer; Basketball, Southwestern Conference Champion and Bay High's Boys Tennis. He also participated in Show Choir and was selected for National Honor Society.

Following graduation from Bay High, he attended U.C.L.A. and earned many awards, including Soccer America Freshman of the Year and the Adidas Goalkeeper Golden Boot Award (as the nation's best male collegiate goalkeeper). During his senior year, he received the Hermann Trophy as the Best Male College Player in the United States.

Brad played on the U.S. National Team since 1992, and as a World Cup team member. In 2002, he was selected as the starting goalkeeper for the World Cup team.

Brad's professional career began in 1994 when he played for Nottingham Forest in England. Since 2000, he has played for the Blackburn Rovers in England and was named Goalkeeper of the Year, England, in 2003. Brad became the first American picked for the English Premier League Team of the Year when he was voted the top goalkeeper by his fellow players.

Brad's parents, Sue and Len Friedel (Len, a Bay High graduate, class of 1961) and his sister, Kimberly Friedel Loveless (class of 1986) share pride in Brad's accomplishments. Brad and his wife, Tracey, are expecting their first child. Brad has always remembered his hometown, and he gave a heartwarming speech at Bay High's 2000 homecoming. He said, "I have traveled to many places in the world, but it is always good to come home."

**GRACE McGAHAN MATTHEWS (1918 - 2002)**

Grace McGahan Matthews was born in Cleveland, but moved to Lakewood at the age of four. After graduating from Lakewood High School, she completed the requirements for graduation at secretarial school. Grace was employed by Sweeney and James, an advertising company, where she was secretary to the partners. She married Edward Matthews in 1944 and put her career on hold with the arrival of their son, Craig.

Grace thoroughly enjoyed motherhood, and found herself immersed in PTA work. After several years of commitment, she became president of Forest View PTA and later vice-president of the PTA for the new intermediate school.

She resumed her business career by returning to Sweeney and James and, after several years, became president and majority owner. Grace retired in 1985.

Grace devoted many hours to community service. She was an active member of the Cleveland Women's Advertising Club and the Cleveland Woman's City Club, as well as a member of the Bay Village Women's Club. She enjoyed travel, including two trips to Europe. She lived in Bay Village for 55 years and would not have considered leaving.

## RUTH HART AND ROBERT STROMBERG



Ruth and Bob moved to Bay Village in 1946 and built one of the first new houses on Longbeach Parkway amid the cornfields and vineyards. Glenview School opened in 1947 and their oldest daughter, Carol, was in the first kindergarten class. They also served on the original fundraising committee for St. Barnabas Episcopal Church. In the mid-fifties they left Bay Village, but returned twenty years later to live out the rest of their lives.

Ruth Hart Stromberg was a lawyer when there were few women in the profession. She graduated from Lakewood High School, Miami University and in 1937 from Western Reserve University Law School. She worked as a legal editor and then a legal librarian for several law firms. When they moved to Washington, D. C., she worked at the Library of Congress doing legal research and then for the Department of Labor. Eventually, she became an assistant to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. When they returned to Cleveland, she was the first woman to serve as an assistant law director for the City of Cleveland under Mayor Carl B. Stokes and later specialized in discrimination cases for the Department of Labor before retiring in 1975. In addition to her legal career, Ruth was a published writer, served on

numerous civic and charity boards and was a PTA president in Rocky River.

Robert W. Stromberg graduated from Rocky River High School, studied mechanical engineering at Purdue University and finished at Case Institute of Technology. One of his early jobs was with National Carbon Company in Cleveland where they were helping to produce parts for the Manhattan Project. Bob was also active in several Masonic organizations, chaired many school levy campaigns, was treasurer of the Bay Boat Club and was the first treasurer of the Rocky River American Field Service chapter. After Ruth died in 1990, he delivered Meals on Wheels and became a volunteer grandfather for a fourth grade class at Westerly School. He helped the students with reading and math skills and often researched and prepared presentations to make their learning come alive.

Ruth and Bob loved Bay Village and always considered it home. They never missed a Memorial Day parade. Their house was a mecca for the grandchildren and their friends, many of whom learned to swim in their pool. They attended school and sports activities often and worked to represent senior citizens in every school levy campaign. They were married for 50 years and taught, by example, that love is the ultimate value in life.




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## LAURIE ANN WILDER (1964-1984)



Laurie Ann Wilder was vibrant; the sound of her distinctive laugh resonated through the hallways of Bay High.

She was spirited. Because of her lively, eager character, she was the energy that drove the activities in which she was involved. Laurie was also "spirited" in that she was infused with the energy of her faith.

Laurie had no self-imposed limits. Nothing, not even Cystic Fibrosis, stood in the way of her dreams. Despite the physical challenges of her disease, Laurie was a cheerleader, cross country runner and sailor.

She was an achiever. In addition to the physically demanding activities of her athletic involvement, Laurie also participated in Student Council, National Honor Society and Young Life. In the fall of her senior year, the student body elected Laurie Homecoming Queen of the Class of 1982. She excelled academically and made the Dean's List in her last semester at Bowling Green State University.

Laurie's courage and faith touched everyone who met her. As a member of Delta Gamma Sorority at BGSU, she inspired her sisters as she did her classmates at Bay with her unwaver-

ing affirmation of life.

Laurie was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilder. Although diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis when she was six months old, she never allowed her disease to define her or limit her. She died on April 20, 1984 after 20 victorious years of life.

Those who knew her, loved her. Those who remember her, miss her. We celebrate a life that continues to be an inspiration to us all.

**JAMES H. COWLES (1927-1999)**

Cleveland native James Cowles graduated from John Marshall High School and served in the Navy's Amphibious Corps during World War II. He worked part time with the Bay Village Police Department in 1950 and became a full-time patrolman in 1951. He was instrumental in modifying the department's FBI training program and instructing fellow officers in the use of weapons. Because of his height – 6 ft. 6 inches – and because of his commanding presence, he was often compared to the legendary Tennessee sheriff Buford Pusser, whose folk hero image was played out in the movie *Walking Tall*.

For 27 years, James served as the lieutenant in charge of the detective bureau until 1977, when he made the decision to run for Mayor. He ran as an independent and won the election.

The newly-elected mayor demonstrated a management style that made him highly successful. He spent time working alongside city employees in each department in order to better understand how they operated, what issues they were facing, and what he might do to help solve problems. He went on calls with the Fire Department and on inspections with the Building Department. He even rode on the garbage truck as it followed its trash

collection route.

His generosity and willingness to be involved was well known and respected. He often helped pump water from the flooded basements of residents who called with complaints. He purchased an industrial strength snowblower with his own money for use in his neighborhood.

In May, 1988, James resigned as mayor and he and his wife, Bette, moved to Ocala, Florida. Two years later, they returned to become residents of Avon Lake. In retirement, his leadership qualities were still evident. A lover of golf, he worked as a ranger at Bob-O-Link Golf Course. He was also a member of St. Raphael Catholic Church and the American Legion Post 211.

James and Bette were married nearly 55 years and were parents of six children. His legacy of service lives on in the memory of others and in the community at large.

**HARRY J. EBERT (1917-1995)**

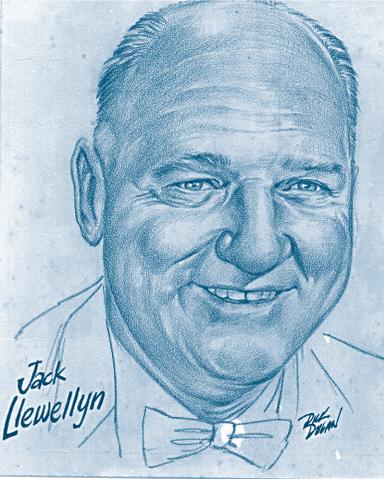
Harry Ebert was born in Sandusky on February 13, 1917. He grew up in St. Mary's Parish and later became one of the most influential persons to work to benefit education and sports. He married Virginia Westerhold in 1945 and they had three children: Nancy Spelman, Gary Ebert and Neal Ebert. Harry served in World War II with the navy in the South Pacific.

Harry worked in a local business, Brohl and Appell, and later became its president and owner. He was very involved in the community. He was in Kiwanis, Knights of Columbus, Chamber of Commerce and Amvets for many years. His love of sports helped him create many teams for the youth of St. Mary's. During his life he started girls' basketball, girls' softball and boys' baseball programs at the school. He coached the Babe Ruth League for many years and started boys' baseball at the Ohio Sailor's and Soldier's Home. He was on the Board of Directors until his death in February of 1995. He was a major influence in local politics and helped encourage many local politicians.

**WAYNE E. WENTZ (1922 - 2000)**

Wayne Wentz was born in Kenton, Ohio on May 19, 1922. He spent most of his youth on the family farm and met his future wife, Geraldine Conaway, in Kenton. They were married in 1943 and had three children: Pamela Ebert, Eric Wentz and Elizabeth Wentz. He served in the Army during World War II and moved to Columbus and graduated from The Ohio State University.

The Wentz family moved to Sandusky and Wayne spent many years working for Barr Rubber. He was involved in many organizations, including the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis and the Masons. He moved to Huron and raised his family, continuing to be involved in local organizations. He enjoyed golf and loved to travel. During his travels, he developed an interest in antiques, which he collected for the rest of his life. He was very active in the Huron Methodist Church until his death in March, 2000.



### JACK WESLEY LLEWELLYN (1915-1993)

Jack Llewellyn was born July 7, 1915 in Akron, Ohio. He graduated from Lakewood High School in 1933 after receiving letter awards for two years in football, basketball and baseball. He proceeded to Miami University in Oxford, Ohio and graduated in 1937.

Jack excelled in football at Miami, participating as a member of the 1936 Buckeye Conference Co-Champions and is best remembered for kicking the winning field goal to defeat Ohio University during their championship season.

After graduating from college, Jack continued his football career playing professional football for the Chicago Governors and the Dayton Roses, and in 1942 enlisted in the United States Navy. He served aboard the U.S.S. Thurston and participated in the Navy V-5 and V-12 programs. He completed his service in February of 1944.

Jack moved to Bay Village in 1946 and successfully began his teaching and coaching career. He was an outstanding teacher, coach and mentor to the youth of the city for more than 25 years, beginning in 1946 until 1971. His efforts and dedication helped mold the early years of so many to help prepare them to face the challenges of life. His record speaks for itself, and includes: a record of 153 wins, 49 losses and 14 ties; nine Championship/Co-championship teams; President of the Greater Cleveland Football Coaches Association (GCFCA) for two terms; recipient of the GCFCA Coach of the Year award for two years; honored by Cleveland Touchdown Club, Special Award 1970; and elected to the Ohio High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame in 1978.

Jack also initiated the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in 1966 and was instrumental in starting the Bay Rockets Association which today offers support to all athletic programs at Bay High School. In addition, he started and formalized many activity programs now domiciled in and managed by the City Recreation Department.

Jack Llewellyn truly had a major impact on the formation and development of the City of Bay Village through his unselfish dedication to its citizens.

### JOHN HARRISON PARKER (1935 - 1998)



John Parker was born in Lakewood, Ohio on November 29, 1935, but at age nine was shocked to learn that his family was moving to "rural" Bay Village. John had to trade the adventure of riding the Clifton streetcar to elementary school for "cows, vineyards and new kids." A Bay Village resident for the rest of his life, he graduated from Bay High School (class of 1954) and Denison University (class of 1958).

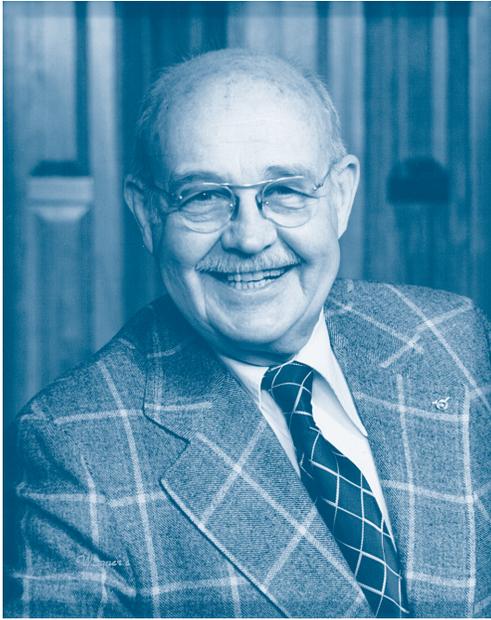
John was a 21-year-old life guard at Huntington Beach when a diving accident left him paralyzed from the chest down. Not only did he withstand the accident, he overcame it with incredible grace. He ground his way through Case Western Reserve Law School, passed the bar exam, established a private law practice, married his beloved Carol, adopted and raised the two children he adored, became president of Bay Village City Council, and endured the additional traumas of the accidental death of his fifteen-year-old son, John, and the tragic death of his father.

In addition to practicing law from a home office, John hosted Bay High students there to discuss career opportunities in the legal field and shared with them the issues associated with living with a disability. In 1991, he was voted Bay High School Distinguished Alumnus for his continued support of the community.

John was a charter member of the Bay Village Jaycees and was voted Jaycee of the Year in 1966. In 1968, he was selected as one of the Outstanding Young Men of America by the Outstanding Americans Foundation.

John served as a city councilman and as a council president "BE" (before elevators). His fellow council members, as well as members of the Bay Village police and fire departments, physically lifted John in his wheelchair up the many stairs to council chambers and then back down at the end of the meetings. His gratitude and the eagerness of friends and family to help enabled him to pursue his dreams and to achieve his goals. A neighbor wrote of John, "What I always admired about John was how much he had to overcome, and yet, he was one of the least handicapped people I knew."

## DALE A. SMITH



Dale A. Smith served as a city councilman in Bay Village for five years before being elected Council President. His years as Council President spanned several decades. A graduate of Ohio Wesleyan, he and his wife, Martha, settled in Bay Village and had a daughter, Sally, and a son, John.

Dale worked in the Trust Department of Central National Bank. He applied his financial skills to his work as the city's first Finance Director. While he stressed economy in government, he believed it is sometimes more economical to spend wisely than to be shortsighted and miserly. He recognized the future needs of the small community of Bay Village and stressed planning that would address and meet those needs. He proposed improvements in disposal methods, safety protection and road programs. He believed that solutions must benefit the city as a whole, not a small pressure group.

Dale was a charter member of the Bay Boat Club and past president of the Bay Men's Club. In retirement, he sat as a model for artists in the Baycrafter's spring portrait courses. He was selected as the model because "his face is the face of everybody's grandfather," according to the art students.

Some people who consider service to the community to be important receive applause, fanfare and parades. Others, like Dale Smith, serve quietly and consistently to shape the future of Bay Village.

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