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Hall of Distinction Inductees - Class of 2018

We Proudly Recognize North Canton City School Graduates, Employees and Community Leaders for their Outstanding Contributions to Their Community and Beyond

Our annual Hall of Distinction Banquet was held on Wednesday, September 26 to once again honor those who have continued to show outstanding service and accomplishment in their lives and chosen professions. Here are their stories . . .

Glenn and Ardis J. DeHoff

Around town, North Canton residents and visitors often see the familiar green and white DeHoff Realtors signs which represent the legacy of the successful union of Glenn and Ardis DeHoff.

The DeHoff adventure in real estate had its beginnings in 1958 when Ardis earned her real estate license. She began working for Martin Surbey in North Canton selling homes and soon became their most successful agent.

In 1962 Ardis purchased the Martin Surbey Agency and convinced her husband to leave his career of 28 years at the Hoover Company to join her. It was the early 1960s and the city of North Canton was beginning a period of tremendous growth, and the DeHoff agency grew right with it.

Eventually, DeHoff Realtors became developers as well. They have created many familiar neighborhoods around town and were also instrumental in the consolidation of several Jackson Township farms, establishing Kent State University's Stark campus. Their son Bob, grandson Dan, and other family members remain active within the company.

Glenn and Ardis were involved members of the North Canton and Stark County Communities. They campaigned door to door to raise

money for the North Canton Civic Center. They were early backers of the Pro Football Hall of Fame, and Ardis was active at the Canton Garden Center. They were also active supporters of the United Way.

Glenn passed away in 2002 after 63 years of marriage to his beloved wife. Ardis passed away in 2012, a beloved matriarch.

and lived briefly in Germany before his parents relocated to North Canton. While growing up in town, he played baseball for the North Canton Tigers and football with South Midget Football. He graduated from Hoover High School in 1975.

Ron attended the University of Akron graduating in 1980 with a Bachelor of Science in accounting.



Pictured At Left:
Front Row:
Christina Lauria,
Linda DeHoff (accepting
for Glenn and Ardis
DeHoff.

Back Row:
Ron Hartman,
Scott Warburton,
Bob DeHoff (accepting for
Glenn and Ardis DeHoff.

Not present:
Ryan Meinerding

Glenn and Ardis DeHoff's commitment to their family and the community of North Canton is exemplary.

Ron Hartman

Ron Hartman is a great example of hard work paying off. He took a struggling company and has made it a thriving business that employs over 80 people. This success has given him the opportunity to be a benefactor in the community.

Ron was born in Baltimore, MD,

He began work at the LD Carlson Company eventually becoming President and CEO. LD Carlson is the largest independent homebrew and craft brew wholesaler in the United States. They supply beer and wine-making equipment throughout the world.

Ron married Peggy Zimmerman in 1986, and they had two children. Sadly, Peggy passed in 2000. Ron began to volunteer at various organizations to repay the kindnesses he experienced after Peggy's death. Through this work, he met his



current wife, Dawn, and they married in 2002, with Dawn adopting Ron and Peggy's children Tyler and Carly the following year.

Inspired by his mother's work at the Brimfield Food Cupboard, Ron began working with the Akron Canton Regional Food Bank. Ron joined the Food Bank's Board of Directors in 2015 and his vision has helped shape the way they work with donors.

While at the Food Bank, Ron was introduced to the Refuge of Hope, a homeless men's shelter in Canton, Ohio. He decided to dedicate time and resources to furthering the Refuge of Hope's mission. He was on the steering committee that raised money for a new facility to house 70 men and serve over 100,000 meals to people in the area. The new facility will be named in honor of Ron and Dawn Hartman.

In addition to these worthy causes, Ron is also an advocate for animals. He has been a principal donor for the Summit County Humane Society. Ron and Dawn are proud parents of 4 rescue dogs. In 2016, Ron was named a Pawsabilities Hero by the Humane Society.

Christina Russell Lauria

Christina was born in London, England to Ron and Cathy Russell. (Her father was one of the teenagers whom the Hoover Company placed in foster homes in North Canton during World War II!)

While growing up, Christina attended St. Paul's Catholic School graduating from Hoover High School in 1976. She attended the University of Akron earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Technical Education and an Associates of Applied Sciences

degree in Transportation. She went on to earn an MBA in Systems from Baldwin Wallace University, then continued her executive development with leadership, finance, and logistics programs at Case Western Reserve University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Northwestern University, Penn State and the University of Southern California.

Christina joined Roadway Express in 1983. She became the first woman to become a corporate officer in the organization and a mentor to other women. She served as Vice President of Pricing, and in several other positions and capacities too.

Since retirement, Christina has continue to use and share her expertise. She has worked as an independent consultant for Panther Expedited, an Associate Lecturer with The University of Akron's MBA students, and an adjunct professor with Capstone Program.

Christina has been involved in many professional organizations. She was a member of the Northeast Ohio Chapter of the Council of Logistics Management, and she served on the Supply Chain Executive Forum at the Georgia Institute of Technology. She has had affiliations with the University of Akron's Leadership and HR Advisory Board, the Business and Professional Women's Club of Hudson, and the Committee for Economic Development's Subcommittee on Education.

Christina has actively served the community at large in a variety of capacities. She has been on the board of directors of Walsh Jesuit High School and Seton Catholic School. She has chaired the Walsh Jesuit High School's Mothers Club Board and POWWOW annual fundraiser. She has been a member of the GAR Foundation Distribution Committee and has volunteered with Ohio Reads

and the Ronald McDonald House.

In 1993, she was invited into the Advanced Orientation Program for Roadway Leaders. In 1994, she became a Certified Project Management Professional by the Project Management Institute. In 2003 Partners in Education named her the Summit Education Initiative Community Volunteer of the Year. BPW Hudson named her the Business Professional Woman of the year in 2005. And in 2006, the YWCA named her a Woman of Professional Excellence.

Christina and her husband, Chas, have been married since 1989. Their daughter Cara works as a field ecologist for the United States Geological Survey in Moab, Utah. Their son Alex recently graduated from the Ohio State University and works at PNC in Pittsburgh.

Ryan Meinerding

Whether you know his name or not, you know Ryan Meinerding's work. Ryan is Marvel Studios Head of Visual development and has helped design the look and feel of the Marvel Cinematic Universe.

Ryan grew up in North Canton, attending Hoover High School. At Hoover, he was especially devoted to art, and the assignments he turned in for Ty Palmer were a weekly endeavor he enjoyed.

After graduating in 1995, Ryan attended the University of Notre Dame where he earned a degree in Industrial Design. He then went to the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena and studied Illustration.

During his last semesters at the Art Center, filmmaker Iain McCaig offered him a job working on the



movie Outlander. It was his first character design project—coincidentally it involved designing Vikings! While working with McCaig, Ryan met Jon Favreau. Favreau hired him to work on the first Iron Man film. Ryan designed the Mark 1 suit in the movie as well as helping to define the look of the sets.

Ryan collaborated on Watchmen and Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen before becoming a full time staffer at Marvel Studios. Marvel wanted him to help create the looks of the Marvel heroes and villains. He did lead character design on Iron Man 2, concept design for Thor, and led a visual development team that designed the characters for Avengers and Avengers: Age of Ultron. He redesigned his favorite superhero for Spiderman: Homecoming and shared some of that work with the North Canton community at last year's Alumni Art Show. He has now been involved with more than 19 Marvel films. He continues to work on Marvel Studios projects and you can find his name listed prominently in the credits of the movies you may have seen in the theater or at home.

He has been nominated for 3 awards from the Art Directors Guild. There have been several art shows and books featuring his work.

He maintains a relationship with Hoover art teacher, Chris Triner, and has been a guest speaker in his art classes.

Ryan met his wife, Rachel, another Marvel Studios employee, in London while consulting on Captain America. They have one daughter.

Scott T. Warburton

A community volunteer with deep roots in North Canton, Scott T. Warburton, has made serving the

North Canton community a priority.

Scott was born in January 1960. His parents, Robert and Shirley Warburton, lived in North Canton and were themselves both graduates of North Canton City Schools. Scott grew up in North Canton with his two sisters and one brother and has lived here most of his life. In high school, he was a member of both the football and basketball teams.

Scott graduated from Hoover High School in 1978. After high school, Scott attended the University of Akron where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting.

In 1982, Scott began work at Bruner-Cox accounting firm. He worked with individual clients on estate, financial, and retirement planning and with businesses on succession and compensation planning. In 2016, Bruner-Cox merged with Clifton Larson Allen. He is a partner at CLA.

Scott's efforts have been focused on his volunteerism. Many of his activities have benefitted the North Canton Community. Scott has been a member of the North Canton Heritage Society and has served as its treasurer. He has been a board member for the North Canton Educational Endowment Fund and the Student Loan Foundation of North Canton where he has also served as president. He has been active at the North Canton YMCA where he has served in many capacities from past president to little league coach. He is an active member of the Hoover Sideliners and has been its financial advisor. He served as Sideliners president in 1995-96 and played a key role in renovating Memorial Stadium in the 1990s. He has supported the United Way and has served as treasurer. He was a member of Canton Rotary and the Canton Jaycees where he was vice-president. He is currently a

member of the Stark Community Foundation Trust on the Estate Committee and is on the executive committee of the Stark Economic Development Board. He also serves on the board of the YMCA of Greater Stark County and has served in the past as its chair.

Scott has been honored for the work that he has done. He has received the North Canton Jaycees Distinguished Service Award. Also, the North Canton Heritage Society has named him as a lifetime member.

Scott's wife, Lori, is a graduate of the Hoover class of 1979. Together they have 5 children.

Also recognized at the banquet were Susie Hertler VanVranken and Raymond "Bud" Swope.

For over 25 years, Susie Hertler VanVranken organized the Hall of Distinction dinner and ceremony, from caterer to pianist to Hi-Los to the printed ceremony program. She ensured that all the working parts came together for an event that our honorees and guests have truly come to enjoy. For her long service to the Alumni Association, Susie Hertler Van Vranken was presented the Distinguished Service Award.

From its inception in 1990, Raymond "Bud" Swope created the framework for the Hall of Distinction, defined criteria for nominees, organized the submitted nomination forms, and presided over the yearly selection process. He continued to do this until his passing in 2016. For his long-time service to us, the Alumni Association presented to the family of Bud Swope the Distinguished Service Award.

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Recent Deaths

Class of 1944 - Roslyn Carper Messerly

Class of 1945 - Marvin Kaufman

Class of 1946 - Patricia Mc Elwain

Class of 1952 - Janet Daily

Harry Jordan

Class of 1957 - Ron Braucher

Class of 1962 - Suzanne "Suzy" Houseman

Class of 1964 - Carol Shoemaker Rennie

Class of 1966 - Craig Wagner

Class of 1969 - Pam Speck

Class of 1970 - Walter "Butch: Morrell Jr.

Class of 1971 - Michael Gfeller

Brandon Wehl

Class of 1972 - Mary Beth Santelle Cernoia

Michael Hummel

Pam Caywood Rich

Class of 1975 - Ray "Cork" Bible

Class of 1976 - Jon Bair

Tim Ensminger

Class of 1978 - Mark Ocheltree

Class of 1979 - Doug Mickley

Class of 1996 - Kevin Stclair

Class of 2016 - Ashwin Krishna

Class of 2017 - Brianna Spence

Teacher - Theodore Patrick Gahan JR

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