

Citizen of the Year 2022

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2022 Citizen of the Year

RONALD TERRIACO

Resolution 2022-17

Whereas, Ron Terriaco, friend, neighbor, and good citizen of Concord Township for over 25 years, has been an integral part of our community as a resident, through his dedication to home, family, community and profession, and consistently set the finest example for the values of good citizenship; and

Whereas, Ron served with the Concord Township Fire Department for 40 years, from 1982 to 2022, as firefighter, Lieutenant, Captain and in 2009 was promoted to Deputy Chief, successfully guiding the Fire Department through periods of growth and development; and,

Whereas, Ron holds many certifications including an Associate Degree in Fire Science. He is a Graduate of the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association's Ohio Fire Executive Program and served in many capacities on various associations and agencies. As Deputy Chief, Ron was an Ohio Fire Chief's Fellows Program Member and was active in the Ohio Attorney General's Office Safe School Task Force for School Safety Planning. Ron was an advocate for the National Fallen Firefighter's Foundation Everyone Goes Home program and was the Chairperson for the Line of Duty Death Response Team. Ron traveled the State of Ohio as a representative of the Ohio Local Assistance State Team of the National Fallen Firefighter's Association, assisting families during a time of great loss of a loved one who has died in the line of duty or from a firefighter related illness; and

Whereas, Ron has spent many years as an instructor at the Auburn Career Center, training students to help residents in times of need. He is a valued and active contributor to the betterment of Concord Township through countless volunteer hours and committed service, and has dedicated his life to the service to others and firefighter safety and training; and

Now therefore be it resolved, that we, the Concord Township Board of Trustees, Lake County, State of Ohio, on behalf of the residents of Concord Township, do hereby, with great privilege, recognize and pay honor and tribute to Ron Terriaco as the Concord Township Citizen of the Year for our Bicentennial Year, 2022.

"Legacy" Citizens of Concord Township ~ 1822-2022

Presented to people in our history who have deep roots in Concord and have greatly contributed to the positive growth and development of our community

19th Century Legacy Citizens of the Year

Eber Howe: Eber Howe was a Whig, abolitionist, businessman, county commissioner and foremost a journalist. He founded the Painesville Telegraph in 1822 and used the paper to further the abolishment of slavery.

Walter Wellman: Born in Concord in 1858, Walter Wellman built his first dirigible airship named “Polar Expedition” in 1905 and was the first person to attempt to cross the Atlantic Ocean by air. He was known as “the Lindberg of his day”, and the remains of his last dirigible recovered was donated to the Smithsonian Institute.

Hawley Drake: Hawley Drake owned a chair factory and woolen mill in Concord in the 1800’s. He was also a school superintendent, President of the County Agricultural Society, Painesville Telegraph correspondent and noted abolitionist. His home at Drake’s Hollow was well-known as part of the Liberty Line of the Underground Railroad.

Thomas Jordan: In 1802, Thomas Jordan became the very first settler in Concord Township. He purchased 100 acres of land and built Concord’s first gristmill on the creek near his homestead, now named Jordan Creek. He died in 1815 and is buried on the homestead.

Elga Pomeroy: Elga Radcliffe Pomeroy taught at the Old Stone School in the early 1900’s. Married to Lloyd Pomeroy for over 60 years, the couple purchased the schoolhouse in 1923 and lived there. Elga was an active member of the Concord Garden Club and grew rose bushes throughout her life. Several of her rose bushes still surround the Old Stone School.

Zenas Wilson: Zenas Wilson was the first postmaster of Concord. The post office was established in 1824 and was located across from the Old Stone School. He also donated land that became the Concord Cemetery that was formalized in 1833 for the amount of one dollar.

Daniel & Elizabeth Coit: New Englanders Daniel and Elizabeth Coit were the original owners of the land where Town Hall now sits. The acreage was deeded over to the community on August 22, 1831 for one dollar to be used as a central commons for the growing community in perpetuity.

20th Century Citizens of the Year

Jay Adams/Family: Born in 1922, Jay Adams served in World War II operating a bulldozer on Omaha Beach to clear land mines. He earned the Bronze Star for his heroic actions during the Normandy invasion on D-Day. Adams was a volunteer firefighter for over 23 years and worked for the Concord Township Service Department for over 33 years. His remembrances of war are included in the introduction to Tom Brokow’s book, “Voices of War”.

Drs. George and Barney Crile: Dr. George Washington Crile completed the first successful direct blood transfusion in 1906 and was one of five doctors who founded the Cleveland Clinic in 1921. Dr. “Barney” Crile Jr. was an internationally acclaimed surgeon and authored 13 books and over 400 scientific papers. He wrote

poetry too, and after his first wife, Jane of the Halle Brothers Family, died in 1963, he married Helga Sandburg, the daughter of poet Carl Sandburg.

Ed Hozdik/Hozdik Family: Ed Hozdik was a teacher at the Concord Elementary School from 1953-1963. Married to wife Mickey, the couple had five children and lived in the Old Stone School as a residence. The family eventually moved to Camp Klein as caretakers his retirement in 1981. That property is now Lake Metroparks Jordan Creek Park.

The Webster Family: The Webster family history in Concord Township dates back to 1853 and many family members have held significant positions in Concord Township Government over the years. Clifford Webster served as Assistant Fire Chief, and both Clifford and Ralph Webster also served as township trustees. Mildred Webster was the first woman to hold the position of Concord Township Clerk, and was elected in 1947. Many Webster men were also part of the Volunteer Fire Department circa 1948 and moving forward.

21st Century Citizens of the Year

Adolph & Connie Luhta: Established in 1954, Adolph and Connie Luhta owned and operated the Painesville Flying Service at the Concord Air Park on Concord Hambden Road. An accomplished pilot himself, Adolph was once a B-25 crew chief. Connie is a former chemist and avid aviatrix and began flying in 1961 and competitively in 1964. Connie served as past president of the International Women's Air and Space Museum in Cleveland and as a Concord Township Trustee for over 29 years.

Richard & Henrietta Terriaco: Richard Terriaco is a US Marine Corps veteran who served in the Korean War. Retiring from the Concord Township Fire Department in 1995 as Fire Chief, he used his woodworking skills to craft tables, benches and more from wood of the historic Old Oak Tree. Henrietta Terriaco spent countless volunteer hours coordinating the "Firefly's", consisting mainly of the wives of firefighters, who fundraised to purchase needed equipment.

Bob & Rose Moore: Raised in Concord Township, Robert Moore was the owner of R.L. Moore Homes Inc. His wife Rose is a lifelong journalist who published the *Concordian Newsletter* from 1979 to 1986. Bob was a volunteer firefighter and assisted the road department with winter emergencies. Rose served as a member of the Concord Board of Zoning Appeals for 11 years. Prior to 2000, the Moore's owned the Old Stone School and headquartered their construction business there. They sold the property to the township and spearheaded a project that restored the historic building to its original appearance as a one-room schoolhouse circa 1840.

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Presented for continuous dedication to Concord Township, and contributions, both big and small, that positively impact our community

Jean Bonchak

Jean Bonchak is a freelance writer for the News-Herald who lives her life finding the good in every person and in every situation. She was a dedicated member of the Concord Garden Club and is a champion of her family and of her community.

Shane Morrison

Shane Morrison helped rescue a young man from drowning in Lake Erie in June of 2020. Donovan Conwell was swimming in Lake Erie when he had difficulty returning to the breakwater from where he entered the

water. Shane, 15 at the time, saw Donovan bobbing in deep water about 200 feet from the breakwater and dived to rescue Donovan. Shane kept Donovan afloat and alive until authorities arrived to take them both to safety. Shane's heroic feat earned him the Carnegie Hero Award.

Tim Calvin

Tim Calvin worked at Home Depot and was widely regarded as a very knowledgeable paint technician and always worked hard to provide excellent customer service. Tim served in officer positions at a purchasing management association, a Rotary Association and a church. He rang the bell for years to collect money for the Salvation Army during the holiday season. Father to three, he is a kind and loving father and husband to Deb Calvin and grandfather to four.

Ray Poyar

Ray Poyar ran a very successful local car business for over 21 years in Painesville with his brother Ken. Ray loved sports and was an avid fan of the Cleveland Indians and even played in a fantasy camp in Goodyear Arizona. During the last few years of his life, he discovered a love of pickleball. He wanted to share this wonderful new sport with Concord residents, and generously donated funding for Concord Township's new Pickleball Courts on the Town Hall Campus. Ray passed away in June after a courageous seven-year battle with cancer.

Thank Concord Garden Club

For the year-round beautification of Concord Township properties, including spring plantings at Town Hall, the Community Center, the Concord Cemetery and township parks; Tenderly caring for plants and flowers daily to nurture beautiful blooms throughout the summer; Adding vibrancy in the Fall with more colorful plants; and decorating for the Holidays to ensure township properties are delightfully festive and welcoming. Thanks to the Garden Club Ladies and to Craig Cormack and Maple Ridge Garden Center and Nursery for selecting, nurturing and growing the lovely plants that decorated our venue at Concord Community Days!