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RUSSELL AND HARRIETTE GEISINGER - REMEMBERING ASHLAND

Sometimes your heart resides where your memories are the fondest. Such was the case with Russell and Harriette Geisinger and their time spent in Ashland.

Russell Geisinger was a 1944 graduate of Ashland High School. He would later receive his undergrad degree from Baldwin-Wallace College and attend Notre Dame University's V-12 program as a member of the United States Navy.

Mr. Geisinger began his professional career at the F. E. Myers & Bros. Company in the late 1940's, where he would eventually become Vice President of Finance and Administration. In 1968, he was one of only 160 business executives to participate in the Advance Management Program at Harvard Business School. Joining the Greer Steel Company in 1973, he served as President until his retirement in 1988.

During his time in Ashland, Mr. Geisinger served on several area governing boards, including those of Custom Hoists in Hayesville, First National Bank of Ashland, Samaritan Hospital and, importantly, was a past president of the Ashland YMCA board of trustees.



Russell's wife, Harriette, a Kent State University alumna, taught Physical Education at Ashland High School and was a faculty member at (then) Ashland College for 10 years. While there, she was instrumental in creating the women's intercollegiate volleyball and basketball programs. Always a sports enthusiast, Harriette competed in many golf and tennis tournaments.

Although the Geisingers have left this present life, with Russell passing away in 2010 and Harriette in January of 2016, their legacy continues in Ashland, thanks to prearranged charitable giving that was a part of their estate plan.

Their son, Stephen, recounted recently to ACCF's executive director, the wonderful life that their family enjoyed while they resided in Ashland, with particular fondness for the Ashland YMCA and the Public Library.

That fondness was evident in the remarkable gift of over \$622,000 that was bequeathed to the Ashland YMCA, with the stipulation that it be held in endowment at the Ashland County Community Foundation for the long-term support of this organization about which the Geisingers cared so much.

Additionally, \$50,000 was provided to ACCF, as an unrestricted gift. Once it was learned of the Geisingers' love of the Ashland Public Library, ACCF's board of trustees elected to create a new endowment fund for the library, in the amount of \$10,000.

With the remaining \$40,000, a new "Russell and Harriette Geisinger Community Grants Fund" was established at ACCF, whereby other non-profit agencies will benefit from the annual distribution from this fund. This will allow the Geisinger name to be carried forward, permanently, directing charitable funding where it's needed most in Ashland County.

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ACCF Mission

To advance philanthropy and improve the quality of life in Ashland County by supporting charitable activities in the community, providing and administering a variety of planned giving programs, and serving as responsible stewards of designated scholarships and individual funds for specific charities.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (CUTTY'S CORNER)



Jim Cutright (Cutty)

\$9,911,231..!

No, that's not the most recent Powerball or Mega Millions payout figure, but it *is* part of a winning formula, of which the Ashland County Community Foundation is proud to be a part.

The most optimistic of us could have hardly imagined, 21 years ago, from humble beginnings, that ACCF would have by now re-invested over \$9.9 million into our beloved Ashland County, helping to fill the "buckets of need" in areas of education, compassion, economic development and community improvement.

In our first official grants cycle, in our second year of operation, we quite literally "passed the hat" among ACCF trustees and a handful of devoted donors to distribute \$12,765 in grants. In the just completed 2015-2016 fiscal year alone, grants totaled \$1,616,153!

As we look to the future, we're excited about the prospects of exponential growth in these numbers and the resulting impact that can be made in Ashland County.

Our donor base has grown to over 6,400 individuals. If you do that math in Ashland County, ACCF has engaged nearly 1 in 6 adults; a remarkable feat for a community foundation in any size county, anywhere.

As an anchor institution in our community, we also recognize that, as additional resources become available, a weightier responsibility is placed upon the leadership of ACCF to manage outcomes, and so we're ready for the challenge.

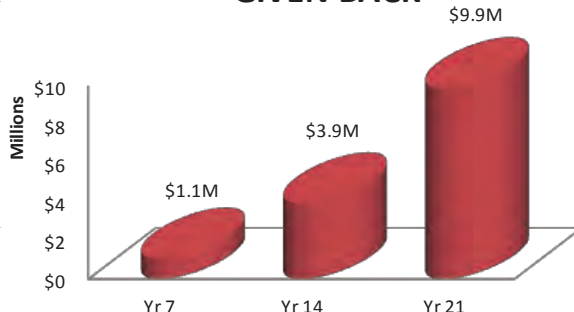
Our newest addition to our Board of Trustees, Tom Zupan, has extensive experience in real estate investing and brings a wealth of business expertise.

Two additional trustees, Anne Cowen and Jay Myers, have returned to our ranks, having each served a prior eight-year term and a stint as past Board Chair. Their passion for our mission has been evident over the years and is inspiring to us all.

Models of inspiration also exist outside Ashland County, as we contemplate how ACCF might become involved in assisting with strategic initiatives to benefit our communities. We look for visioning and planning examples that might encourage and stimulate a different type of thinking about our future.

Excitement on the horizon; stay tuned...and, as always, thank you so much for supporting ACCF and its mission!

GIVEN BACK



GEISINGER STORY - CONTINUED

ACCF currently administers over 350 individual endowment funds, each with its own story. The Geisinger family chose to write their storyline well before the final page was turned, and while some of us were surprised by these resulting gifts from the heart, Russell and Harriette knew, well in advance, through careful planning, how their story would end.

We encourage you to begin writing your life's story and, if it includes a charitable component, ACCF is happy to assist.

Photo, Left-to-Right: William Rutger, Ashland Public Library; Molly Riley, Ashland YMCA and Jim Cutright, ACCF, gratefully acknowledge the Geisinger endowment gifts. (Photo courtesy—Ashland T-G)



ACCF HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

The Ashland County Community Foundation (ACCF) held its 21st annual meeting on July 25, 2016. The group recognized the 6,468 donors whose generosity has made possible the distribution of \$9,911,231 to the community by way of grants, scholarships and donor fund distributions. Invested assets of the organization total more than \$31,000,000.

Retiring trustees Keith Boales and Susan Shafer were recognized at the meeting and will be honored at ACCF's Annual Donor Appreciation Reception, to be held November 9, 2016.

Boales has served on the Development and Nominating Committees and served as chair of the Grants Review and Mini-Grants Committees. Shafer served on the Marketing/Advertising Committee and served as chair of the Advancement Committee. She is also an Emeritus Women's Fund Steering Committee member and GEM.

Anne Cowen, Jay Myers and Thomas Zupan were elected to the ACCF Board of Trustees for four-year terms beginning July 2016. Cowen, is a registered dietician and the Safety and Wellness Coordinator at Cowen Truck Line. She will serve on the Community Grants Review, Scholarship and Strategic Grants Committees. Myers, Vice President of Simonson Construction Services, will serve on the Community Grants Review and Hess Loan Committees. Zupan, a real estate investor, will serve on the Finance Committee.

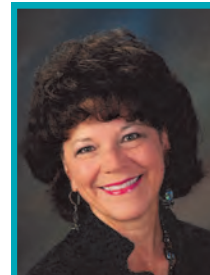
The following officers were elected for 2016-2017: Dr. Andrew Stein, Chair; Kenneth Milligan, Vice Chair; Patricia Byerly, Treasurer; Michael Huber, Secretary; and Anne Cowen, Past Chair; Lucille G. Ford, President Emerita; James Cutright, Executive Director/CEO; Kristin Aspin, Vice President – Operations; Ann Guthrie, Recording Secretary. Irwin Financial Associates was elected as auditor for the 2016-2017 year.



Keith Boales



Susan Shafer



Anne Cowen



Jay Myers

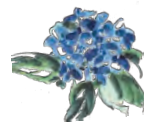


Tom Zupan

WOMEN'S FUND

Mother's Day Cards

Four hundred eighteen women were honored and remembered this past Mother's Day with gifts to the Women's Fund totaling more than \$15,000. Since providing this Mother's Day opportunity to honor and remember special women, over 2,300 Mother's Day cards have been mailed with more than \$105,000 raised to support women and children in Ashland County via grants to non-profit organizations from The Women's Fund.



Annual Gathering

The Women's Fund Annual Gathering will be held Tuesday, September 13th from 7:00 - 8:30 pm at Ashland University. This will be a dessert social to include presentation of the Lucille G. Ford "Freedom from Selfishness" Award and announcement of the 2016 grant recipients. Should you care to attend, please contact the Foundation office. We'd love for you to join us.

Grants Impact

Eight Women's Fund Grants were awarded totaling \$15,355.



The mission of the Women's Fund is to create a permanent legacy that enhances the lives of Ashland County women.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Teacher Mini-Grants

Competitive grants awarded to teachers grades K-12 in Ashland County accredited public and private schools.

Application deadline: September 8

Community Grants

Competitive grants awarded to 501(c)(3) and other qualifying charitable organizations contributing to the betterment of our community.

Application deadline: September 15

IMPACT Youth Grants

Grants awarded to 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations, schools and governmental agencies to benefit youth.

Application deadline: February 15

Apply online at
www.accommunityfoundation.org



183 SCHOLARSHIPS were recently awarded to students all across Ashland County.
Recipients of the scholarships awarded in 2016 for the first time are pictured below.



Autumn Campbell
Loudonville High School
Ronald Crall Family Scholarship



Breah Franko
Mount Vernon High School
Barbara Lamson Miller Teacher
Scholarship



Marquell Gorsuch
Mapleton High School
Nancy Steward Keener Scholarship



Noah Griffith
Ashland High School
Jorj and Patricia Hildebrand Scholarship



Katie Mager
Hillsdale High School
Judith Halama Ebert Scholarship



Macy Payne
Hillsdale High School
John A. Strang and Son Scholarship



Cortney Shammo
Ashland County-West Holmes Career Center/Ashland High School
Larry D. and Catherine H. Paxton Scholarship

Kirsten Augustine – James and Elise Lingenfelter Scholarship, Andrew Stitzlein Memorial Scholarship, Russell Wendling Rolling Hills Farm Agriculture Scholarship
 Joshua Baynes – Robert and Colleen Stitzlein Scholarship
 Alex Beer – Ashland County North Central State College Scholarship, Dauch-Rule Scholarship, Sophia Underwood Memorial Scholarship
 Kali Beidelschies – Mary Ellen Wolfe Memorial Scholarship – renewal
 Adam Benway – Stump Family Cross Country Scholarship, Tom VanOsdall Jr. Endowed Scholarship, Earl and Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics, Keith Wygant Memorial Scholarship
 Rachel Brown – Hillsdale Academic Boosters Scholarship, Mary and Ernest J. Hopkins Memorial Scholarship
 Jennifer Brustoski – Earl and Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics – renewal
 Stetson Bryson – Ashland County 4-H Committee Scholarship, William and Martha Buckingham Scholarship, Gene and Marilyn Byers Scholarship for Citizenship and Patriotism, Newton E. and Hester G. Dilgard Memorial Scholarship, George W. Ebert Memorial Scholarship, Patti Lee (Mowers) Mowery Scholarship, Jack E. Nowels Endowed Scholarship, Noel and Ann Shaffer Scholarship, Donna and Lawrence Spreng Family Scholarship, Andrew Stitzlein Memorial Scholarship, Carl and Thelma Stitzlein Cattleman's Association Scholarship, Carl H. and Thelma L. Moherman Stitzlein Scholarship, Russell Wendling Rolling Hills Farm Agriculture Scholarship
 Noelle Burke – William K. Wiley Scholarship
 Chelsee Butcher – Donald E. and Daphne Maras Long Scholarship
 Max Butler – George W. Ebert Memorial Scholarship, Loudonville-Perrysville Athletic Boosters, Inc. Memorial Scholarship
 Autumn Campbell – Robert and Ruth Daniels Memorial Scholarship, John and Jean Gardner Scholarship, Loudonville/Perrysville Alumni Scholarship, Loudonville-Perrysville High School Class of 1962 Scholarship, Tony Marley Memorial Scholarship for a Teacher Education Major, Harold and Pauline Obrecht Education Scholarship, Marjorie and T.H. Robinson Scholarship
 Kayleigh Chelski – Ed and Barbara Haudenschild OSU Scholarship
 Eugene Cho – Richard and Nancy Esbenschade Scholarship, Tom VanOsdall Jr. Endowed Scholarship
 Tori Cole – Mary Ellen Wolfe Memorial Scholarship – renewal
 Edmund Coleman – Tom VanOsdall Jr. Endowed Scholarship
 Madalynn Conkle – Ashland City Teachers Association Scholarship, Ashland High School Class of 1952 Scholarship, Bruce and Shirley Bookmyer Scholarship, Jeane Countryman Memorial Scholarship, David III and Marlene F. Downie Scholarship, Arthur B. Gorsuch Endowed Scholarship, John E. Hartzler Scholarship, Dave and Diana Kowalka Scholarship for Social Sciences, Environmental Studies or Education, George J. Valentine Pursuit of Excellence Scholarship
 Austin Crist – Don and Carolyn Lowe Math/Science Scholarship, Earl and Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics
 Maxx Davidson – W. Boyd and Clara A. Winbigler Scholarship
 Megan Eagle – Mary Ellen Wolfe Memorial Scholarship – renewal
 Amanda Ehrmantraut – Mary Ellen Wolfe Memorial Scholarship
 Emily Fanning – Byron E. and Virginia Rapp Dilgard Scholarship, Bob and Beryl Kopp Memorial Scholarship, Hermon L. and Inez A. Page Memorial Scholarship
 Tess Frederick – David and Carol Burns Scholarship
 Liberty Garber – Hillsdale Academic Boosters Scholarship
 Grace Garrison – Kim Marquette Memorial Scholarship
 Makayla Gauss – Earl and Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics – renewal
 Paige Goodwin – Debra E. "Pebbles" Dilgard Memorial Scholarship
 Marquell Gorsuch – Ralph and Donna Conwell Memorial Scholarship, George and Rhea Wertman Hartman Scholarship
 Mitchell Grandy – Mary Ellen Wolfe Memorial Scholarship – renewal
 Garrett Gregg – Dave Rohr Memorial Scholarship
 Olivia Groves – Dr. JoAnn Ford Watson Scholarship, W. Boyd and Clara A. Winbigler Scholarship
 Danielle Hanning – Jessika Brown Memorial Scholarship
 Keyyla Harr – Charlene Elliston Memorial Scholarship – renewal
 Garrett Harris – Ashland County Pilot's Association--Leo K. Heyl Memorial Scholarship, Hillsdale Academic Boosters Scholarship, Helen J. Taylor Scholarship
 Andrea Heffelfinger – Russell William Blakely Scholarship – renewal
 Coleton Heffelfinger – Sue E. Banks Scholarship
 Jeanna Hopton – Robert and Joyce Stokes Family Scholarship – renewal, Mary Ellen Wolfe Memorial Scholarship – renewal
 Sarah Householder – Vanessa L. Wood Memorial Scholarship – renewal
 Andrew Ickes – W. Boyd and Clara A. Winbigler Scholarship – renewal
 Michael Itschner – Russell William Blakely Scholarship – renewal
 Victoria Jones – Jack R. Cooper Memorial Scholarship, Jack Miller/Dick Smail Golf Scholarship, Steve Moon Memorial Golf Scholarship
 Allison Kiefer – Black-Etzwiler Scholarship; Loudonville-Perrysville Athletic Boosters, Inc. Memorial Scholarship
 John Krichbaum – Wayne E. and Elizabeth Ann Brechbuhler Scholarship

Kierstan Lawson – AHS Class of 1962 Scholarship
 Shelbi Long – Hayesville and Jeromesville Alumni Associations Scholarship, Hillsdale Education Association Scholarship, Jeromesville Coon Hunters Association, Joe Stephens and Kyle Cline Scholarship, Lisa Marth Memorial Scholarship, Brad Mowry Memorial Scholarship, Jordan "Joe" Stephens Memorial Ag Scholarship
 Kali Madden – Wayne E. and Elizabeth Ann Brechbuhler Scholarship
 Katie Mager – Katherine and Deanna Draper Scholarship, Judith Halama Ebert Scholarship, Linda S. Heyl Memorial Scholarship, Hillsdale Education Association Scholarship, Jane Maun Memorial Scholarship, Stan and June McFarlin Scholarship, Solomon Scholarship
 Kelsey Maloney – Mary Ellen Wolfe Memorial Scholarship – renewal
 Logan Markle – Earl and Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics – renewal
 Elizabeth Martin – Belle Osborn Memorial Scholarship
 Jada Elise McElroy – Robert (Driz) Young Scholarship
 Leif McFrederick – Michael L. Runyan Memorial Scholarship – renewal
 Kate McGovern – Ashland County 4-H Committee Scholarship; Jeromesville Coon Hunters Assoc., Joe Stephens and Kyle Cline Scholarship; George and Dorothy Krino Memorial Scholarship; Liz Myers Scholarship; Carl and Thelma Stitzlein Cattleman's Association Scholarship
 Alexander McMillen – W. Boyd and Clara A. Winbigler Scholarship – renewal
 Alyssa McQuate – Simonson Family Scholarship
 Madison McQuate – Dauch-Rule Scholarship, Merle C. and Frances L. Plank Scholarship
 Michael Meixner – Hiller School/Community Club Scholarship
 Bronson Mosher – Elizabeth Kaufmann Baker Scholarship
 Veronica Mounts – Hayesville and Jeromesville Alumni Associations Scholarship, W. Boyd and Clara A. Winbigler Scholarship
 Malakye Nall – James and Phyllis McClure Business Scholarship
 Amanda Payne – Simmons-Olson, Mark Hightower Nursing Scholarship
 Macy Payne – Anderson Community Club Scholarship; Eggerton, McBride and Oswalt Memorial Scholarship; Charlene Elliston Memorial Scholarship; Jeromesville Coon Hunters Association, Joe Stephens and Kyle Cline Scholarship; Jordan "Joe" Stephens Memorial Ag Scholarship
 Dan Pflueger – Ashland Noon Lions Club Scholarship
 Eric Pickering – Hillsdale Academic Boosters Scholarship, Roger and Debra Lyons Scholarship
 Hannah Purdy – Robert and Anna Donelson Scholarship, Bill and Cay Harris Scholarship, Loudonville FFA Alumni Association Scholarship, Jack E. Nowels Endowed Scholarship
 Ben Raudebaugh – James Andrews Jr. Memorial Scholarship
 Erik Reep – Don and Carolyn Lowe Health Sciences Scholarship, Dick Roberts Memorial Music Scholarship, Jeff Williams "Principle" Scholarship
 Heath Reineke – Richard and Nancy Esbenschade Scholarship – renewal
 Tecca Ringler – Ralph and Donna Conwell Memorial Scholarship
 Cirrus Robinson – Mary Ellen Wolfe Memorial Scholarship
 Hannah Rose – Hillsdale Academic Boosters Scholarship
 Alejandro Sanchez – George W. Ebert Memorial Scholarship, Loudonville High School Class of 1941 Scholarship
 Nate Scarberry – Samaritan Hospital Medical Staff/Ashland County Physicians Medical School Scholarship
 Abigail Shafer – Frances Freer Scholarship
 William Snyder – George W. Ebert Memorial Scholarship, Perrysville St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church Scholarship
 Julie Sommers – June G. Patton Memorial Graduate Scholarship
 Drew Squires – Earl and Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics – renewal
 Zach Stoops – Coach Doug McDonald Honorary Scholarship
 Alexa Stoudt – Russell William Blakely Scholarship – renewal
 Emily Stump – Richard and Nancy Esbenschade Scholarship – renewal
 Samuel Swain – Earl and Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics – renewal
 Colton Ullman – George W. Ebert Memorial Scholarship
 Austin VanSickle – Altrusa Club of Ashland Scholarship, Russell William Blakely Scholarship
 Mary Van Scoy – Mary M. Case Memorial Scholarship
 Akila Venkataramany – Richard and Nancy Esbenschade Scholarship – renewal
 Tyson Vogel – Earl and Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics – renewal
 Katherine Wallrabenstein – Jacque and Ruth Lingenfelter Music Scholarship
 Mollie Walters – Peter Linneman Scholarship, Tom VanOsdall Jr. Endowed Scholarship, Harvey N. Young Business-Finance Scholarship
 Kennedy Warner – Hiller School/Community Club Scholarship, Gene and Janice Yeater Educational Scholarship
 Emily Wesner – William R. and Constance M. Dravenstott Family Scholarship, Jim and Marilyn Emmons Scholarship, Cherise Mims-Kruty Memorial Scholarship, Steve Wertz Agricultural Memorial Scholarship
 Laura Wolgamott – Samaritan Hospital Med. Staff/Ashland Co. Phys. Medical School Scholarship
 Laura Yeater – W. Boyd and Clara A. Winbigler Scholarship – renewal
 Heather Young – George W. Ebert Memorial Scholarship
 Kiana Ziegler – Vanessa L. Wood Memorial Scholarship – renewal

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS



IMPACT - Young "Difference Maker" Event
May 10



Scholarship Luncheon
June 9



Board Meeting
July 25



Donor Thank You Luncheon
June 23

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| ACCF Community Grants Endowment | _____ | _____ | _____ |
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| ACCF Building Endowment | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| ACCF Women's Fund | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Individual Fund* | _____ | _____ | _____ |

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BOARD MEMBER PROFILE - KEN MILLIGAN



Ken Milligan

Ken Milligan has been a member of the ACCF Board of Trustees since 2013. Currently Vice Chair of the Board, he serves as chair of the Development Committee, and member of the Grants, Finance and Executive Committees.

Ken graduated from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree. He later attended the McIntyre School of Commerce at The University of Virginia where he received his graduate degree from The Graduate School of Retail Bank Management.

Ken and wife, Sheila, have been married for 45 years and have two daughters, Ryane and Erin and two grandchildren, Reagan and Bryston. Ryane is a teacher in the Ashland City Schools and Erin is professionally employed in Denver, Colorado. Ken and Sheila reside in Ashland and enjoy spending time with their family and like to travel.

Ken is a strong believer in giving back to his community with his time, talents and resources. Ken and Sheila established a Donor

Designated Memorial Fund, at ACCF, to honor his parents for the benefit of United Way agencies for years to come.

While working for Huntington National Bank, Ken and his family moved to Ashland in 1984. Ken served the Ashland area market for Huntington as its Senior Vice President and Community Executive, working a total of 33 years for the bank. After coming out of retirement, he worked seven years for FirstMerit Bank as a Senior Vice President and Commercial Loan Officer. Currently, Ken works as a consultant for The Wayne Savings Community Bank.

Ken is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, serving as past lay leader of the congregation, and is a member of the personnel and finance committees. He is a member of the Ashland Noon Lions Club and served as past president.

Mr. Milligan has served on numerous boards and committees. To highlight, Ken served as the United Way Campaign Chair in 1994 and 2011, as well as serving as member and past president of the United Way Board of Directors. He also served as Chair of the Steering Committee to promote and develop the Salvation Army Kroc Center. Ken was a member of the Associated Charities Board and served two terms as President. He served as a past member of the Mohican Area Growth Foundation. Ken is a current member of the Ashland Area Chamber of Commerce and has served on capital campaigns for several organizations within the community.