

2024



**BAY**  
**VILLAGE**  
**FOUNDATION**

# 22 ANNUAL DEDICATION

— Bronze Memorial Plaques  
Scholarship Awards  
Grant Recipients

Cahoon Park Memorial Bridge  
Bay Village, Ohio  
May 27, 2024

# PROGRAM

Welcome

Grant Awardees

Scholarship Recipients

Plaque Presentation

Recognition of Past Plaque Recipients

Bay High Honors Quintet

Honoring our Military Veterans

Walk to Footbridge to view the plaques



**Master of Ceremony:** Jon Loufman

**Bay High Honors Quintet:**  
*Directed by Carrie Singler*

Gianni Crimaldi, Violin 1  
Kathleen Lang, Violin 2  
Bianca León, Viola  
Gretchen Nagel, Cello 1  
Nadia Wynocker, Cello 2

**Trumpets for Taps:**  
Evan Trnavsky and Connor Spellman

# 2024 DEDICATION

## Cynthia and Eric Eakin

Cynthia and Eric Eakin have lived in Bay Village a combined 113 years, raising two children, Marah and Judson, here and, like many others before them, have contributed to the community they love in as many ways as possible.

Eric and Cynthia have both served as President of the Bay Village Historical Society. Eric is currently the Treasurer and Cynthia, Publicity Chairperson and Board Member. The couple co-chaired the Society's annual antique and craft show and sale for 17 years.

Eric coordinates with Bay Kiwanis to host Santa Claus's annual visit through town aboard a fire truck. Eric currently serves as Board Member and previously as President of the Bay Men's Club, the city's oldest and largest civic organization. Eric also served as President of the Bay Village Community Council for many years. Eric and Cynthia were named by the Community Council as Citizens of the Year in 2015.

Eric headed up fundraising efforts to help pay for Bay Days fireworks display for five years and volunteers his time in the city's memorial rose garden. Eric also serves as the arbiter (umpire) for The Villagers, an old-time baseball team.

Both Eric and Cynthia are poll workers for the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections. Cynthia is also a member of the Bay Village League of Women Voters.

"Bay Village is a terrific community," Eric said. "We all look out for each other in numerous ways. It's a wonderful place to raise a family, to volunteer your time and talents, and we get to enjoy that beautiful lake every day."



# 2024 DEDICATION

**Jon Loufman**



A near life-long resident of Bay Village, Jon Loufman, is an award-winning radio and television broadcaster and weather anchor whose professional accomplishments earned him a place in the Ohio Broadcasters Hall of Fame in 2002. Throughout his broadcast career over the past 35 years, Jon has worked for Cleveland's ABC, NBC, CBS, and FOX television affiliates, and is currently the daily weather voice of several Northeast Ohio radio stations.

A past President of the Northeast Ohio chapter of the American Meteorological Society, Jon holds Masters Degrees in both Communications and Meteorology and has taught meteorology, oceanography, climatology and earth science at Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland State, Baldwin Wallace, Lorain County Community College, Tri-C, Lakeland Community College, and Stark State College.

Jon served for many years on the Board of the Bay Soccer Club and has served as a trustee of the Bay Village Foundation (from ancient times when we were known only as "The Village Foundation"). He also served for many years as Bay Soccer Club's travel team coach and Bay Men's Club baseball manager.

Jon and his wife of nearly 44 years, Julia, have been active in the Bay Village schools where their four sons and daughter attended from grade school through high school. Jon has enjoyed serving as a speaker and emcee at many Bay Village community events throughout the years including today's Bay Village Foundation Memorial Day Dedication Ceremony for which he has served as emcee since 2011.





# 2024 DEDICATION

## Westlake | Bay Village Observer

The Westlake | Bay Village Observer community newspaper was founded in 2009 by the father-daughter team of Denny and Tara Wendell. The Bay Village residents envisioned a medium for the free sharing of news and information with the goal of strengthening, educating and energizing their community.

As one of the longest-running citizen journalism publications in the United States, the Observer has published more than 350 issues containing nearly 11,000 articles written by 1,500 residents of Bay Village and Westlake. The highlights of the Observer's tenure include awards and commendations from the City of Westlake, the Cleveland Press Club, the Ohio School Boards Association and, most recently, the Bay Village Foundation.

The Observer's impact on the community is perhaps best exemplified by the outpouring of financial support from readers as the Covid pandemic intensified an already challenging media landscape, deepening the paper's founding motto: "Community News Powered by the Citizens of Westlake and Bay Village."



## **Scholarship Recipients**

Three scholarships of \$2,000 each are awarded annually to graduating seniors of Bay Village. These fine students were recently awarded their scholarships at a Bay High awards ceremony:

The T. Richard and Betsy Martin Scholarship  
**Nicholas Szekely**

Bay Village Foundation Scholarship  
**James Kelly**

Bay Village Foundation Scholarship  
**Faith Tuetschbein**

## **Grant Recipients**

The Bay Village Foundation exists to provide support for projects and programs fostering Bay Village's historical, cultural, social and educational heritage. The following grant recipients exemplify the mission and values of the Foundation:

Cleveland Metroparks  
Bay Library  
BAYarts  
Bay Village Police Department  
Family Haven  
Karen's Way  
Lake Erie Nature and Science Center  
Village Project  
Youth Challenge  
Bay Village Historical Society

# PREVIOUS HONOREES



Herman and Joyce Bredenbeck	2017	Jack and Estelle Green	2022
Russell Brill	2018	Walter R. Groeger	2008
Thomas and Barbara Brugh	2023	The John Harknett Family	2014
James H. Cahoon	2020	Hawthorne Family	2017
Dwight Clark	2022	Frank & Marge (Soper) Heldt	2019
James H. Cowles	2002	Joan Hirsh	2012
Carol B. Dillon	2023	Lisa J. Huhndorff	2013
Del Donahoo	2004	David Henry Jacobs	2004
Frederick Francis Drenkhan	2004	Tom Jelepiss	2011
Gary A. Ebert	2019	Michael Kalstrom	2021
Harry J. Ebert	2002	Robert Kitzerow	2010
Pamela M. Ebert	2022	Henry and Betty Laub	2018
Robert and Nancy Fleming	2019	Jack Wesley Llewellyn	2002
Bradley Howard Friedel	2003	Larry and Carol Marsalek	2022

# PREVIOUS HONOREES



Elizabeth Ross Martin	2012	Henry and Helen Reese	2015
T. Richard Martin	2004	Lela and Richard Schier	2016
Edward R. Matthews	2017	Ivan and Miriam Shepard	2012
Grace McGahan Matthews	2003	Dale A. Smith	2002
John Matyas	2014	Ruth and Bob Stromberg	2003
Gerald and Joyce Maurer	2018	Tom and Sandy Sullivan	2011
Jack and Karen Norton	2006	Robert J. Thomas	2017
John and Alva O'Neill	2009	Eileen Vernon	2016
Maryann O'Reilly	2022	Thomas Allen Vernon	2007
John Harrison Parker	2002	Wayne E. Wentz	2002
Alan Paulus	2020	Laurie Ann Wilder	2003
James R. Potter	2016	Barb and Ian Woodburn	2019
James C. Redinger	2012	Young-Coulton-Kerka Family	2022
Wayne and Jeanne Reese	2018	John L. Yuhas, Sr.	2013



# HELP MAKE BAY VILLAGE AN EVEN BETTER PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY.



## Mission

The Foundation exists to provide support for projects and programs fostering Bay Village's historical, cultural, social and educational heritage. Through the Bay Village Foundation, residents and businesses are encouraged to perpetuate the traditions that make Bay Village a special place to live and work.



## History

In 1995 a group of civic minded volunteers established a fund to help the city build the Play in Bay playground. Seeing the project succeed by cooperative efforts, a small group decided to see what they could do to develop a community fund that would be there to support future projects in Bay Village. Under the leadership of T. Richard "Dick" Martin, the Bay Village Foundation was created as one central organization to which all others could look for financial help.



## Donate

It is with your ongoing support that we can continue to invest in our community to support nonprofits that make a difference in the lives of residents, capital improvements, and students scholarships. Please consider a donation today! Donate via the QR code or online, at [www.thebayvillagefoundation.org/annual-drive/](http://www.thebayvillagefoundation.org/annual-drive/)



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