

INDUCTEE

Larry L. Lintner

Graduated1953
MarriedHelen Diffenbaugh
Children.Tracey, Tuesday
Resides Gahanna

Larry Lintner has never strayed very far from his roots. Following high school graduation in 1953, he enrolled in Otterbein College and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Education in 1968. He taught and coached at Watkins Memorial High School taking Watkins to their first undefeated football season in 1964 and a #2 rating in the state of Ohio. He was named Licking County *Coach of the Year* for 1962 & 1963 seasons. He enrolled in the Ohio University graduate program, received his Master of Education degree in 1965 and taught and coached six years at Otterbein College. He was inducted into the education honorary fraternity Phi Delta Kappa.

Larry married his high school sweetheart in 1953, and together they started their own small business while he was in college; in 1955 they opened a Dairy Queen, formed Dairy Queens of Gahanna, Inc. and owned four locations at one time. Their business has since become one of the most established businesses in Gahanna. He has been with Dairy Queen over 50 years winning numerous Dairy Queen Sales achievement awards. Dairy Queens of Gahanna is ranked in the top 150 stores in gross sales of 5400 in the country.

Larry supports the Gahanna sports program and its participants, spending time with individuals offering words of encouragement and praise. He sponsors awards and gives visual recognition to various sports programs and participants. He has been a role model of hard work and achievement for them. As validation of his support, he was inducted into the Gahanna Lincoln Athletic Hall of Fame in 1987.

Larry's contributions to his community go much further than the support he has offered to school athletics. He has lent support to the schools through his work to pass levies and sponsored the Right to Read program, and summer reading programs at the library. He helped with the formation of the school district's Safety Town program. When the high school began its Renaissance Program, Larry was one of its first sponsors. He has been president of the Gahanna Swim Club, fundraiser for the Gahanna YMCA, scout for the Chicago Bears football team, fund raiser for the city swimming pool, a vital individual leading Gahanna to victory in the Battle of the Cities Contest in the 1970's, a founder and five year vice-president of the Gahanna High School Athletic Hall of Fame, recipient of the Gahanna Jaycees Distinguished Service of the Year Award and recipient of the Business Partner of the Year Award in his work with Gahanna schools. He works phone lines for the CMNT at Children's Hospital and has sponsored American Red Cross drives at his Dairy Queen for several years--in 2001 collecting 124% of the goal for that drive. As a life member of the Peace Lutheran Church of Gahanna, Larry Lintner has served as a former deacon, a member of past building committees, a Sunday School teacher and a sponsor of the Secret Santa program at Peace Lutheran church.

In considering candidates for Alumni Hall of Fame recognition, one community leader may have said it best when he said, "...it is important to recognize and honor individuals who long ago made a conscious decision to remain in their community and to give freely and unselfishly the personal and financial resources they possess." In fact, he was referring to Larry Lintner who established his attitude of giving to his community and his high school early on and has not relented in his purpose.

Larry and his wife Helen, partners in business and in life, live in Westerville where they frequently enjoy the company of their daughters and sons-in-law and four grandchildren—all students of the Gahanna Jefferson Schools.