



From left, Deputy Mayor Jim Bowers, Pam Herbst Dobson (representing Joe Herbst), Tracy Williams, Dave Middleton, John Middleton (representing Richard and Eleanor Middleton), Sonny Web, Maxine Gilman, Mayor Jeff Sanner. Not pictured Peg Rinaldi.

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News Release

SEVEN RESIDENTS INDUCTED INTO PLAZA OF FAME

WEST CARROLLTON, Ohio –The names of seven West Carrollton residents have been inscribed into bricks of the West Carrollton Plaza of Fame. Those people were recognized for their commitment to the community during a ceremony on Tuesday, July 22. The plaza is located at the corner of the West Carrollton Civic Center near the West Carrollton branch of Dayton Metro Library.

This year's inductees include:

Joe Herbst was posthumously recognized for his service to the city's fire department. He was instrumental in starting an ambulance service in West Carrollton. He was also involved in the construction of Fire Station No. 2 on Alex Road and recording the history of the city's fire department.

Maxine Gilman served as mayor of West Carrollton from 1988 to 2007. Gilman, the first woman to be elected to office in West Carrollton, served as a council member from 1972 to 1981 and 1986-87. Locally, she also serves on the Canterbury Court Episcopal Retirement Home Development Committee and the CountyCorp Home Start Board. She's been active in many other organizations including the First Presbyterian Church, League of Women Voters, American Auxiliary Post #165 and VFW Auxiliary Post #3438.

Eleanor and Richard Middleton were posthumously recognized for 24 years of service in the community. Eleanor served as a teacher in the West Carrollton school district and was a long-time choir director and organist at West Carrollton Memorial Methodist Church. Richard served as a deputy mayor and councilmember on West Carrollton's city council. He also served as a deputy registrar for the license bureau and served on the city's police pension board and water/sewer board.

Margaret Rinaldi has chaired the West Carrollton July 4th Festival Committee for the past three years. She is also the past president of the West Carrollton Historical Society. She has also been involved in the city's comprehensive plan and charter review committee.

Sonny Webb has served on the West Carrollton planning commission since 1982. He played a vital role in creating the city's comprehensive plan, urban design plan, sign code and zoning code update.

Glen Tracy Williams served as the city manager of West Carrollton from 1977 to 2007. During his tenure, he served as president of the Dayton Area Managers, the Ohio City/County Management Association, and the West Carrollton Rotary Club. Williams is a recipient of the Career Achievement Award from OCMA and was recognized as Public Manager of the Year for the Miami Valley by the Dayton Area Managers in 2002.

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