

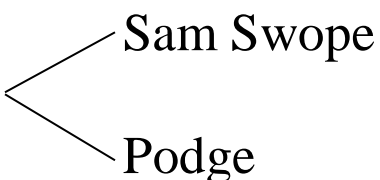
Presidential Medal
June 12, 2012, 6:30 p.m.
Amelia Place

1. Good evening. Thank you 4th Annual Presidential Medal Ceremony. Means a lot to us.
2. In the late 1990's, the Board of Trustees authorized the then-President to award the Presidential Medal to an individual/organization for outstanding contributions to the university/and for significantly helping the University of Louisville meet its mandate – the Postsecondary Education Improvement Act of 1997 (tough political time).
3. Interestingly, Presidential Medal – once during Dr. Shumaker's tenure – no formal mechanics, nothing special – no event to celebrate.

4. We understand there are so many individuals/ organizations add to our success – what we are, what we represent – recognize those who are an integral part of our success.

So:

1. Formal selection process
2. Major event to celebrate – now part of life – a and so tonight
 - 1st – Individual recognized – Not UofL – alumni/nomination/review selection

Tie 
Sam Swope
Podge

3. 2nd – Organization
 - Tonight – Gheens Foundation

So let's begin:

Sam Swope – you know. Everyone knows – No one walks away. Sam has never walked away from supporting the community. Supporter and friend of so many of us in the community. Supports the University of Louisville, Kosair Charities and so many other organizations in our community – always there.

The Swope Auto Group opened its doors in 1952 in Elizabethtown, Kentucky. Since those humble beginnings, Sam Swope and his family have grown the business to become the largest dealer in the state, delivering over 23,700 vehicles in 2011.

The Sam Swope Auto Group is composed of 17 dealerships in Louisville, and 7 affiliated dealerships in Elizabethtown, Radcliff, Richmond, and Lexington.

Sam Swope retired December 31, 2011, but continues as Founder and a member of the Board of Directors. Kids that he still goes to work but Patti took away office.

Over the years, Sam Swope has contributed back to his community in numerous ways including service on the:

1. Boards of Louisville Water Company;
2. University of Louisville Board of Overseers;
3. University of Louisville Hospital;
4. Lincoln Heritage Council of Boy Scouts of America – huge friend of Scouting;
5. Kosair Charities;
6. Kosair Children's Hospital;
7. Norton Hospital;
8. and more.

He was honored with the:

1. Time Magazine Quality Dealer Award;

2. The Silver Beaver Award from the Lincoln Heritage Council of the Boy Scouts of America;
3. Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame Laureate;
4. and the Ohio State University Alumni Citizenship Award.

While still very active in civic affairs, Sam can usually be found putting one of the latest models to the test, or riding the back roads on a motorcycle.

Sam Swope is a special person/generous/humorous – wonderful friend of mine. Great thing about job. Would you join me ...

Second:

Larry Clark – a Louisvillian

Member of House of Representatives

Larry represents

1. People
2. Good people
3. Hardworking people
4. Never forgets why he's in Frankfort – people – not special interest, not political – people
5. So many qualities I admire. I really think he is from Fern Creek

Service – House 1984 to Present

Electrician by training; member IBEW local 369;

1. NCSL Financial Services Committee
2. Kentucky Workforce Investments Board
3. IBEW local 369 Pension, Retirement & Health & Welfare Plans, Trustee;
4. Kentucky Labor-Management Advisory Council;
5. Jefferson County Electrical Board of Control;
6. National Electrical Code Committee;
7. Economic Advisory Council to Mayor;

8. UofL Board of Overseers;
9. UofL Foundation Board; (1989-91)
10. Okolona Business and Professional Assoc.;
11. Louisville and Jefferson County Community Action Agency;
12. American Cancer Society Board;
13. Governor's Task Force on Unemployment Insurance;
14. Co-Chair, Legislative Task Force on Extension of Water Service;
15. Governor's "Tax Policy" Commission 1995;
16. Governor's Task Force on Postsecondary Education Improvement Act of 1997; Leadership Louisville 1981.

Interim Committees

1. A&R
2. Economic Development and Tourism;
3. Election Constit. Amend. & Intergov. Affs. Task Force;

4. Licensing and Occupations;
5. State Government;
6. Veterans Military Affairs and Public Protection.

Session Committee

1. Committee on Committees (H);
2. Elections, Const. Amendments & Intergovernmental Affairs (H);
3. Licensing & Occupations (H);
4. Rules (H);
5. Tourism Development & Energy (H);
6. Veterans, Military Affairs, & Public Safety (H)

Statutory Committees

Legislative Research Commission

Larry

Stands for right – not always easy – not politically expedient – hard questions

Common sense

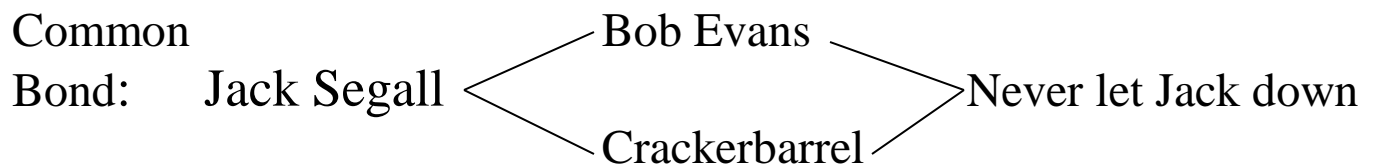
Friend of Education

Road Project

Friend of mine

Sometimes – disagree but ...

Common



Gheens Foundation

Creative Grant Making – mission statement

Grant-making will be made through understanding the present and future needs of our communities. WOW

Funding may be made currently or over a period of years, always stressing creative solutions for current problems.

The Foundation will exercise a leadership role in Metropolitan Louisville by encouraging cooperation with other local and national foundations and non-profit agencies.

This says it all.

The Gheens Foundation, Inc. was established in 1957 by C. Edwin and Mary Jo Gheens to continue their lifelong interests in education, religious programs, and human services. Mr. Gheens, a Louisville native whose father and uncle were successful in the wholesale grocery business, was the owner of a large, successful candy manufacturing company in Louisville. The family also owned a large plantation in Lafourche Parish, Louisiana.

The Gheens Foundation is one of the largest private foundations in Kentucky. The Trustees oversee approximately \$4 million in grants annually. Most of the

grants are made in the Louisville area and support a wide variety of endeavors, including public education, economic development, medical, the arts, and social/health services.

In 1982, the Foundation, in partnership with the Jefferson County Public Schools, established the Gheens Academy, a resource center providing professional training for teachers and administrators.

In 2008, the Foundation made a grant to create the Gheens Institute within the Academy, a laboratory to foster innovation in urban public education. Other major investments by the Foundation include the STARS Club for at-risk middle school boys and girls, the University of Louisville's Cardiovascular Innovation Institute, Metro United Way's Gheens Bridges to Tomorrow, Bellarmine University, the Parklands of Floyds Fork and Every 1 Reads.

Friend/Supporter of Education – there for UofL

Accept this recognition – Mike Mountjoy and Carolyn

Carl Thomas and Ellen

Not looking for high profile

Small way – Thank you

UofL – Mission

Community

People

PAUSE

Past winners:

2009 – Louisville Arena Authority (Jim King)

2010 – James Graham Brown Foundation
(Don Miller)

2011 – Henry Heuser
Kosair Charities (Sam Swope board member
emeritus)

Challenges – but we, UofL, have a job to do – we, UofL,
are going to do

Friends like Sam, Podge, Gheens.

We will not back down.