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## CELEBRATING A 50 YEAR MILESTONE



Congressman Steve Chabot presented APC President Ben Yoder with an American flag flown September 30, 2019 in Washington D. C. and addressed the 36th Annual Economic Outlook Breakfast attendees.



US Senator Rob Portman and APC President Ben Yoder



Dignitaries presented APC with Proclamations and Certificates.

*Pictured from Left to Right: Kenneth Henning representing Frank LaRose, Ohio Secretary of State; Representative Scott Lipps, Ohio District 62; Warren County Commissioners David Young and Shannon Jones; US Congressman Steve Chabot, 1st District; and Marcie Longenecker representing Robert Sprague, Ohio State Treasurer.*



Senator Steve Wilson presented President Ben Yoder and APC with a Certificate at the APC Annual Dinner in October.



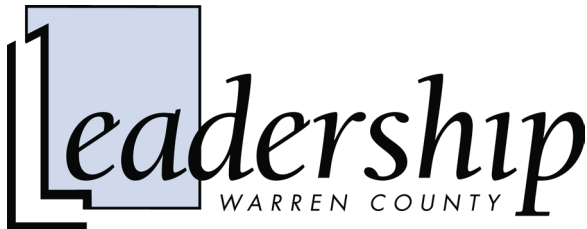
Area Progress Council Past Presidents: Stephen Roat, MSP (2016-2017); J. William Duning, Gray & Duning Attorneys (1983-1984 & 2009-2011); Walt Davis, Shakerland Farms (1985); Mike Geygan, Minuteman Press (2012-2013); Brad Knapp, The Schueler Group (1981-1982); William G. Thornton, Jr. (1996-1999); Ben Yoder, Frost Brown Todd (2018-2019) and the Honorable Senator Rob Portman

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## THE LEADERSHIP LOOP

Graduating from the 2019 LWC class were Chris Balster, Warren County Health Department; Eric Davis, ADVICS North America; Eileen Girdwood, Girdwood Orthodontics; Chief Scott Hughes, Hamilton Township Police Department; Adam Kwiecinski, Edward Jones; Amanda Miller, Otterbein Senior Life Styles; Mike Myers, Springboro Community City Schools; Joe Schroeder, United Way of Warren County; Alison Thompson, Peoples Bank; Ron Wilger, Atrium Medical Center and Lindsay Zirkle, LCNB National Bank.

Just a few Classmate Updates: **Kathy Michelich** (2002) retired from the OSU Extension Office and is publishing the blog 'A Flatter Me' which contains much words of wisdom. **Carla Hale** (2018) is working for Taft Law. **Angie Morgan** (2013) got married to Steve Engelbert and is a Project Manager with Kroger Company. **Lorrie Spivey** (2018) is now the Manager of Counseling and Accessibility Services for Sinclair CC in Dayton. **Bob Garlock** (2002) retired from Bayer Becker December 31, 2019 and moved to South Carolina. **Lauren Adams** (2018) earned her MBA in December 2019. **Kelly Morehead** (2003 & 2004) is working for the National Park Service as a Ranger. **Ben Wagner** (2018) got married and is now Jennifer Richardson. **Marla Bell-Gombita** (2003) is loving every minute of retirement from OEA. **Missy Mae Walters** (2018) now a liaison for the USDA and travels the mid-west meeting with farmers. **Richard Jones** (2003) is the Operations Officer for Warren County Community Services (WCCS, Inc.) **Jacob Ufkes** (2018) married and moved to Johnson Creek, Wisconsin. **Tom Grossmann** (2003) is a Warren County Commissioner. **Chris Hollon** (2018) and his wife Amy are expecting baby number 3 (a boy) in March. **April Walker** (2017) is Business Banking Consultant at US Bank. **Brandon Allen** (2013) moved his family and his business, Smart People, Inc. to Orlando, Florida. **John Heekin** (2007) owns a winery in northern Michigan. **Kristi Black** (2014) left WCBDD and started her own company Nineteen Services, Inc. **Gary Heitkamp** (2004) is Public Works Director for the City of Montgomery, Ohio. **Barney Wright** (2003) is the Warren County Treasurer. **Shannon Bryant** (2015) moved to Ft. Worth, TX and is the Executive VP for Corporate Solutions and Economic Development for Tarrant County College District. **Scott Lipps** (2013) is Ohio Representative for District 62. **Wendy Waters-CConnell** (2002) is the Executive Director for the City of Hamilton YWCA and is a member of the Native American group the Southern Singers.

Of course there are more updates to note – but I am out of room. Let me know the changes in your life

# 36<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ECONOMIC OUTLOOK BREAKFAST

The 36th Annual Economic Outlook Breakfast was held in November. The panelist Ohio Department of Transportation Director Jack Marchbanks and Ohio Kentucky Indiana Regional Council of Governments CEO Mark Policinski provided information regarding the future of transportation and the use of self-driving cars and trucks. Commissioner David Young moderated the discussion. Warren County Engineer provided introductions of the panelist and the topic.



Neil Tunison, Warren County Engineer



Jack Marchbanks, ODOT and Mark Policinski, OKI



Speakers for the 36th Economic Outlook Breakfast – Matt Nolan, Warren County Auditor; APC President Ben Yoder; US Senator Rob Portman; Commissioner David Young; Jack Marchbanks, ODOT; Neil Tunison, Warren County Engineer and Mark Policinski, OKI



## PROJECT EXCELLENCE NEWS

The 33rd Project Excellence Banquet will be held May 6, 2020 at the Warren County Career Center. Please nominate a public Warren County educator for selection, nominations are due February 28. Forms will be available in all the Warren County libraries, bank branches of APC member banks and all school buildings the month of February. But the easiest way to nominate is on line - go to <http://www.apcwc.org/project-excellence> - make sure you fill in the 'text' portion of the form.



November 2019 Columbus Excursion



Ohio Department of Education



Floor of the Ohio Senate



Floor of the Ohio House of Representatives



Lunch sponsored by NFIB with Representative Lipps and Senator Wilson at the Athletic Club



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## 2020 SCHEDULE OF APC EVENTS

**January 22** – APC Business After Hours – Golden Lamb

**February 28** – Deadline for Project Excellence Teacher nominations

**April 14** – State of the County Luncheon – Shaker Run Golf Club

**April 24** – *ThinkREGIONAL Summit*

**May 6** – Project Excellence Teacher Recognition Banquet



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