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Council Holds 19th Annual Celebration and Announces New Board Members

On Thursday, Dec. 16, more than 150 people gathered for a festive breakfast to help celebrate another year of service and achievement by the Council for Older Adults. The breakfast meeting was held at the Center for Older Adults on Cheshire Road and reflected upon a very busy and productive year in 2010.

The crowd recognized the volunteer service of outgoing board members John Berner, Jan Monks, Jim Price, Peter Shears, Clay Snyder, and Jan Wasson.

The 2011 slate of officers will be: Karen Pillion as president; Larry Harris as vice president; Lori Sontag as treasurer; and Dr. Alice Frazier as secretary.

New board members include Ross Long, appointed by the Council for Older Adults, who is an attorney in Delaware, practicing with the law offices of Heald & Long. He holds a B.A. from OWU and a J.D. from the University of Cincinnati.

Alice Solove of Powell has been appointed by the Council for Older Adults and holds a B.A. in economics from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. She has volunteered for Meals On Wheels and the senior home chores program for the Council for Older Adults as well for the Andrews House.

Dwayne Gardner of Delaware was appointed by the Delaware County Commissioners and holds a doctorate in education from the University of Nebraska. He has worked in the field of education as a facilities planner as well as for the U. S. Department of Education. He is currently retired and volunteers as the co-manager of the Main Street Delaware Farmers' Market and as a member of the Willowbrook Farms Condo Association.

George Speese of Delaware was appointed by the City of Delaware. He has a B.S. from OWU and attended Otterbein University. He has worked as a tutor and teacher for Delaware City Schools and as a consultant for hospitals. He is a former member of City Council in Delaware.

John Watkins of Radnor, appointed by the Delaware County Commissioners, holds a master's in education from OSU and is a former vocational agriculture teacher as well as an assistant state supervisor of vocational agriculture with the Ohio Department of Education. He also served as a Marion County Commissioner for 16 years and is a member of the Prospect Senior Citizens board.

Robert Horrocks, executive director of the Council for Older Adults, presented certificates of appreciation to a number of community organizations and companies that support the services and special events of the Council including the Delaware County Bank & Trust Co., Grady Memorial Hospital/OhioHealth, Haller Financial Services, Hiram Masonic Lodge #18 F. & A.M., James A. Homan DDS MS, Manos Martin Pergram & Dietz Co., LPA, OhioHealth, Rodman Neepers Funeral Home, Willow Brook Christian Communities, and WMNI 920 AM. A donation was made to People in Need in their names.

The Council for Older Adults of Delaware County is a non-profit local organization responsible for planning, coordinating and developing local services for older adults, their families and caregivers in Delaware County. The Council is the home of SENIOR CHOICES, the local one stop center for information, assistance and in-home services. The Senior Choices program is supported in part through the local senior services levy.