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## **DELAWARE RESIDENT INDUCTED INTO SENIOR HALL OF FAME**

Bob Erlandson of Delaware is Delaware County’s 2009 inductee into the Central Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. He will be honored at the 34<sup>th</sup> annual induction ceremony, which will take place May 20 at 1 p.m. at King Arts Complex in Columbus.

Erlandson, 84, is an active volunteer with the Council for Older Adults and Senior Citizens Inc. of Delaware County, working as a tour guide for the Center for Older Adults and helping to deliver meals to the homebound.

“Bob is such a dedicated volunteer who shows kindness to everyone,” said Charlene Browning, executive director of Senior Citizens Inc. “He is so friendly and informative during his tours of the center.” The center, which opened in 2007, hosts educational, social and fitness programs for citizens 60 years and older in Delaware County.

A two-time cancer survivor, Erlandson also cared for his late wife, Joan, when she was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease. He signed up as a volunteer meal driver for the Council for Older Adults when he and Joan moved to Delaware 11 years ago. While he doesn’t work as a driver anymore, he rides along and takes meals into the homes. But he’s most active as a tour guide at the center, where he volunteers weekly.

Erlandson’s community service also includes serving as chaplain for Wintersong nursing facility in Delaware, where his wife received care in the final stages of her illness. He performs neighborhood “home check” duties for the Citizens Police Academy, sings in the Delaware Community Chorus and hikes in the county’s Preservation Parks. Before retiring, he worked as a pastor, credit manager and business manager, and he continues to use those skills through his volunteer work.