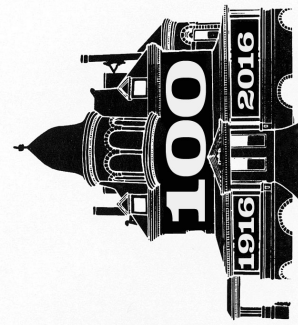


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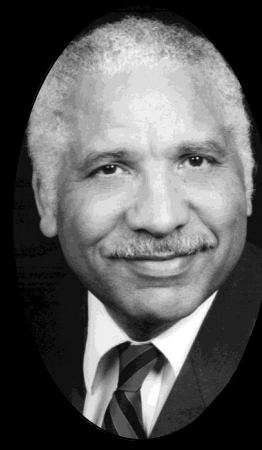
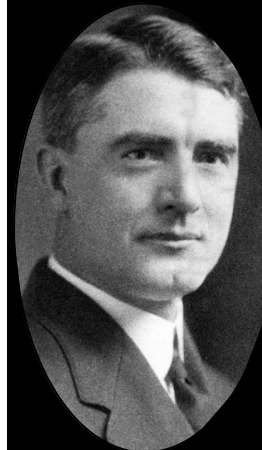
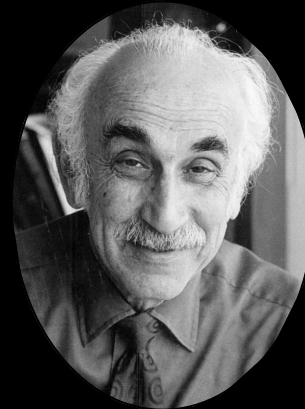


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From the executive director

Our history: The key to who we are today

Each of us has a personal sense of identity and a way we hope others will identify us. We dress for that part and buy cars and houses that express it. We want to be understood in a particular way, and our choices reflect it.

A community has similar, although more complicated, identity issues. Community identity is at the heart of economic development, educational attainment, culture and quality of life. How we understand ourselves, including our pride or lack of it, affects our choices. How others see us does the same.

We have a great deal to be proud of and much to be thankful for. The Howard County Hall of Legends provides many examples of leadership and accomplishment. Our luck in being part of the Indiana Gas Boom (we were just a couple miles away from not being so lucky) laid an economic foundation that is still with us. Our grit, hard work and innovation

have carried us through difficult times. Do we understand those things about ourselves? And do others outside of Howard County see that in us?

Our history isn't just the story of how we got to today – it explains who we are. It is a key to our identity and, what's more important, is a tool we can use to help promote our community. Our history can be the cornerstone of our efforts to bring new people and new business to the area, adding a sense of strength and longevity to our quality of life improvements.

The historical society, museum and Seiberling Mansion are here to help, as are the other historical organizations in the county. We encourage our leaders to support our efforts and take advantage of the sense of identity provided by our past.

Dave Broman
HCHS Executive Director

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Membership

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Active military families can tour museum for free through Labor Day

Howard County Museum participates in Blue Star Museums

The Howard County Historical Society is proud to be part of Blue Star Museums, a collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense and more than 2,000 museums across the country.

All Blue Star Museums offer free admission for the nation's active duty military personnel, including National Guard and Reserve, and their families from now through Labor Day. A complete list of participating museums is available at arts.gov/bluestarmuseums.

Dave Broman, executive director of HCHS, commended the organizations involved, saying that "Howard County has a strong connection to the military, and we're proud to support their presence in the community as well as their service to the country. Military families face unique and difficult challenges, and we hope this small gesture will open doors and hearts for them."

"The Blue Star Museums program is a fun,

free activity for military families to enjoy during the summer months," said NEA Chairman Jane Chu. "The program is also a great way for service member families to connect to their new communities, and it can provide a meaningful way for families to reconnect after deployment. The Blue Star Museums program is also a perfect way for the arts community to say 'thank you' to our service members and their families for the sacrifices they make on our behalf, every day."

The free admission program is available to any bearer of a Geneva Convention common access card (CAC), a DD Form 1173 ID card (dependent ID), or a DD Form 1173-1 ID card, which includes active duty U.S. military — Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, as well as members of the National Guard and Reserve, U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, NOAA Commissioned Corps — and up to five family members. Some special or limited-time museum exhibits may not be included in this free admission program.

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Elwood Haynes statue installed on museum grounds, dedicated



A life-sized statue of Kokomo inventor Elwood Haynes was added to the museum grounds, installed by the Automotive Heritage Hall of Fame and dedicated in a ceremony on June 30.



Two of Haynes' great-grandsons, Jeff Hillis and Steve Hillis, above left, participated in the ceremony, as did HCHS Board President Judy Brown and Gary Loveless, above right, of the Automotive Heritage Hall of Fame. Museum visitors are enjoying sitting on the bench and having photos taken.

IHS grant jump starts 'Save Our Seiberling'



The Seiberling Mansion is much more than a beautiful house or a tourist attraction. It symbolizes the Indiana Gas Boom era and represents a burst of innovation and development that altered the course of history.

The great mansion has borne the brunt of Indiana weather for 126 years, and its slate roof is seriously deteriorated.

The Howard County Historical Society, as part of its 100th anniversary, has dedicated this centennial year to an effort to replace the roof, preventing costly damage to the structure and preserving its beauty and cultural value.

The campaign to "Save Our Seiberling" officially kicked off on May 26 with a public open house. Campaign Co-chair Steve Daily and HCHS Executive Director Dave Broman spoke about the cultural and historical significance of the mansion.

Museum volunteers offered a behind-the-scenes tour of areas damaged by roof leaks.

Hilda Burns of the Community Foundation of Howard County announced the first major step in the campaign, a \$50,000 matching grant from the foundation. Broman also acknowl-

edged a number of memorial gifts from the friends of Beth Notaro, which the board had set aside for preservation of the mansion.

Good news continued a few weeks later when the Indiana Historical Society announced that the society has been awarded a \$50,000 Heritage Support Grant from IHS, made possible by Lilly Endowment Inc.



HCHS President Judy Brown accepted the Heritage Support Grant from Indiana Historical Society President John Herbst.

The Heritage Support Grants program was established to support Indiana's local history organizations and will award an average of \$500,000 in five cycles through 2019, including both large project grants and smaller development grants. These grants will help history organizations in the state improve their stewardship of the cultural materials in their care and develop institutional capacity to play greater, more effective roles in their communities.

The roof campaign is well underway, and the goal is \$1 million. Every gift matters. You can make a pledge or donation to the campaign to "Save Our Seiberling: The Next Hundred Years" at <https://hchistory.networkforgood.com>.

Meyer shares preservation stories at members-only event

The historical society celebrated Preservation Month in a big way, kicking off the Save Our Seiberling campaign and hosting a members-only program on May 18, featuring author and preservation activist Kurt Meyer.

Meyer has worked on preservation projects in Noblesville for nearly 30 years, leading his local preservation group and sitting on its board for 20 years, representing it before Indiana



Kurt Meyer

Landmarks Affiliate Council and advocating for historic preservation before zoning boards, plan commissions and city councils. He's also the author of two novels, many newspaper and magazine articles, and a regular blog called "The Hoosier Contrarian."

Meyer told of some of his experiences in preservation and shared stories of salvaging old architectural materials.

He spoke of his books, read a few passages and answered questions about the value of preserving old structures and the history they represent.

Marsha Santen was one of those in the audience and commented, "I had recently finished reading Mr. Meyer's book, *Noblesville* and very much enjoyed the storyline, so it was a pleasure to hear him speak about his book, and about the importance of preserving historical homes. Of course those of us who attended already appreciate historical homes and buildings, but Mr. Meyer is an engaging speaker, which made the subject seem fresh and inspiring."

Peggy Hobson said she related to his remarks on historic structures.

"I liked hearing Kurt speak about the loss of old buildings in such a human way, as if what we do today to save a structure in the architectural realm is similar to the importance of doctors saving a human life in the medical realm."

Joyce Cylkowski could relate as well.

"A lot of energy," she said, "and I wish that he could bottle it and sell some to me! The talk was very interesting and he had a lot to say about preserving what we have; no matter that it's a 50-year-old house or a 200-year-old house. I liked that. I passed on to my mother the story about the ornate stovepipe flue cover he found in an abandoned farm house in Michigan. She grew up in an old 1850 farmhouse and remembers those types of covers."

Follow Kurt online at thehoosiercontrarian.blogspot.com and keep an eye out for future members-only events from the Howard County Historical Society.

The 2016 class of Legends will be honored at the annual induction banquet on Aug. 26 at Bel Air Events in Kokomo. Tickets are on sale now at howardcountymuseum.org, at the HCHS office at 1218 W. Sycamore St. in Kokomo, or by phone at 765-452-4314.

Visit the silent auction at the Hall of Legends banquet on Aug. 26

The Hall of Legends banquet on Aug. 26 will once again feature a silent auction. The many items to bid on this year include local art works, Kokomo bricks, gift baskets, and jewelry. Some examples:

Elegant royal blue and crystal necklace and earring set by Sophia, donated by Esther's Place.

Metal and opalescent glass decorative peacock (as displayed during the 2015 Christmas at the Seiberling) by local glass artist Peggy Hobson.

Roof slates from the Seiberling Mansion featuring one-of-a-kind designs painted by local artist Heather Fouts.

Kokomo Animal Wellness basket — items and toys for your furry friends, gift cards and a T-shirt for the human in your pet's life.

Dunkin Donuts-themed basket filled with coffees, teas and a mug.

Gardeners basket, with a water hose, watering can, garden tools and

gloves, for those who love to work outdoors.

Gourmet gift basket, with wine, chocolates and a gift certificate for dinner at A. Michael's in Kokomo

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AAA Hoosier Motor Club Travel Bag with atlas and other travel essentials

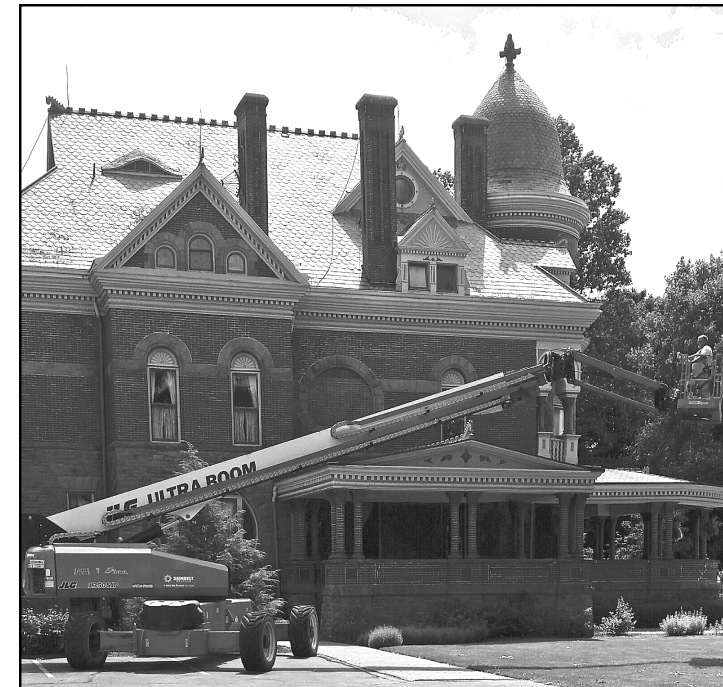
Personal drink blender with a travel mug
Mini clothes steamer in a convenient travel size

A decorative knit throw blanket by Riddle
Sixteen-piece/4-place setting of white porcelain dinnerware with a storage rack

Gift cards from Martino's Italian Villa, White's Meat Market and Pastarrific

A decorative centerpiece of walnut, maple and cherry with votive candles and a decorative wood cutting board, both made by Wayne Luttrell

A handmade wooden bench by Mark Hobson — made from a tree that grew along Wildcat Creek

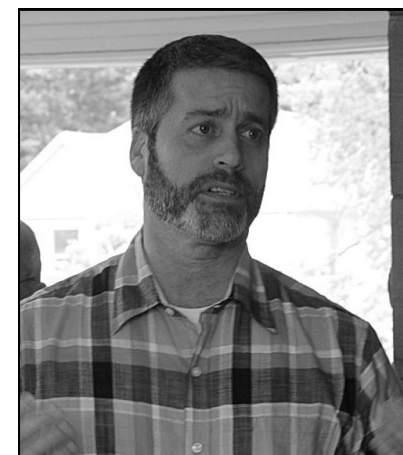


Speakers at the kickoff of the "Save Our Seiberling" campaign included, from bottom left, Howard County Commissioner Paul Wyman, campaign co-chair Steve Daily, former Kokomo mayor and chancellor of Ivy Tech Community College, Hilda Burns of the Community Foundation of Howard County and HCHS Executive Director Dave Broman.

Holding back the rain

Annual maintenance of the slate has helped minimize the damage caused by deterioration of the 126-year-old roof. However, it doesn't provide a long-term solution.

The photo at left was taken in June. It provides just a glimpse of the work and expense that must be managed every year until the roof is replaced.



Leadership Kokomo project decks out Seiberling Mansion

By Dave Broman
HCHS Executive Director

The historical society's long-term relationship with Leadership Kokomo grew this summer when the Seiberling Mansion was selected for one of its team projects. Leadership Kokomo is an annual leadership development program used to develop and strengthen community leaders. Since 1982, more than 700 emerging leaders have graduated from the program and now serve the community in a wide variety of volunteer positions.

The 2016 team of Drew Durham (Center Township Trustees), Mandie Gould (Sharpville United Methodist Church), Kathleen Keppner (First Farmers Bank and Trust), Laura Lanning (Ivy Tech), and Tara Scott (Indiana University Kokomo) chose to help prepare the Seiberling Mansion for the Indiana Bicentennial while boosting awareness of the historical society's campaign to replace the mansion's roof. Their proposal was designed to add a "pop of patriotic color" to the landscaping along with patriotic bunting on the south porch and arcade.

If you've visited or driven by the mansion on West Sycamore, you've seen how well they succeeded. The bunting was in place just in time for the June 30 dedication of the El-

wood Haynes statue, the Fourth of July and the Haynes-Apperson Festival — and the colors really did "pop!"

The mansion will sport its new duds through the state bicentennial celebration and will greet the Bicentennial Torch Relay in October.

We owe a debt of gratitude to Drew, Mandie, Kathleen, Laura and Tara for making the Seiberling Mansion even more beautiful — and to their employers for supporting them through this project and the Leadership Kokomo program.



Kathleen Keppner, Laura Lanning, Tara Scott, Drew Durham, left to right, and the Rev. Mandie Gould, not shown, of Leadership Kokomo added a "pop of patriotic color" to the Seiberling Mansion as a group project.



Marjorie Moon

Robinson's first musical, *Raisin' Hell*, was introduced at the BHT. The award-winning theatre

that provides African-American playwrights, set designers and performers the opportunity to develop their talents.

Among the outstanding actors whose careers began at the BHT are Samuel L. Jackson and Debbie Allen. Smokey

is part of Restoration Plaza and the Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration project, which honored Marjorie at its 45th anniversary gala in 2012.

During her career, Moon has produced or directed more than 120 stage shows at venues from Lincoln Center, to Washington D.C.'s Warner Theatre, New Freedom Theatre in Philadelphia, the historic Tacoma Theatre in Washington and on to Broadway.

She has won two Obie Awards, her production of *Young, Gifted and Broke* by Weldon Irvine won four prestigious AUDELCO awards, and her production of *Inacent Black* by Marcus Hemphill, which debuted on her stage at the Billie Holiday, ended up on Broadway in a production starring Melba Moore. After 30 years of leadership, Marjorie now serves the Billie Holiday as director emeritus.

Sylvia Hutton

She was only 3 years old when she sang in public for the first time, but Sylvia Kirby knew then and there that she was going to be singer.

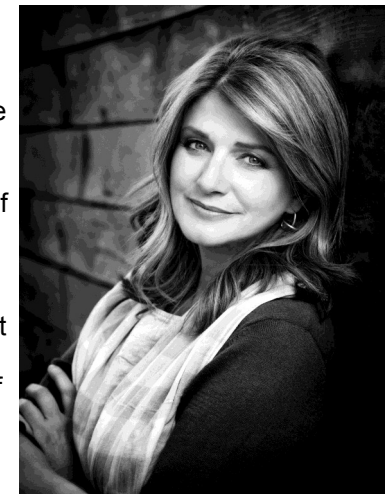
After graduating from Northwestern High School, she packed her demo tape and headed for Nashville. Fame and fortune take time, so she found work as a secretary in the office of a record producer and as a studio back-up singer. Twenty years after that first performance, Sylvia signed a recording contract with RCA.

During eight years with RCA, Sylvia sold more than four million albums and performed more than 200 concerts a year. Her two biggest hits — both reaching No.1 — were "Drifter" in 1981 and "Nobody" in 1982, and nine others made it to top ten status, including "Tumbleweed", "Matador", and "Snapshot" among others. "Matador" became country music's first concept video. "Nobody" sold more than 2 million singles, earned Sylvia a Grammy nomination in 1982 and became one of the few country music hits to cross over to the pop charts. Its success

made her Billboard magazine's No.1 Country Female Artist of 1982 and earned her the BMI Song of the Year. That same year, she was named the Female Vocalist of the Year by the Academy of Country Music.

In the late 1980s, Sylvia took her career in a different direction, developing her own voice as a songwriter and producer. She also found work as a life coach, helping others in the music industry grow personally and professionally.

Sylvia recently began touring again. She plans to release a new album in October 2016.



Sylvia Hutton

to *Automotive News*' "100 Leading Women in the Auto Industry."

Ligocki now serves as the CEO of Agility Fuel Systems, a company that provides innovative

natural gas fuel systems for heavy duty commercial vehicles. She is a member of the IUK Alumni Association Hall of Fame and founded the Kathleen Ligocki International Travel Studies program at IUK in 2008.

Dr. Herb Miller

The number of lives touched by Dr. Herb Miller at Indiana University Kokomo are uncountable. His selection as a Sagamore of the Wabash in 2000 is a reflection of his impact, as is the 1993 IU Kokomo Distinguished Service Award, the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters in 2002 and the Kokomo Hometown Hero Award in 2005.

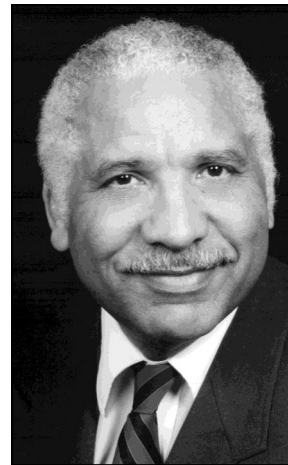
Miller graduated with honors from Crispus Attucks High School in Indianapolis, where he is a member of the school's Hall of Fame, and graduated with honors from the European languages program at Butler University. After completing undergraduate work, Herb enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, received language training in Russian and Rumanian, and worked as an interpreter for the USAF Intelligence Service in Germany and Austria. In total, he has mastered nine languages.

Miller came to Kokomo in 1960 as IU's first full-time African-American faculty member, teaching Russian, German and French in the Seiberling Mansion. He retired as professor of International Business and German. Miller has served as assistant dean of affairs, acting

chancellor, dean of faculties, affirmative action officer and special assistant to the chancellor.

He was chosen by the United States Information Agency as a Russian-speaking guide for an exchange of exhibits with the U.S.S.R. in 1959, and again in 1964 as a Rumanian-speaking guide for an arts exchange program. In 1968-1969, he did post-doctoral research in Moscow and led a teacher exchange program there.

In the mid-1980s, Herb taught international business for ARAMCO in Saudi Arabia. He has presided over a number of workshops and seminars on race relations, international affairs, and cultural sensitivity and has been active in Rotary, the NAACP, the Chamber of Commerce, and the historical society, and several other local organizations.



Dr. Herb Miller

Marjorie Moon

Marjorie Moon's dad was a Navy man, her mom was from Kokomo and Kokomo is where she was born. She recalls happy memories from her time in Howard County and frequent family visits to Kokomo over the years. Her life is in New York now, where she is an accomplished theater producer and director.

Moon acquired a love for the stage at an early age. She became one of the youngest members of the Cleveland Women's Orchestra in 1964, and graduated from Ohio University in 1968. After earning a Master of Fine Arts at Temple University in 1970, she went to work teaching acting at Hampton Institute. In 1975, Moon took over as executive director of the Billie Holiday Theatre in Brooklyn, a theatre

HCHS hosts IHS traveling exhibit

The Great War: From Ration Lines to the Front Lines

The historical society is pleased to host *The Great War: From Ration Lines to the Front Lines*, one of the Indiana Historical Society's traveling exhibits, during August. The exhibit showcases Indiana's contributions to the war effort and the war's long-lasting effects and is a valuable accompaniment to the recently renovated World War I exhibit in the Seiberling Mansion.

Our HCHS exhibit is focused primarily on artifacts from James Tompkins, an African-American soldier who enlisted in Kokomo in 1918. He was promoted to sergeant while serving in France in 1919.

Tompkins was just one of many young Howard County men who fought in WWI, 38 of whom died in combat.

Most of the community was involved in the war in some way, whether it was food production or munitions. Globe Stove, Kokomo Brass, Haynes Auto, Apperson Brothers Auto, Pittsburgh Plate Glass, Jenkins Glass, Kokomo Rubber and Stellite were the companies whose employees manufactured war-related materials.

The Stellite plant has been singled out by historians as a key contributor because its employees produced durable alloys for tools that substantially increased America's capacity to produce munitions.

With *The Great War*, visitors will see how Hoosiers experienced the first World War in distinct ways, while those of German heritage faced discrimination, African Americans and women pointed to their wartime contributions in later years when advocating for social and po-



James Tompkins of Kokomo, who served in World War I, was one of many young Howard County men who enlisted.

litical rights.

The exhibit also explores the impact the war-time demand for steel, machinery and equipment had on Indiana's towns and cities.

In addition, the traveling exhibit explores the roots of World War I, America's entrance to the war, the evolution of warfare and more.

The Great War: From Ration Lines to the Front Lines is made possible by a grant from Kroger.

Six of Howard County's most accomplished earn 'Legend' status

This is the seventh year for the Howard County Hall of Legends. Since beginning in 2010 with a committee led by Craig Dunn, 37 Legends have been honored for their accomplishments, and this year we add six more outstanding individuals.

Our nominees this year represent the arts, business, education and healthcare and all have at least one thing in common: a commitment to help other people develop their own talents and skills. That commitment is entirely consistent with the goal of the Legends program to provide our young people with role models and examples of the character traits that engender success and contribute to a better world.

Dr. Irvin Borish

Dr. Irvin Borish has been referred to as the father of modern optometry. He wrote the definitive textbook of optometry and held five patents in the development of bifocal contact lenses. He may be better remembered in Howard County, though, for his 28 years as a practicing optometrist in Kokomo and his acting turns with Kokomo Civic Theatre.

As an instructor at the Northern Illinois School of Optometry, Borish began developing standards and evaluation systems for optometric education. In 1944, he opened a private practice Kokomo and used his down time to write the textbook, *Clinical Refraction*, which was published in 1949.

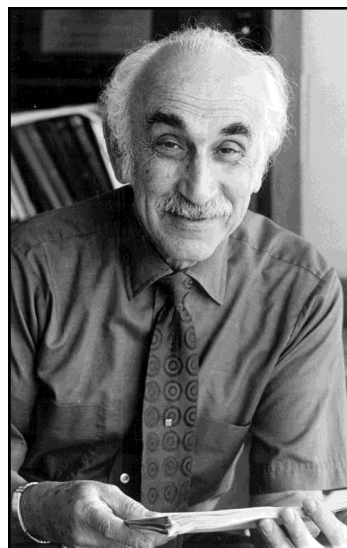
He was one of the founders of the Indiana University School of Optometry and commuted from Kokomo to Indianapolis for many years as a faculty member. Borish moved to Bloomington in 1972 for a full-time position as professor of optometry at IU, and he accepted an endowed chair at the University of Houston in 1982.

After retiring in 1988, he kept a busy schedule

of international lectures. In 1994, the faculty at the IU School of Optometry voted unanimously to name its new research center the Borish Center for Ophthalmic Research.

Borish was granted five honorary degrees. He received the American Optometric Association's two highest awards, and medals bearing his name are awarded each year to outstanding clinical students by the American Optometric Association and the American Academy of Optometry.

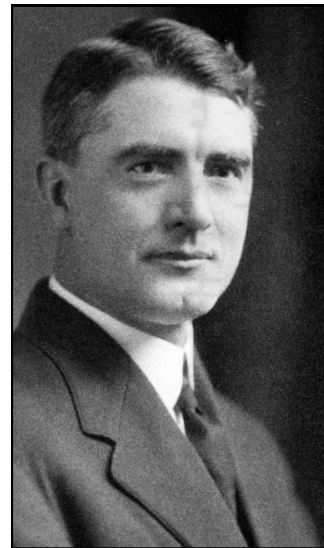
His list of honors and awards is extensive, as is his impact on his chosen profession and the many millions who benefited from his work.



Dr. Irvin Borish

C.V. Haworth

One of the most recognizable names in Howard County history is that of C.V. Haworth, a historian, teacher, school administrator, and community leader. Haworth High School was



C.V. Haworth

named in honor of his 33 years as superintendent of the Kokomo schools and 50 years in education.

Clarence Victor Haworth was born on a farm near New London in 1875. Following graduation from New London School, he studied for his teaching license at Kokomo Normal School. His first job was at the Porcupine School near

New London. In 1903, he was hired as principal of the Columbian School in Kokomo. He became principal of Kokomo High School in 1909 and was promoted to superintendent in 1913.

Haworth earned a master's degree from Indiana University in 1921 and received an honorary degree of doctor of laws in 1974. He was one of the founders, and served as board president, of the Kokomo Junior College, which evolved into Indiana University Kokomo.

He is the author of the books *Howard County in the World War* and *Indiana Government*, as well as numerous articles for *The Indiana Teacher* and other periodicals. He was president of the Indiana High School Athletic Association in 1913 and 1915 when the state high school basketball tournament was initiated. He served on the YMCA board for many years, was one of the founders of the historical society, held leadership positions in the Rotary Club and the Kokomo Chamber of Commerce, and served on the executive council of the IU Alumni Association. In 1931, the City of Kokomo honored him as its Most Distinguished Citizen.

Kathleen Ligocki

Kathleen Ligocki didn't leave her energy and enthusiasm behind when she graduated from



Kathleen Ligocki

Haworth High School with the class of 1974. College was her next stop, and she graduated magna cum laude from Indiana University Kokomo. Working as a supervisor at General Motors in Kokomo, she quickly earned a reputation for hard work and at-

tention to detail and was awarded a graduate fellowship to the prestigious MBA program at the Wharton School of Business. She has since received honorary doctoral degrees from IU Kokomo and Central Michigan University.

Ligocki's resume includes a series of executive positions at Ford Motor Company, where she served as CEO of Ford of Mexico, vice president of marketing and operations and vice president of the customer service division, among others. Since leaving Ford in 2003, she has served as CEO of Tower Automotive, GS Motors, Next Autoworks and Harvest Power, and was the operating partner at Kleiner Perkins Caulfield & Byers, a Silicon Valley venture capital firm. She also founded her own consultancy firm, Pine Lake Partners, to assist startups and turn-arounds. In 2005, she was named