

Alumni Award

Richard G. Ison

Class of 1950

Today we offer richly deserved applause to Richard Ison, an A-plus alumnus.

If Dick has a motto, it might be “Never say ‘no’ to Ohio Wesleyan!” His love for this institution is legendary and has been expressed through unstinting and stellar performance in virtually every office available to volunteer leadership. His support has taken the form of uncountable hours of conducting meetings, chairing committees, counseling, hosting, telephoning, and cheering, and, when needed, constructively criticizing.

Following ten years of membership in and three of chairing the Annual Fund council, he was elected in 1980 to the Board of Directors of the Ohio Wesleyan Alumni association. In 1982 he was elected alumni association Vice President and in 1984, its President. For the final two years of his formal connection with the Board, as its Past President, he has remained a vocally active participant in all its deliberations, continuing the time-consuming assignment of chairing the Nominating Committee. In 1987, the Board of Trustees elected him Trustee-at-Large, so that during the past year, he has done double duty, serving on both Boards.

Ever an articulate advocate of substance and quality in alumni programming, as moderator of Summerweek '86, Dick practiced what he preaches, bringing his attorney skills to bear on the topic of the year, the U.S. Constitution.

A partial inventory of his virtues reads like a checklist for the ideal volunteer – and friend: loyalty, generosity, tact, objectivity, kindness, dependability, eloquence...

Congratulations, Richard Ison, treasure member of the Ohio Wesleyan family! And many, many thanks!

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