The Unique Club of Stark County was formed in 1929.

The purpose is dedicated to serving our community and by establishing a scholarship program to promote education for Stark County students of Italian Descent.

The success of the Unique Club Scholarship Foundation is only possible through the generosity of our donors who have invested in our Foundation to provide young adult students from Stark County the ability to pursue their dream in obtaining a trade or degree of higher education.

Scholarship Award in Memory of Mark DeChellis

July 9, 1937-April 20, 2025

FirstMerit Bank Group
Retired C,O.O., and C.C.O.
FirstMerit Bank Group
Jul 1973 - Mar 2000 after 26 years 9 months
Akron, Ohio

Supervised the non-bank products - stock, bonds, mutual funds, and insurance products. Principle license, series 24, series 7, and State of Ohio Insurance license.

Business Manager
Milk Maide Candy Company
Aug 1972 - Jun 197311 months
Lincoln Way, Massillon, OH

the Operating and Business Manager of a $1,000,000.00 Candy Manufacturing and distributor of candy, and roasted nuts. Mark left the W. T. Grant Co. in Long island, NY to return to Canton, OH, and take over the running of the Milk Maide Candy Co.

Member of numerous civic organizations including the
North Canton Chamber of Commerce –

Unique Club Scholarship Foundation Donor Awarded in Honor of Dr. Victor Bazzoli, MD

Dr. Victor Bazzoli, MD is an Obstetrics & Gynecology Specialist in Canton, OH and has over 53 years of experience in the medical field. Dr. Bazzoli graduated from Saint Louis University School of Medicine medical school in 1968. Saint Louis University School of Medicine is a private, American Medical School within Saint Louis University. Located in the city of St. Louis, Missouri, Saint Louis University School of Medicine was established in 1836 and has the distinction of awarding the first M.D. degree west of the Mississippi River.

The school is a leading center of research in five key areas: cancer, infectious disease, liver disease, aging and brain disorders, and heart/lung disease. As one of only nine NIH-funded vaccine research institutions, SLU's Center for Vaccine Development conducted pivotal research on the H1N1 influenza vaccine.

Unique Club Scholarship Foundation Donor Awarded in Honor of Dr. Anthony Bertin

Dr. Anthony Bertin has practiced medicine in Stark County for 34 years, specializing in urology. He and his wife, Julie, live in Jackson Township. They have five children.

Bertin was first appointed deputy coroner by Pritchard in the late 1980s.

Born in Cleveland, Dr. Bertin first became interested in medicine as a child when he accompanied his mother to her obstetrician's office. The second oldest of eight children - seven boys and one girl - he said his mother's doctor was a "cordial" man who seemed to make his patients happy.

A self-described "rambunctious" student, Bertin developed a strong interest in the sciences, especially chemistry and biology, by the end of high school.

He went on to earn his Bachelor of Science degree in education at St. Louis University in 1971, and became a doctor of osteopathy in 1975, earning that degree from the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine, according to his resume. Dr. Bertin interned at the Detroit Osteopathic Hospital Corp. and completed his residency there, finishing in 1980.

He became a staff member at the Harrison Community Hospital in Mt. Clemens, Mich., as he waited to enter the U.S. Air Force.

Dr. Bertin went on to become chief of urological surgery at Barksdale Air Force Base in Shreveport, La., a post he held from January 1981 through January 1983. He went into private practice in February 1983, remaining active with the Air Force until he was discharged in October 1996. When Dr. Bertin left the service, he was contacted by Doctor's Hospital who added a urologist to the staff.

While in school, Dr. Bertin had worked construction jobs, one of which drew him to become part of a crew building the Belden Village Mall. Higbee's, Halle's, Sears... I was surprised they were building a mall there," he recalled. "It was such a swampy, muddy area."

Unique Club Scholarship Foundation Donor Scholarship Award in Memory of Judge John Rossetti

Born July 16, 1906, in Burgettstown, Pa.

- Died May 28, 1982.
- Graduated from McKinley High School and Ohio Northern University.
- He began his public career as assistant attorney general of Ohio.
- In August 1949, John Rossetti was appointed Stark County Prosecutor and won election in November 1950 for the unexpired term. He was re-elected to a full term in 1952.
- Judge John Rossetti was appointed a Common Pleas judge in 1956, serving 16 years until his retirement in 1972.
- Judge Rossetti has worked to reduce sex crimes in Ohio for years and was instrumental in persuading the State Legislature's to enact the law requiring habitual sex offenders to register with local law enforcement agencies.

Unique Club Scholarship Foundation Donor Awarded Memory of Gino, Louisa, and Nancy Perciballi The Perciballi Family Trust

Gino Perciballi was born Nov.23,1933 in Ripi, Italy - 4-14-2018 (age 84)

Gino came to the United States as a teenager and embarked on his lifelong career in the construction business. Gino's passion was building quality custom homes and developing property which he continued until his final days. He was a devoted husband and father.

Louisa F. Perciballi, was born on Jan. 24, 1931 in Ripi, Italy - 2-21-2017 (age 86)

Louisa came to the United States as a teenager and dedicated herself to her family and the community by working and retired from Mercy Medical Center as a cook and continued to work at Canton Christian Home for the next fifteen years. She enjoyed cooking, gardening and being around family and friends.

Nancy Perciballi, was born on May 9, 1955 – April 8, 2006 (51)

Gino, Louisa, & Nancy enjoyed Italian traditions such as, making wine, Italian food, and music. They took pride in gardening with special care towards the lemon and fig trees. They loved spending time with family and friends!

Unique Club Scholarship Foundation Donor Awarded in Memory of James V. Armogida

A local attorney who practiced for 65 years in Canton, Mr. Armogida established this Scholarship with his wife Velia to serve the long-term traditions and interests of the Stark County Italian Community.

James V. Armogida, born May 19, 1909 and died February 23, 2006, at 96 years of age.

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James V. Armogida

Unique Club Scholarship Foundation Donor Awarded in Memory of

Max & Roxanne DePasquale - Wachtel

Roxanne R. (DePasquale) Wachtel, October 18, 1938 ~ September 4, 2019 age 80, She dedicated herself to her family and to the community. She worked at Canton St. Joseph's grade school, Skyland Pines and the Canton Regency. She was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church in North Canton, the McKinley High School Card Club, where she was a 61-year member, North Canton Ladies Elks #2029 where she had served as president and was a volunteer in many other organizations. she was preceded in death by her first husband: Richard DePasquale who died 1982. She is survived by her husband: Max Wachtel & sons: Brian DePasquale, Paul (Laura) DePasquale; daughters: Laura (David) Schmidt, Jean (Richard Presutti) Harding, Jill (Larry) Dietle;

Max M. Wachtel II, Born in Danzig Free State Europe (Gdansk, Poland), he became a United States citizen in 1945. A 1951 graduate of Canton McKinley High School, he is the former owner of Kalk's Carpeting. He served in the U.S. Army from 1953-55 and was decorated for his service in the Korean War as a member of the 47th Transport Army Aircraft Maintenance Unit. He was honored as the Stark County Veteran of the Year in 2005. His service to the community was extensive, including membership in the Unique Club for 50 years and as longtime treasurer, Temple Israel, Scottish Rite 32nd Degree Mason, Canton Jaycee, past president of Canton Ex-Newsboy's, past State Commander of Jewish War Veterans, American Legion and North Canton Elks. A volunteer at the Canton VA Clinic, serving 5,500 hours over 16 years, he was a member of the Jaycee Mother Goose Land Park Committee. An Eagle Scout recipient in 1947, he was a friend to many.

Unique Club Scholarship Foundation Donor Awarded in Memory of Ted F. Fabrizio 1919-2012

Ted was a 1935 graduate of McKinley High School and attended the University of Alabama. He served in the Army during World War II. He was the president and owner of Ohio Metal Trading Company, retiring in 1984. Ted worked for over 35 years in the scrap metal industry. He was a member of St. Anthony/All Saints Catholic Parish, charter member of the Unique Club, charter member of Canton Ex-News Boys, Holy Name Society, Catholic Order of Foresters Canton Court #1364, 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Canton Council #341, Ben V. Marconi Sons of Italy Lodge #1628, and a former member of Shady Hollow Country Club.

Unique Club Scholarship Foundation Donor Awarded in Memory of Dr. James Pagano

Born Sept. 18, 1907, in Youngstown, OH. Graduated from St. Louis University School of Medicine in 1933 with a degree of Doctor of Medicine. His surgical training at Mercy Hospital in Canton from July 1933 to July 1936. In September 1936 he opened his office as a Surgeon. In July 1942 he entered the U.S. Air Force and served until July 1946, attaining the rank of Major. Following World War II in 1947 he returned to Canton to resume his private practice until his retirement on June 30, 1974.

Dr. Pagano was President of the Medical Staff at Mercy Hospital from 1955 to 1957 and Timken Mercy Hospital from 1957 to 1959. He was Chief of Surgery at both hospitals from 1961 to 1963. At the time of his retirement, he was a fellow in the American College of Surgeons, Ohio State Medical Society, Cleveland Surgical Society, Abdominal Surgical Society, Stark County Medical Society, and the Canton Academy of Medicine. He also was a member of the Canton Board of Health since August 1979, and the Unique Club of Canton.

In August 1968 Dr. Pagano created what today would be considered a community free clinic. Dr. Pagano volunteered his time to provide free medical services to a group of boys who were studying t be future Priests at the Brunnerdale Seminary (known as) Glenmore Country Club. Dr. Pagano approached several of his colleagues and persuaded them to also volunteer their time by giving back to their community.

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Dr. John A. DeVito

Dr. John J. DeVito

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Unique Club Scholarship Foundation Donor Awarded in Memory of

Gary Beadle, Sr. & Estelle (Evangelista) Beadle

Gary Beadle, Sr., January 4, 1933 ~ June 17, 2025 age 92 & Estelle "Stella" (Evangelista) Beadle, July 29, 1935 ~ December 22, 2021 age 86. Stella & Gary were married for 68 years and had five children: Bob (Cheryl) Beadle; Don (Donna) Beadle; Melanie Warren; David (Carol) Beadle; and Lori (Steve) Burger. The had ten grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren who they were crazy about and definitely their bright lights who made their life a real joy and truly loved.

Gary graduated from St. John Catholic Grade School and attended Canton Central Catholic High School. Gary was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Gary worked ten years for the City of Canton Fire Department and retired from the City of Canton Maintenance Department in 2003.

Stella was the youngest of four daughters, she was born in Canton to the late Evelyn Malatesta & Donato Evangelista of Sora, Italy. She graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1953. She also graduated from Stark Technical College after studying Medical Transcription and worked as a transcriptionist for the former Massillon Community Hospital.

Reading, working in her flower garden and attending her grandchildren's sports as well as musical events were very much appreciated by her as she felt her grandchildren were especially talented. She also enjoyed the bi-monthly luncheons with her eighth-grade classmates from St. Joseph Catholic grade school. During her younger years she was a member of the Sunshine Girls, Lullaby Club, Jr. Coterie, St. Joseph Mothers' Club and the Ben V. Marconi Sons of Italy Lodge 1628.