



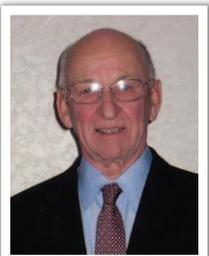
*Rob Briggs  
– image courtesy of  
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*Harvey Firestone –  
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*Top photo, David Jenkins, Gold Medalist,  
1960 Olympics, bottom left, Carol Heiss  
Jenkins, bottom right, Hayes Jenkins*



*David Jenkins -  
image courtesy of  
Dr. David Jenkins*

**Rob Briggs – Honorary Chair**

Rob Briggs is the past president of the GAR Foundation and chairman emeritus and former CEO of Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, LLP, a law firm with offices in Ohio and Florida. He became a Knight Foundation Trustee in June 2002, was elected Vice Chair on September 20, 2005 and Chair in March of 2010. An active member of the Akron community who has served with numerous organizations over the years, Rob is currently involved with a number of regional organizations. He is a board member and former co-chair of OneCommunity, and board member and chair of Invent Now, Inc. (formerly The National Inventors Hall of Fame Foundation). He was the founding chair of the Fund For Our Economic Future. He also serves on the Board of Directors of FirstMerit Corporation and several other for-profit companies. Mr. Briggs has received numerous honors and awards for his community vision and leadership.

**Harvey Firestone, Sr. – Industrialism**

The name Harvey Firestone became synonymous with tires after the Columbiana County native came to Akron in 1900 organizing a company that would help make Akron the Rubber Capital of the World. His ingenuity in industry and relationship building catapulted the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company and led to innovative progress in the transportation industry. At the same time, Firestone became an advocate for civic affairs in Akron teaching local professionals their role in building a strong community and his lessons are still impacting our region.

**Carol Heiss Jenkins, Hayes Jenkins and David Jenkins – Sports**

Carol Heiss, Hayes Jenkins and David Jenkins won the hearts of the world with their smiles and skating skills during the Winter Olympics. Hayes Jenkins won Gold and Carol Heiss took home Silver in 1956. Heiss and David Jenkins captured the Gold in 1960. All three are multiple skating World Champions with connections to Akron, OH. The Jenkins brothers were born in Akron and Carol Heiss moved to the area after become Mrs. Hayes Jenkins. The couple resided in the area until Hayes' retirement from Goodyear when they moved closer to the ice rinks in Cleveland where Carol still coaches. Dr. David Jenkins completed medical school at Case Western Reserve becoming a gastroenterologist. He is currently residing in Oklahoma.

**Melina Kanakaredes – Entertainment**

A second-generation Greek American born in Akron, Melina Kanakaredes made her acting debut at the age of eight in a local community performance of Tom Sawyer. She graduated from Firestone High School and attended The Ohio State University and Point Park College (Pittsburgh), before moving to NYC to star in off-Broadway plays. Performances on national sitcoms such as *Guiding Light*, *NYPD Blue* and

*Providence* led to her recognition and casting in *CSI: New York* opposite Gary Sinise for six seasons.

**Woodrow Nash – The Arts**

An Akron native and Buchtel High School graduate, Woodrow Nash creates three dimensional art featuring his passion to elevate the human spirit. His early endeavors in NYC featured his artwork on jazz labels for Father Hines and Cat Anderson and later brought him home to illustrate for Goodyear Aerospace Corporation and American Greetings Corporation. Today, his sculptures, created here in Akron, are trademarked as “African Nuveau” and received with national acclaim.

**Dr. Haynes Robinson – Medicine**

Certified by the American Board of Pediatrics, and the American Board of Medical Genetics; Anatomic Pathology, Dr. Haynes Robinson specializes in pediatric medicine, genetics, and anatomic pathology at Akron Children's Hospital Genetic Center in Akron. A graduate of The Ohio State University Medical School, he completed residencies at Akron Children's for pediatrics and Roswell Park Memorial Institute, Buffalo, NY for pathology. Dr. Robinson has been voted as one of the best doctors for 2011-2012.

**Brevet Major General Alvin C. Voris – Humanitarianism**

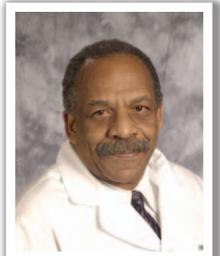
Alvin Coe Voris was instrumental in recruiting local men to serve in the Civil War and his skills as a lawyer and citizen soldier bolstered the morale of the units he led including segments of the United States Colored Troops. Injured during the battle of Gettysburg and nursed by Clara Barton, his service continued after the war assisting individuals in receiving their due rights after emancipation prior to Reconstruction. Throughout his life, Voris was elected to the State Legislature, Constitutional Assembly and judge for the probate and common pleas courts.



*Melina Kanakaredes*



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*General Alvin C Voris  
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