

Ann Turk
2025 Co-Member of the Year

Ann Turk was born February 14, 1943, to Mary Irene and John E. O'Malley at St. Ann's Hospital. Mary Irene was of Irish decent, her mother, Anna Malloy from County Cavan. John E. O'Malley also was of Irish descent from County Mayo, making Ann 96% Irish. Her father was widowed before marrying Irene. Five of Ann's half-brothers and sisters are deceased, Colleen, Jack, William, Thomas, and Mary Pat. She is the oldest of seven, Jim, Bernie (deceased), Ed, (deceased), Ellen, Pat, and Frank. She grew up in Eastlake and attended St. Mary Magdalene and later moved to Chardon and attended Burton High School and Lakeland Community College. Her first job was at Isaly's in Chardon, during high school. Later, Ann worked in Human Resources as the Workmen's Compensation Specialist for Lincoln Electric. Ann served as councilwoman in her current city of Willowick from 2012-2019 and serves on the board of Hearts and Hammers of Willowick for the past fifteen years.

Ann married Bob on June 1, 1968 at St. Felicitas Church in Euclid and together they have two sons, Ryan and Bob, both firefighters. She is the proud grandmother of five granddaughters and one grandson. I am not sure if her grand kids would agree but word on the street from her siblings is that being the oldest Ann was the "worst" babysitter ever. Her siblings say she was strict.

Ann is also bless with many nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, and great, great nieces and nephews.

For the past 10 years her service to our Club includes the difficult job of being editor of the *Schanachie*, our monthly newsletter taking us into the age of technology, where cutting and pasting on paper was no longer an option. Being editor of the *Schanachie* is not any easy job, but Ann guides her committee through compiling information that makes our paper what it is today. The hardest part of this job being that of meeting deadlines which are never easy to do.

Ann, we thank you for all you have done for our Club and your community. You are truly an example for those of us to follow. Enjoy the ride and season ahead. Rest up, Ann, and get ready for a wonderful tribute to you.