

Clarence Sindy Community Affairs



Clarence F. Sindy graduated from Collinwood High School in 1941. He attended Fenn College night school while working as an apprentice at General Electric at the Cleveland Equipment Plant

In 1942, Clarence enlisted in the Army Signal Corps and graduated M.O.S. of Wire Chief. Sindy was then shipped overseas to England, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. When the war ended in Europe, Sindy was sent to the Philippines. After the atomic bombs were dropped, he was sent to Negoya, Japan.

In 1946, Sindy returned to General Electric and completed his apprenticeship and Fenn College. In 1947, Sindy was transferred to GE's Large Lamp Manufacturing Engineering as a Detailer. In 1949, he transferred to Miniature Lamp Manufacturing as a Designer. In 1955, Sindy once again transferred to GE's Photo Engineering as an Engineer. During this time he was issued 4 United States patents for equipment that he designed. In 1959, Clarence was made Supervisor of GE's Photo Manufacturing Engineering Design and Development. He supervised 30 Engineers, Designers and Detailers, plus 5 Development Mechanics. Sindy was also responsible for the building of millions of dollars worth of photo equipment.

In 1960, Sindy attended John Huntington and Case School of Applied Science and received his Certified Manufacturing Engineer Certificate.

In 1975, Clarence became Supervisor of Factory Services at GE for the Photo Lamp Department. During his tenure, Clarence set up maintenance programs for all factory equipment. He innovated new foil cutting programs. He also set up a new parts ordering system and computerized the repair parts system so plants could order directly from a GE lamp equipment plant or be able to obtain parts from other GE plants that had surplus stock. This saved thousands of dollars and production hours and caused the rapid turnaround of much needed repair parts, resulting in far less equipment downtime.

In 1981, Clarence retired from General Electric after 40 years of dedicated service. He continued as a consultant for GE until his 65th birthday.

Since his retirement from GE, Clarence has been the President of the Lake County Council on Aging, Chairman of the Lake County Council on Aging Foundation and President of the Willoughby Senior Center. He has also written and published a book, "Collinwood, Oh! Collinwood". Clarence is a member of the Willoughby Chamber of Commerce, a member of the George A. Holly Masonic Lodge – and Lodge Educational Officer for the past 10 years. Clarence is also a member of the Willoughby Elks #1924 and The American Legion #214. Sindy also has been a Philatelist since 1930, and is a member of the National Philately Club, The Philaethes and the Willoughby and Lake County Historical Societies.

Clarence and his wife Heather live in Willoughby and have 2 children. Son Robert Lee is a Broker in South Bend, Indiana and daughter Janet Lyn Jodlowski is a C.P.A. in Kirtland, Ohio.

