

L. Jack Thomas

Education



L. Jack Thomas was born November 2, 1931 in Cleveland and graduated from Collinwood High School in 1949. He is a veteran of the United States Coast Guard. Jack received his post secondary education at Kent State University where he earned a Bachelor and Masters degree in education and post graduate degrees in personnel management, administration, special education and school law.

Jack worked as a teacher, counselor, elementary school principal and pupil personnel director in the Cleveland and Cleveland Heights-University Heights City Schools.

He became Superintendent of the North Royalton City Schools and served that community for 14 years.

Jack has been a member of various civic and professional groups. He has served as president of the Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Cleveland School Superintendents Association. During his time as president of the Greater Cleveland School Superintendents Association, he introduced and developed the nationally known drug education program called D.A.R.E. Jack has also served ten years as a trustee for the Euclid Public Library.

After retirement he continued to serve when needed as an interim superintendent for seven city school districts. He has been recognized and commended by many of the schools he has served as a "leader among leaders" in education.

Jack is a member of the Collinwood Memories Jr. group, a charter member of the Collinwood High School Alumni Association ,and with his wife, Vicki, co-chair of the program committee for the Italian American Cultural Foundation.

Jack and Victoria (CHS 1949) have four children and currently reside in Highland Heights, Ohio.