

Mario Chiudioni

Community Affairs



Mario A. Chiudioni graduated from Collinwood High School in 1948. While working as a stock boy, Mario studied at Dyke Spenserian Business College and received a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration in 1952. He also attended John Carroll University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Social Sciences in 1962.

Chiudioni worked at General Motors in the Fisher Body Division. He became a management supervisor and retired in 1982. After his retirement, he secured a state license to sell property and casualty insurance. Mario worked as a successful independent insurance agent until his wife Patricia was stricken with Alzheimer's. Mario retired again to be home and take care of his wife. Patricia passed away in 2002. Patricia (Redmond) and Mario were married 47 years and raised three children – sons Gregory and David and daughter Antoinette.

Chiudioni was the Founding Father of the Italian American Cultural Foundation. This foundation has worked very closely with the Western Reserve Historical Society. Thanks to Chiudioni's contributions, the Italian American Cultural Foundation received a Board of Directors resolution to thank Mario and the Foundation for providing funds and support to the Western Reserve Historical Society's Italian American Archives.

With Mario's help, the Italian American Cultural Foundation has implemented an aggressive agenda of partnering with ten schools, including John Carroll University and providing students with books relating to the Italian American experience.

Chiudioni is a member of the Diamond Toast Masters of Fairport Harbor - which is the local chapter of the Toast Masters International organization. The Diamond Toast Masters recent Youth Leadership Program focused on high school students, especially those in need of encouragement and help. This program promotes public speaking among high school children in northern Ohio. Mario visited area high schools to offer his guidance and leadership and to address classes about improving communication and presentations skills – the main goals of the Diamond Toast Masters Youth Leadership Program.

Mario volunteers at the Cleveland Sight Center where he reads to and makes audio tapes for the blind. These tapes are distributed and broadcasted by the WVIZ Public Broadcasting Station to their members.