



Victor Y. Mathews (Community Service)

Video
highlights of
Inductee's
Profile



Victor Y. Mathews worked 47 years with Lincoln Electric after graduating from Collinwood High School in June of 1963. He retired on January 1, 2010 as a Global Customer Service Specialist responsible for all Cleveland made products worldwide. He started as a production welder in June of 1963 and completed all of the welding classes offered at the Lincoln Welding School. Victor spent 13 years in consumable R & D and he is listed as inventor on patents in 8 countries for welding processes used in ship building. Lincoln Electric honored Victor with the “Employee of the Year Award” in 1995. He is also twice past president of the Lincoln Electric Employee’s Association.

Victor holds an Associate degree in Electricity and Electronics from Devry Institute and a Management Degree from John Carroll University.

Victor was the 2009 National President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the American Welding Society(AWS), the codifying body for the welding profession in the Americas, with 72,000 members. He is a Counselor/Fellow of AWS and a life member. He has received the Distinguished Member, Section and District Meritorious Awards and he is the Past Chairman and Past Secretary of the Cleveland Section of the AWS.

Victor retired as Chairman of Commission XIV (Education & Training) of the International Institute of Welding, consisting of 56 member countries.

Victor's other activities include:

Firefighter/ EMT-I for Russell Fire Department-25 yrs. and still active.

Hazmat Technician for Chagrin Southeast-Type 1 Team (Division of Homeland Security).

Current EMS Instructor for Lincoln Electric's First Response Program and their State Certified Fire Safety Inspector.

Officer on the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services. Retired after 10 years of service.

Founding Member and past President of NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness) – Geauga County Affiliate.

Commissioned Stephen Minister at Mayfield Church in Chesterland.

Court Administrator for Geauga County Juvenile Court. Director of Family Life Improvement Program (F.L.I.P.)

Married 52 years in June 2017 with three children, two grandsons (Dominic born Dec.21, 2010 and Hunter born Jan. 27 2013).