

# Remembering Our Founder and Friend John Goering

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of our founder John Goering. John was a humble man whose early recognition of the unique needs of family and private businesses led to the creation of the Goering Center 32 years ago. John's vision was so broad that it is difficult to fully describe. It can be seen in the interactions among the business owners who work with the Goering Center every day. It has been evident in John's beaming smile as he has watched members extract value from the Center's

numerous offerings over the many years. And it lives on in the stories and successes of our members' businesses. John's contributions to the business community have been invaluable – he has had a profound impact leaving us stronger and better. We have lost a great friend who was a kind and generous community leader. All of us at the Goering Center are proud to have known John and to have had the honor of working with him, sharing in his vision and mission to nurture and educate family and private businesses. He was a

man of great character who lived a life of integrity. John leaves an enduring legacy that will carry on for many generations to come in this region. He will be truly missed. **Carol Butler** President *As kind tributes are published and pour in from all over our region, our Goering Center team wanted to share fond memories of our beloved founder and this community he cherished.*



John Goering  
1933-2021

Goering & Friends

CINCINNATI REDS FAMILY BUSINESS DAY



Cincinnati Reds Family Business Day: It was John Goering's nature to cultivate a strong community. Pictured here with the UC Bearcat mascot and founding Center team member, Mary Beth Hammond, John supported a series of events each year that brought members together and celebrated the 200-plus volunteers who make our mission possible.

GOERING AND BUDIG



John poses with Otto Budig, one of the Center's original board members.

GOERING CENTER BOARD



From left: Elroy Bourgraf, Dave Lance, Jeff Wyler, John Goering, Otto Budig, Steve Wilson, and Sid Barton.

JOHN & LARRY 2014



From left: John Goering and Larry Grypp.

*"As a business leader, John was principled and dedicated to our community. His foresight to launch and fund the Goering Center over 30 years ago will positively impact companies and families for decades to come."*  
- Larry Grypp

Family & Private Business Awards

Not only was John Goering founder of the Goering Center, but he rolled up his sleeves and worked on the Special Events committee, helping to produce the annual Family & Private Business Awards event. Hundreds attend the event each year which recognizes and brings together representatives from outstanding regional businesses.



John patiently waits for the next honoree to be revealed.

Working the crowd with his trademark grin, John left each person he met feeling welcome and an important part of the mission.



John's vision was that the Goering Center would help develop new leaders in our community. This led to the Goering Center establishing the Larry Grypp Rising Leader Award. Pictured from left: John Goering, Kelly Bonnell, and Larry Grypp.



From left: Sue Hill, Jeanne Bruce, John Goering, and Andi Wiot.



From left: Gene Fugate, David Deye, John Goering, Dave Neyer, and Joe Jepsen.



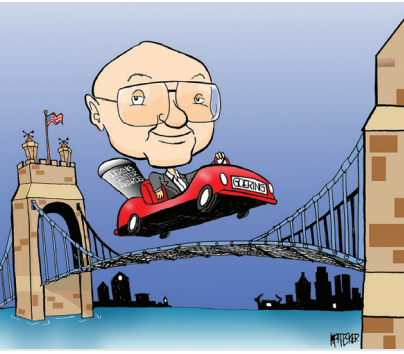
From left: Dean Marianne Lewis, Lindner College of Business, with Andi Wiot and John Goering.



John happily poses with Dan Glier of Glier's Meats, Hall of Fame honoree, 2018.



Steve Hater, Goering Center membership director (retired), always gave John plenty to laugh about.



University of Cincinnati



John standing outside of the John and Gloria Goering Lecture Hall in Lindner Hall.



John happily posing with a University of Cincinnati student in front of his tribute wall outside of the Lindner College of Business.

John poses with Santa Ono, former president of the University of Cincinnati.



From left: Alan Beaulieu, Carol Butler, and John Goering.