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An inspiration to us all

Lake County's "jack of all trades" remains an inspiration despite illness that limits his long career of entertaining and helping others

By Deanna Adams

We all need a little inspiration in our lives, and oftentimes it comes through a person who has been through a lot and manages somehow to stay positive—and hopeful.

Tom Pattison, a Lake County native who now resides in Willoughby, is a perfect example. His earlier life was filled with bustling activity and decades of running a success promotional business as a news media and event consultant. After graduating from Mentor High School in 1969, he was gung-ho to make something of himself. He attended Lakeland Community College for business, earned a black belt in karate, then studied hotel and restaurant management at Cornell University. "I



Tom Pattison performing March 17, 2022 at Maple Ridge Senior Living in Willoughby.

worked at the Hospitality Inn in Willoughby, Quality Inn in Wickliffe and other resorts," says Pattison.

Pattison formed his own production/media event company in the 1980s,

staging celebrity look-a-like shows, boxing exhibitions and nightclub parties. "I helped produce so many productions during that time and have great memories," he says. "I worked with concerts involving Chubby Checker, Johnny Rivers, Jan & Dean, Sha Na Na, and also the Broadway production of "Thriller" and "Purple Rain." "I worked with the Belkins [Cleveland concert promoters] too, on many concerts through the years."

He also worked on producing videos with the Cleveland Browns with Bernie Kosar and favorite local musician, Michael Stanley. "I've been featured on HBO, "Entertainment Tonight" and even "Oprah" and the "Howard Stern Show."

While Pattison is clearly proud of his

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Lake County Commissioners recognize National Volunteer Week in April

Commissioners Corner



John Hamercheck



John Plecnik



Ron Young

It is important to recognize those who contribute their time and talents to make a difference in the Lake County community. National Volunteer Week reminds us to offer a special thank you to the many senior volunteers who are making an impact through a variety of volunteer services.

This year, to show our appreciation to the 600+ volunteers registered with the Lake County Volunteer Network and the Lake County Council on Aging, we will be offering a flier with

special discounts to a variety of attractions and businesses in Lake County to volunteers who were active in 2021. Secured with the assistance of the Lake County Visitor's Bureau, volunteers will be able to take advantage of various savings and discounts at Rabbit Run Theater, Lake County Captains, Lake County Historical Society, Lake Metroparks Farmpark, Fine Arts Association, Fairport Creamery, Grand River Cellars, and the Lake County Fair throughout 2022.

While we recognize this is a small gesture of gratitude, we hope that it brings great joy to those who have dedicated so much of their time and talent to benefiting others. The Board of Lake County Commissioners is very appreciative of the volunteers who give their time and the organizations who participated in this National



L-R: Deborah Hahn, Commissioner John Plecnik, Don Berlin, Skipper, Captain Andy Lehner from the Lake County Bomb Squad.

Volunteer Week discount flier.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in volunteering please contact Cristen Kane, volunteer services coordinator for the Lake County Volunteer Network, at 440-350-5360 or email her at cristen.kane@lakecountyohio.gov to be connected to a variety of volunteer opportunities in Lake County.