

# Staff spotlight: Geoff Bock

By Becky Smith



*Geoff with his grandmother*

**Becky Smith: How long have you been working at the Engineers Club as the sous chef?**

Geoff: I just had my six year anniversary.

**What do you like best about working at the Club?**

I like that there is room for a lot of creativity in my job.

**Are you originally from Dayton?**

I grew up in Bellbrook and graduated from Bellbrook High School. I had never heard of the Club before I started working here, though.

**How did you come to work at the Engineers Club?**

Laura (the Club's executive chef) called me up one day and told me that she needed help in the kitchen and I've been here ever since.

**We've all gotten to know you quite well, but what is something we may not know about you?**

I enjoy doing math. I studied electrical engineering at Ohio State for two years. It wasn't my true passion, so I didn't finish the program. Instead I went to Sinclair Community College and received my degree in hospitality management.

**Electrical Engineering to cooking - two very different careers! What prompted you to become a chef?**

My grandma. Every Sunday my family got together for dinner. Sometimes there could be up to 50 people, and my grandma would do all the cooking. I started helping when I was six or seven, and I liked it. My grandma started out letting me thicken the gravy, and then I slowly got to do more.

One of my professors from Sinclair used to say, "Cooking is like math: you know right away if you're right or wrong." That always stuck with me.

**Did your brother help cook, too?**

No, just me. He ran around outside while I helped Grandma.

**How about your daughter Mackenzie? Are you teaching her your tools of the trade?**

She's not interested in cooking. She does lick the brownie batter bowl!

**I'm sure you have your grandma's recipes; are there any that you use when you cook here at the Club?**

When you eat the homemade lasagna at the Club you are eating my grandma's recipe. I also use her recipe when I bake zucchini bread.

**Any last comments?**

There is no better compliment than when someone tells you something you made is delicious!

## In Memoriam

### Chuck Buchanan

Because Chuck Buchanan's passing on Sept. 2 was so unexpected, and because Chuck was such an outgoing leader and member of the Engineers Club, the news was a shock. Chuck served as a hard-driving president during the 2001-2002 year; shared his cheerfulness at Club gatherings alongside his wife of 44 years, Diane; and in June he began service as a trustee for the Engineers Club of Dayton Foundation.

A contingent of Club members attended his service where his son Kevin and daughter Christine spoke of Chuck as the consummate dad, mentor and engineer who loved learning and teaching how things work and how to solve problems. As an automotive engineer, he held 68 patents.



Emblematic of Chuck Buchanan's affection for the Engineers Club is that his family requested that memorial contributions could be sent to the Buchanan Memorial Fund at the Engineers Club or at Normandy United Methodist Church. He was a man of substance and humor, and most fun of all, he was a people person who enjoyed being with friends at the Club.

### George B. Stillwagon II

George B. Stillwagon enjoyed a full life of success as an industrial engineer in Dayton, and at the age of 95 died in Texas (where one of his sons lives) on July 23. Retired as the Chief Engineer for the Apex division of Cooper Industries in 1978, he held a number of patents for universal joints and screw machines.

A long-time member, Mr. Stillwagon served as President of the Engineers Club from 1972-74, and in 1993 was honored with the Deeds-Kettering Memorial Award, given to those who give outstanding service to the Club.