



HISTORICAL ACHIEVEMENTS

## VALLEY OF THE GIANTS



**RICHARD K. FLITCRAFT**

Richard Kirby Flitcraft II was born in 1920 at Woodstown, NJ. He married Bertha Hitchner and received his BS Degree from Rutgers University in 1942. His MS degree in Chemistry was earned from George Washington University in St. Louis in 1948. He has four children; Alyce, Anne, Elizabeth and Richard III.

He joined Monsanto Company in St. Louis in 1942 as a chemist, and progressed rapidly through a variety of supervisory positions, and in 1960 was named Director of Inorganic Research. In 1965, he was named Director of Management Information & Systems Department, and he became Assistant to President in 1967. In 1968, he became Manager, Electronic Enterprises; and in 1969, General Manager, Electronic Products Division, responsible for the development and marketing of electronic instruments in U.S. and abroad.

Two years later, he became

Vice President and Director, of the Mound Laboratory in Dayton, Ohio. In 1975, he was named Vice President of Monsanto Research Corporation, and became its President in 1976, responsible for all ongoing programs of both the Dayton Laboratories and the Miamisburg Mound facility. He retired from Monsanto in 1982.

Mr. Flitcraft's past activities (outside regular employment) included the following:

- Area Progress Council – Chairman
- Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce – Board Member, Chairman, Military Affairs Committee Chairman – Chairman of Leadership Dayton
- Dayton Art Institute – Board Member, Executive Committee, Chairman of Corporate Development Committee, Endowment Committee
- Dayton Development Council – Board Member and chairman, Chairman of Technology Identification Committee
- Dayton Performing Arts Fund – Board Member, Executive Committee and Campaign Chair
- Dayton Urban League – Board Member and Treasurer
- Domestic Action Program – Chairman and Board Member
- Engineers Club of Dayton – Board Member and Treasurer
- Mayors Committee on Housing for the Elderly – Co-Chairman
- Med America Health Systems – Board Member and Member of Audit Committee
- Miami Valley Alliance of Businesses – Board Member and Chairman.

His past community activities:

- Miami Valley Hospital – Board Member, Chairman, Executive Committee Chair, Finance Committee Chair and member of several other committees
- Montgomery Human Services Levy – Campaign Chairman;
- Ohio Academy of Science – Board Member and Executive Committee
- Private Industry Council (and CETA before) – Board Member and Adult Training Committee
- Seniors, Inc. of Centerville and Washington Township – Board Member, Treasurer and Chair-

- man of Finance Committee
- Society Bank, NA – Board Member, Executive Committee and Chairman of Audit Committee
- The Innovators Group, Inc. – Executive Vice President and Treasurer
- United Way of the Greater Dayton Area – Board Member, Chairman and on several committees (Executive, Finance, etc.)
- Wright State University Foundation – Board Member and on Finance Committee.

His current activities are listed as follows:

- Area Progress Council – Member – Human Services Task Force, Member – Military Task Force
- Citywide Development Corporation – Audit Committee and Venture Capital Committee
- Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce – Small Business Advisory Committee
- Governor's Committee on Mound Laboratory
- Miami Valley Child Development Centers, Inc., Member – Executive and Chairman, Member – Finance
- Red Cross – United Way – Combined Oversight Committee;
- United Way of the Greater Dayton Area – Member – Financial Resource Development, Member – Pension Investment, Member – Public Policy
- University of Dayton – Business School Advisory Committee.

In addition to above listed activities, Mr. Flitcraft is, or has been a member of the following:

- American Association of Scientists
- American Chemical Society
- American Institute of Chemical Engineers
- American Institute of Chemists
- American Management Association
- Sigma XI
- New York Academy of Scientists
- Society of Chemical Industries
- Moraine Country Club
- Dayton Racquet Club

Few men in the fields of Science and Engineering ever attain such managerial goals, and fewer still are so active in community affairs as this most recent entry in our treasured VALLEY OF THE GIANTS!