

COUNCILWOMAN AND MAYOR

Bobbie Sterne was born and raised in Moran Ohio, started her career as a nurse, serving as a first lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps during WWII and has spent her entire adult life working to make a difference in her community. When interviewed at age 86 said she saw no reason to quit now, because she would be "bored to death. That is what has always interested me." She was first elected to City Council in 1971, and served all but one term until she resigned in 1998. She was the first woman elected (by Council) to serve as Mayor of Cincinnati, served two one-year terms, and is most noted for the myriad ways she improved health care for the poor. Her leadership is innate, and became immediately apparent. Many existing organizations profited from Bobbie's ability to motivate and convince others to work cooperatively. She accepted the challenge to form new organizations when the need appeared. Throughout her career, there were those who disagreed with her, but none EVER questioned her integrity. The many Boards on which she served, and the multiple awards with which she has been honored will tell her story.



PAST BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Adult Basic Education; Advocates for Woman Housing; Alice Paul House of the YWCA Advisory Committee; Arthritis Board, Member Emeriti; Attorney General's Task Force on Domestic Violence; Bethesda Woman Network Advisory Board; Big Brothers and Big Sisters Advisory Board; Building Life Skills Program; Camp Fire Girls, Honorary Member; Cancer Control Council; Caracole; C.A. Board (Model Cities); Charles P. Taft Memorial Fund Committee, Board of Trustees; Child Advocacy Center Planning Committee; Member, Cincinnatians for Charter Reform; Cincinnati Health Department Volunteers; Cincinnati Scholarship Foundation; Citizens Committee of Youth; City of Cincinnati Retirement Board; Community Action Agency Foundation Board; Community Chest Board of Directors; Council on Child Abuse, Advisory Committee; Drug & Poison Information Center Board, Distinguished Service Member; Emergency Service Coalition, Chair; Friends of Cincinnati Parks; Council on Child Abuse, Advisory Committee; Gerontology Community Advisory Board, The Deaconess Hospital; Governor's Community Service Council; Governor's Task Force on Credit for Women; Governor's Task Force on Health; HAMCO (Hamilton County arm of CORVA); Hamilton County Extension Service Nutritional Advisory Committee; Hamilton County Solid Waste Advisory Committee; Hospice; Housing for Older Americans, Inc.; Legends Advisory Network (Learning Exchange for Genetic and Environmental Disease Solutions); Nursing Home Communications Council; Nursing Supply Committee, Greater Cincinnati Hospital Council; Ohio United Way Board; Ohio Women, Inc.; Planned Parenthood; Project Hope; Public Policy Committee, Community Chest; Regional Assessment Planning Project; RESOLVE; Senior Services Board; Shawn Womack Dance Project Board; Tri State Regional Emergency Medical Service; United Home Care; University of Cincinnati Long Term Care Community Advisory Committee; University of Cincinnati School of Social Work Advisory Committee; Volunteers in Public Schools; United Way Vision Committee; University of Cincinnati Clinical Center of Woman Health Initiative Advisory Board; Youth Coordinating Council.

AWARDS

Council of Jewish Women Hannah G. Solomon Award, 1972; The Citizen's Committee on Youth Most Valuable Citizen Award; Ohio Women of the Year, 1976; Enquirer Woman of the Year, 1976; Ohio Woman Hall of Fame, 1979; YWCA's Career Women of Achievement, 1981; Greater Cincinnati Beautiful Committee Achievement Award, 1982; Better Housing League Anniversary Award for work to Maintain Clean Air Standards, 1982; Citizen's Award, Ohio Association for the Education of Young Children; Women in Communications Advocate Award, 1983; Betty Blake Award for Tourism, 1985; Salvation Army's "Other" Award, 1986; Women Contributing to a Better Tomorrow, Planned Parenthood, 1986; Cincinnati Woman Political Caucus Achievement Award, 1988 - Lifetime Achievement - 1998; Zonta Founders Day Award, 1991; Kindred Spirit Award, CCAT, 1992; Crusader for Mental Health - 1996; Great Rivers Girl Scout Council, Inc. Woman of Distinction Award, 1995; Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame, 1997; Urban Appalachian Council Kinship Award, 1997; Downtown Council President Award, 1998; Ohio Rehabilitation Association Award, 1998; National Association of Social Workers Public Citizen Award, 1998; Caracole Annual Living Award, 1998; Comprehensive Community Child Care Recognition Award, 1998; Alcoholism Council Tracy Bissell Memorial Award, 1998; Bobbie Sterne Human Rights Fund, Stonewall, 1998; Talbert House Agnes Seasongood, 1998; The Greater Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky Women's Sports Association, Women's Sports Foundation Award, 1999; Lighthouse Youth Services - Beacon of Light Humanitarian Award, 1999; Urban Forestry Award, 1999; United Home Care Caring Award, 1999; Great Living Cincinnati Award, 2000 (presented by The Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce)