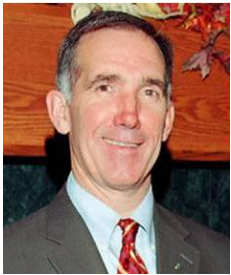


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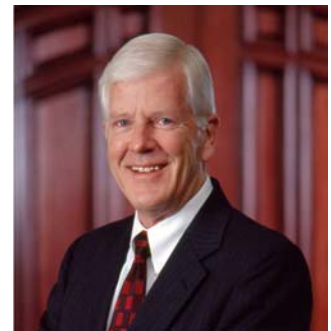
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Northrop Assumes Chairmanship of Community Foundation



The Washington County Community Foundation (WCCF) is pleased to announce that Thomas P. Northrop has been elected Chairman of the Board. Northrop, President and Publisher of the *Observer-Reporter*, joined the WCCF Board in 2003. He has been active on the Development, Nominating, and Executive Committees, and was the only male who served on the Inaugural Women of Philanthropy Committee in 2007. Northrop received a Bachelors degree in History from Marietta College and a Bachelors Degree in Newspaper Production Management from Rochester Institute of Technology. A Past President of the Washington Rotary Club, he received the Club's Vocational Service Award in 2007. He has also been involved with the PA Newspaper Association Foundation, Friends of The Citizens Library, Washington County Health Partners, and the Washington Hospital Foundation. His father, John L.S. Northrop, served as WCCF Chairman in 1996, providing the impetus for the WCCF's current marketing theme, *Philanthropy-The Next Generation*.

Richard L. White, a Founding Trustee of the WCCF, has been elected Vice-Chairman and Chairman-Elect. White, Retired President and CEO from Washington Federal, served as the WCCF's Treasurer for its first six years of existence. Currently, White is the Chairman of the Washington County Council on Economic Development and Vice-Chairman of the Washington Symphony Orchestra. He also serves on the Board of the Washington Federal Charitable Foundation and the Washington Hospital Foundation. He earned a Bachelor's



Degree from the University of Pittsburgh and completed requirements for the School of Executive Development through the University of Georgia and the Graduate School of Savings and Loan at the University of Indiana. He received, along with Washington Federal, the WCCF's *Decade of Service Award* in 2005 and was honored by the ABCDE Fund for his community service.



Elected to serve as Secretary was Elizabeth H. Todd. Todd, a registered nurse, earned a Bachelors degree in Nursing from the University of South Carolina, a Masters in Theology from Saint Vincent College, and a Masters in Mental Health Nursing from the University of Pittsburgh. She has been involved with the American Cancer Society, Alzheimer's Association, American Nurses Association, and the former Glory to God Free Clinic. During her more than 30 years in the health field, she has authored several publications dealing with Alzheimer's, home health and hospice care. Todd also authored *Reflections on Womanhood*, a collection of observations dealing with women in the 70s, which was published by Scottdale Press. Mrs. Todd is the wife of former WCCF Founding Trustee, William T. Todd, II.



One new Trustee, Retired President Judge of the Washington County Court of Common Pleas, Thomas Gladden, was elected to the Board. A native of McDonald, PA, Gladden earned his A.B. Degree from Allegheny College, J.D. Degree from the Dickinson School of Law and his L.L.D. from Washington & Jefferson College. From 1957 to 1959, he served in the U.S. Army. Gladden is a member of the Washington County Bar Association, the Pennsylvania Bar Association, the Pennsylvania Trial Judges' Conference, and is a former member of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court Criminal Procedural Rules Committee. He is Vice President of the Rotary Club of Washington, a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Pennsylvania Society, and the International Churchill Society. Previously, Judge Gladden served on the Board of Waynesburg College and the Washington Hospital, where he was the Chairman of the Board. In 2004, he received the Allegheny College Gold Citation for outstanding service to society.

Rotating off the Board, after more than a decade of service, was Janet Abernathy. Active on the Allocations & Programs Committee, Marketing Committee, and Executive Committee, Abernathy served as Board Secretary for almost her entire tenure on the Board.

The WCCF manages more than \$5 million in grant-making endowments for the community and has awarded more than \$1.4 million in charitable grants. For more information, please visit www.wccf.net.