



SAMUEL H. MILLER

“Sam” as he insists we call him is a Cleveland native, raised on Cleveland’s east side. He graduated from Case Western Reserve University with a BA and from Harvard Business School MBA, Phi Beta Kappa and served in the U.S. Navy as a Lieutenant during WWII.

One of Cleveland’s storied philanthropists and friend of the police, he and his wife Maria, support many charitable causes too numerous to mention. His list of honors received is extensive, crossing religious, community and non-profit lines again and again. He serves on several boards, offering his business acumen to the benefit of all.

Perhaps one story about Sam will best sum things up about his generosity and how he approaches life. In 1990, Sam came to then-Cleveland Police Chief Edward P. Kovacic’s office the day after being called. The chief asked for his advice and assistance in establishing a memorial to police officers from the region who died in the line of duty. He quickly got things moving, and under his leadership, guidance and support the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial was dedicated on May 14, 1993...it stands in Huntington Park keeping the promise to never forget the 186 law enforcement officers from Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina and northern Summit counties who made the ultimate sacrifice.

At that first meeting, Sam told how he respected the police and as a youngster, he was particularly influenced by a kindly police sergeant who took him under his wing after an incident in his neighborhood. Sharing with us a good lesson for life, and especially for the police, he said, “You never know whom you touch with each act of kindness.”

We are honored to have had Sam touch the lives of all of us to whom he has offered his sage advice, and have learned much from him, not only about the success of our endeavors, but about life. We are proud to call him “friend”.

