

The Orrville Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the 2010 Paul L. Powell Citizen of the Year, Dr. P. Michael Guster.

Mike Guster does what he loves, and loves what he does. The “love story” that was shared by several people who nominated Guster for the honor made that message come through loud and clear to this year’s Citizen of the Year selection committee.

Guster, born and raised in Orrville by his parents Pete and Norma, attended Ohio State University and came home with his Doctor of Optometry degree in 1977 to make his hometown his lifelong passion.



Anchored by his love for his family and his career, he expanded that love into a long list of community organizations and projects. Early on he rejuvenated the Jaycees and had a hand in re-engineering the annual July 4<sup>th</sup> parade which later grew under the auspices of the Orrville Firefighters.

The Orrville Area United Way has enjoyed the fruits of Guster’s labors since 1979, taking on many leadership roles. He earned their highest honor, the Eugene Workman Lifetime Achievement Award in 1999.

The Orrville Area Boys & Girls Club has also had Guster’s undying support for several decades as he has served in nearly every capacity for that organization as well.

Guster served on the Orrville Public Library Board for 5 years, then transitioned over to share his experience and expertise as a member of the Orrville City Schools Board of Education. A lifetime Red Rider fan, he has enjoyed practicing his new hobby of photography by attending many sporting events and providing photos for OrrViews and for the student athletes.

The schools also greatly benefited from Guster’s tireless energy through his diligent efforts on the fund raising committee for the new Multi-Purpose Facility.

Recently Guster joined Exchange Club to enjoy volunteer activities shoulder to shoulder with his dad and wound up once again taking on leadership roles and assisting in their fund raising efforts.

Mike Guster and his wife Cherie (Dellafave) have three children, Kyle, Kristen and Kara and two grandchildren, Brooklyn and Hayden. It should also be mentioned that KC, an English setter, is a key member of the family. When Guster isn’t working or volunteering, he enjoys hunting, fishing, and gardening.