Western Reserve Historical Society Celebrates Entrepreneurship at “100 Year Club” Event, 11/14/13
Meet Visionaries Who Shape our World

On the evening of November 14, the 100 Year Club of the Western Reserve will hold its 2013 ceremony at WRHS’s History Center in University Circle.

CLEVELAND, OH—The entrepreneurial spirit is alive and well in Cleveland, and no other group confirms that energy more than the 100 Year Club of the Western Reserve. Founded in 1953, the organization recognizes organizations and businesses in Northeast Ohio for their century-long existence and contributions to the communities in which they operate.

This year’s induction ceremony will be held on November 14, 2013 at the Western Reserve Historical Society’s History Center in University Circle. Each of the organizations inducted into the Club have successfully operated in Northeast Ohio for the past 100 years. Inductees to this year’s class include:

- Ashtabula County Humane Society
- Braden Sutphin Ink
- Center for Community Solutions
- Cleveland Animal Protective League
- Cleveland Music School Settlement
- Cleveland Museum of Art
- Federal Metal Company
- Frank Novak & Sons Painting
- Hammer Company
- NACCO
- SIFCO Industries
- United Way of Greater Cleveland

“Northeast Ohio flourished because of its ingenuity, entrepreneurship, and tenacity,” said Gainor B. Davis, President & CEO, WRHS. “This celebration acknowledges those organizations that
have served Northeast Ohio for an entire century. Part of our focus at WRHS is to preserve the tangible history of this region’s innovators and inventors. The November 14th event affords us an opportunity to salute these remarkable businesspeople who not only invented our tangible history, but who were able to survive and thrive in good and bad circumstances. The people whom we will be honoring—and those who have been honored during the 63 years of this event—are the leaders who created our region’s strength. Their legacies will help mentor a new generation of entrepreneurs.”

The evening’s events will begin with a cocktail hour at 5:30 pm and continue with dinner and a brief induction ceremony. A keynote speech on “The Ongoing Importance of Entrepreneurship in Northeast Ohio” will be given by Ray Leach, the Founding Chief Executive Officer of JumpStart, Inc. JumpStart, Inc., was founded on the vision of increasing the economic impact and sustainability of Northeast Ohio’s entrepreneurial ecosystem on both the local and national level. Tickets to evening’s events are $100 per person and can be purchased by calling (216) 721-5722 ext. 1201 or emailing shuffman@wrhs.org.

The 100 Year Club was founded by author and advertising executive William Ganson Rose and Curtis Lee Smith, the president of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce. At the time, the co-founders used Rose’s book, Cleveland: The Making of a City to identify the commercial and industrial organizations which had been in business for 100 years or more. The group continued to expand and also includes various century-old charitable, cultural, and educational institutions in Greater Cleveland.

The Western Reserve Historical Society History Center is located in Cleveland’s University Circle at 10825 East Boulevard. Museum hours are Tuesday - Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm; Sunday, Noon to 5 pm. Admission is $10/adult and $5/child age 3-12. Western Reserve Historical Society members and children two years and under are admitted free of charge. Group rates are available. The History Center is handicap accessible, and includes an elevator to various levels of the museum.
WRHS is supported in part by the residents of Cuyahoga county through a public grant from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture. Sponsorships, bequests, grants, admissions, and other funding are used by WRHS to preserve and enrich the region's artistic and cultural heritage. If you are interested in a funding opportunity for the Western Reserve Historical Society, please contact Amy Shorey, Vice President of Development, ashorey@wrhs.org