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Good Government Awards for 2007 to be Awarded October 16th

The Franklin County Consortium for Good Government (“Consortium”) announces The Good Government Award for 2007 will be presented to Nora Bertha and Chuck White and the John Schrack Award will be presented to Barbara Gorden Crabill.

“The purpose of the awards are to reward those who have contributed significantly to non partisan political activities and, by showcasing these individuals, encourage others to follow in their footsteps,” said Alvin Hadley, who chairs the nominating committee for the Consortium.

The Good Government Award is given to an individual who has advanced good government through the democratic election process.

Nora Bertha. Nora is known throughout greater Columbus for her many years of voluntary work, largely through her home church, in helping people understand their civic responsibility to be informed and participate in the election process.

Chuck White. Chuck, the first African American on-air television broadcaster in Ohio, and one of the first in the country, was chosen for the Good Government Award for his exemplary role in communication and making a positive impact on the central Ohio community. He recently retired as Public Affairs Director, WBNS 10TV, after nearly 50 years at the station.

The Shrack Award is given in memory of John Shrack, one of the founders of the Consortium. It goes to an individual who is committed to helping people become aware of the importance of educating themselves about candidates and issues. This individual must also have worked to forward the goals of the Consortium.

This year’s winner of the Shrack award has done both. Barbara Golden Crabill is a good example of both. Following her graduation from the Ohio State University with a BA in history, and the passage of the 26th amendment to the Constitution, she went to work for the Youth Citizenship Fund, a non-partisan organization created to register 18—21 year olds to vote, for which she received training in community organization at Saul Alinsky’s Industrial Areas Foundation Institute in Chicago. The voter registration drive organized and executed by YCF in Ohio resulted in the most successful voter registration drive in the country at that time. She has been a member of the League of Women Voters and was a founding member of CARE, a grassroots organization which led 2 successful levy campaigns for Bexley Schools. She served as Co-Chair of the Facilities Task Force which resulted in a \$27 million dollar bond issue and building renovation of the Bexley Schools. She currently serves as Secretary of the Steering Committee of the Franklin County Consortium for Good Government and has headed a site at Temple Israel. In addition, she is a Vice President of Temple Israel and a past president and member of the board of

Temple Israel Sisterhood.

Staffed by the League of Women Voters, the Franklin County Consortium for Good Government was started by Brookwood Presbyterian Church, the Jewish Federation and the National Council of Jewish Women in 1991. In 2007, the 11 forums are sponsored and co sponsored by over 50 organizations. The Franklin County Consortium for Good Government urges you to inform yourself about this year's elections and issues.

“This year we have selected three outstanding individuals,” said Erin Cordle, co Chair of the Franklin County Consortium for Good Government.

"Please come to the Brookwood Presbyterian Church on the 16th and meet these people," said Janyce C. Katz, co Chair of the Consortium "Consider volunteering to help us increase the number of people at the events or volunteer at the events."

"Informing yourself about candidates and issues and then voting is the most important way you can help preserve our Democracy," said Erin Cordle, co Chair of the Franklin County Consortium for Good Government. "Then, take all this information to the polls and vote on election day," said Katz.