

## 2013 Marion & Matty Penick Outstanding Community Service Award

*Name of Nominee: Rafiel (Marc) Marderosian*

*Name of Nominators: Scott Hadley*

Drafted into the U.S. Army in 1942. After the war he entered college and while in college he met and married Birdella on New Year's Eve in 1945. He joined the Navy Reserve as a Radar Technician. Two years later he joined the U.S. Air Force and was commissioned a 2nd Lt. After the Air Force while he was in Canada, he formed a group that became known as the Alternate Energy Association. ‘

In 1979 he was elected to the Beavercreek Charter Commission and helped write Beavercreek's Charter which was accepted by the voters in 1980. In 1980 he was appointed to the Beavercreek Sewer Task Force.

He was elected in 1983 to a four-year term on Beavercreek City Council and served until late 1987 when he suffered a heart attack and underwent by-pass surgery. In November 1989 he was elected to Council again and served two terms until the end of 1997.

Late in 1998 he started raising money to construct the Veterans Memorial located on North F airfield Road (they raised over \$400,000) and the opening of part 1 was in 2002. The Beavercreek Enrichment Association was formed in partnership with the City of Beavercreek, Beavercreek Township and the Lofino Family, and with Marc as President they raised over \$600,000 and built the Beavercreek Senior Center.

At that time Marc said he was through and was going to "retire" so he stepped down as President of the Beavercreek Enrichment Association.

Then in 2009 Marc's son Dan Marderosian knowing how much the father loved and gave to the City of Beavercreek decided he too could give something back. Dan being a successful attorney in New York and knowing people that were with the New York/New Jersey Port Authority came before City Council with an idea, would Beavercreek like to acquire a piece of the World Trade Center for the purpose of erecting a "9-11 Memorial. " The council unanimously said yes, and so once again Marc agreed to head up a group to raise money for the construction of the Memorial. And so here we are today, Marc is still at it, doing things for other people, Making a Mark.

Marc was recognized on March 8, 2012, along with the rest of the 9-11 Memorial Committee, for completing Phase I of the memorial; now on to Phase II. Marc was also presented the most prestigious Greene County (E. J. Nutter Award) honor at the Greene County Annual Report to the community on March 16, 2012, along with a Proclamation from the City of Beavercreek.