

Convened by Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate and the Honorable Jim Renacci, U.S. Representative, 16th District, Ohio Parma Branch | Cuyahoga County Public Library 6996 Powers Blvd | Parma, OH

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Nina E. Olson, the National Taxpayer Advocate, is the voice of the taxpayer at the IRS and before Congress. Under her leadership, the Taxpayer Advocate Service helps hundreds of thousands of people every year resolve problems with the IRS and addresses systemic issues within the IRS. Her Annual Report to Congress identifies the most serious problems facing taxpayers and recommends solutions. In 2014, the IRS adopted the Taxpayer Bill of Rights for which Ms. Olson had long advocated,

placing dozens of existing rights in the Internal Revenue Code into ten fundamental rights, and making them clear, understandable, and accessible for taxpayers and IRS employees alike. Tax Analysts recently honored Nina Olson as one of ten Outstanding Women in Tax for 2016. This recognition reflects Nina Olson's influence on the work of legislators, tax administrators and tax professionals across the globe. She is a graduate of Bryn Mawr College and North Carolina Central School of Law, and she holds a Master of Laws degree in taxation from Georgetown University Law Center.

## Jim Renacci



U.S. Rep. Jim Renacci (OH-16) is serving his third term - elected to the House in 2010 - and is a member of the House Ways & Means Committee and House Budget Committee. When Jim was first elected to office, he co-founded the "Bipartisan Working Group" – a group of 13 Republicans and 13 Democrats – who still meet today on a weekly basis.

Jim grew up in a working class, union family - his father was a railroad worker and his mother a nurse. Being the first in his family to graduate college, he paid his way through school with a wide range of jobs including a truck driver, a mechanic, and on a road crew. After graduating college, Jim became a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and worked in the private sector for 30 years. As a CPA, Jim specializing in a health care accounting practice, and later founded LTC Management Services - a company that owned, operated, and managed nursing facilities throughout the region. Throughout his 30-year business career Jim owned and operated over 60 entities, created more than 1,500 jobs, and employed over 3,000 people.

Along with his support to grow Northeast Ohio's economy as a private sector business owner, Jim dedicated his life to public service working as a volunteer firefighter and serving on the city's Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, and as Mayor of Wadsworth, Ohio. As mayor, he successfully balanced the city's \$80 million budget – converting a multimillion dollar deficit into a surplus without raising taxes.

Jim is married to his wife Tina and they have three children - one daughter and two sons. He is deeply proud of his working grass roots, where he learned the value of hard work and developed his unyielding commitment to preserving the American Dream.

## Dana Goldstein



Since 2008, Dana Goldstein has served as the qualified tax expert for the Low Income Taxpayer Clinic at Community Legal Aid Services in Akron, Ohio. She has advocated on behalf of low income taxpayers facing controversies with the IRS. Ms. Goldstein has spent most of her professional career working for Legal Aid and working for justice on behalf of low-income individuals. Before working with the Low Income Taxpayer Clinic, Ms. Goldstein worked for Legal Aid in both Ohio and in Massachusetts where

she represented individuals on consumer issues and represented victims of domestic violence. Ms. Goldstein graduated from The Ohio State University, Moritz College of Law in 1983.



## **Kathy Matthews**

Kathy Matthews, a Program Director with Enterprise Community Partners, has led the Cuyahoga EITC Coalition for the last nine years. Ms. Matthews is well versed in the administration and operation of Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites and provides oversight for 400+ IRS certified volunteers and 25 VITA locations. Since its inception in 2005, the Coalition has prepared over 102,000 income tax returns resulting in \$142M refunds for low and moderate income families living in Cuyahoga County.

Prior to joining Enterprise, Ms. Matthews has over 18 years of corporate work experience in the financial industry in Cleveland and Chicago. During her corporate tenure, she held various leadership roles within the retail, commercial, and client services business units. Her experiences include several management positions along with time spent leading corporate-wide, diverse, revenue generating and expense reduction initiatives.

Ms. Matthews has a bachelor's degree in English and Psychology from John Carroll University. Ms. Matthews is a founding member of OutRun Ovarian Cancer (OROC) - a volunteer-driven, nonprofit organization dedicated to raising ovarian cancer awareness and money for research and education. She also dedicates her volunteer time in support of several schools located throughout the Cleveland area and most recently, served as a volunteer for Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Services.



## Matt Yuskewich

Matt has an undergraduate degree in Economics from Ohio Dominican University (1974) and a Master of Business Administration degree from Xavier University (1977). Matt is a member of the American Institute of CPA's and the Ohio Society of CPA's. He is currently Chair of the OSCPA Federal Taxation Committee a member of the PAC and Political Endorsements Committees. He currently chairs the Society's Ohio Tax Reform Task Force. Matt previously served on the AICPA's State Taxation, IRS

Forms and IRS Practice and Procedures Committees. Matt was appointed by Governor Taft to the Ohio Business Gateway Commission and by Speaker Rosenberger to the Municipal Income Tax Net Operating Loss Review Committee. Matt serves as Chairman of the Board of tax Appeals for the City of Upper Arlington and is a member of the Ohio Dominican University Board of Trustees. Matt currently serves as an adjunct professor in the Capital University MBA program.

Matt founded the Winterset CPA Group, Inc. in 1988 after working with other local CPA firms from 1981. Prior to entering public accounting Matt was a secondary school teacher, Internal Auditor and Business Strategy Consultant.

