

## 2016 Felix A. Anderson Image Award

### **William G. Westrick, PE**

**Former President & CEO, Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc.**



With 52 years of experience, Mr. Westrick has a long and distinguished career in the civil engineering field. As a design/construction engineer with the Road Commission of Macomb County for 10 years, Bill then joined Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc. (AEW) in 1972 as a principal owner. He was instrumental in implementing the Total Quality Management (TQM) program for the continuous improvement of the company, relative to the goal of outstanding service delivery. He was also the promoter of AEW ACEC projects; specifically he promoted and performed several ACEC endeavors over the years including elementary and high school education projects such as Science Olympiad projects and meeting with students to discuss opportunities in the Civil Engineering profession. Additionally, Bill taught construction classes, on a part time basis, at Macomb Community College.

Mr. Westrick volunteered for 10 years as a member on the Detroit Water and Sewer Board representing Macomb County. During his tenure, he was a founding Board Member on the non-profit organization, WAVE (Water Access Volunteer Effort) which raised funds and assisted Detroit families and seniors in paying their water and sewer bills. WAVE has funded over \$2,000,000 on this effort to date.

As a friend of the environment, Bill manages his sustainable forestry project on 200 acres in Northern Michigan. In addition, he served on the initial HEART Administrative Committee to promote clean quality water from Lake Huron to Lake Erie. He now serves on a similar task force for the St. Clair River. He does this in partnership with his daughter, Judy, the Director of the Lumen Instrument Center at Wayne University, the St. Clair County Health Department, and the River District Water Plant Operators. He is also a member of the Sierra Club.

Bill is currently a member of the following organizations: Clinton River and Tip of the Mitt Watershed Councils, and the Six Rivers, Little Traverse, and Nature Land Conservancies. In addition, he is a friend of the Metroparks and promotes and sponsors projects at Stony Creek, Wolcott Mill, and Wolcott Farms.

He is a dedicated Board member, fund raiser, and promoter of the Macomb Community College Foundation, as well as a Home Visiting Team Member for St. Vincent de Paul (Saints John and Paul Catholic Church Conference).

Bill and his late wife, Gloria, have 5 children: Aaron, a PhD in Criminal Justice, Paul in the same field, Judy, a PhD in chemistry, and Bill and Mary, both Professional Civil Engineers. They have 15 grandchildren; he anticipates that they will increase the family's presence in the Civil Engineering Field, based on present enrollments to date.