

**PROCLAMATION
JOHN EGAN DAY**

WHEREAS, John Egan was born March 16, 1924 in Joliet, IL, attended Joliet Township High School and Joliet Junior College before joining the Army Air Corp, 15th Air Force, serving as a Photo Recon Pilot in Sansavero, Italy from Nov 1944 to June 1945, and commissioned 1st Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, John graduated as an Outstanding Senior of Business School from the University of Colorado in May 1947, where he met the love of his life, Sunny Nelson, whom he married in July, 1947. John & Sunny chose to move to Lombard in 1948 and raised 5 children in the Lilac Village; and

WHEREAS, John, while spending his career at the American National Bank, Container Corporation of America, Gateway Foundation, McDermott & Associates, Executive Service Corps and Marillac House, found time to volunteer his time in service to Lombard and environs as:

Jaycees: Helped in the creation in 1950 as a charter member and served as President in 1953-54. Served as Illinois Jaycees V.P., named outstanding State V.P., served as State Jaycees President 1955-56, and was awarded a life membership in the State, U.S. and International Jaycees in 1956. As a result of his work, the Lombard Jaycees instituted "The John Egan Distinguished Service Award" in 2003, which is presented annually. John was awarded a "Lifetime Achievement Award" in May 2003.

Park District: Appointed as a Recreation Commissioner in June 1950 and Deputy Policeman in August 1950; elected to the Park Commission in July 1953; served until he retired in 1991; served as V.P. 1967 to 1976; President 1976 to 1991; and Chair of the Lilac Festival and Land Acquisition Committees.

Historical Society: Dedicated to the promotion of Lombard history, John served as President 1999-2001 and continued as a member of the Board from 1999 to 2010.

DuPage Theater Restoration ad-hoc Committee from 2000 to 2002 and member of Friends of the DuPage Theater from 2002-05.

Village: Member of the Human Relations Commission 1963 to 1968, Glenbard East Referendum Commission 1965; Community Action Commission 1969; Bicentennial Commission 1968-1969, and the Historical Commission 2002-2013.

Church: Served Sacred Heart Church, as a faithful member in many capacities and with a love of God.

WHEREAS, John was awarded the honor of: Lombard Man of the Year in 1967; Grand Marshall of the Lilac Parade in 1990; and Lombard Jaycees Lifetime Achievement Award in 2003.

WHEREAS: John is loved by family and his many friends in Lombard and elsewhere who have benefitted from his desire to serve his fellowman, county, and village; and

WHEREAS: John will celebrate his 90th birthday on March 16, 2014;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Keith Giagnorio, President of the Village of Lombard do hereby proclaim Sunday, March 16, 2014 as **JOHN EGAN DAY** in honor of a man who has done so much for the community.

Keith T. Giagnorio
Village President

