

Contributor Award Winners



Chester McKinney

Russia, Ohio

Chester has been an official for 46 years as a charter member of the West Central Ohio TOA. He is also a retired football & baseball official. He graduated from the

University of Dayton and has been a science teacher at

Houston High School for 37 years. Chester, a fifth generation farmer, and his wife Mary have 2 sons & 2 grandkids. Nominator Ed Crawford said: "Chester's been a referee at invites, league, and tournament meets for 39 years."

Willard Gene "The Candy Man" Milkie

Bellevue, Ohio

Gene has been an official in the

Bellevue TOA for 31 years. He graduated from Thompson High School where he participated in basketball, baseball and track. He was a Whirlpool Corporation supervisor for 43 years. Gene has been the president & founding member of the Bellevue Athletic Booster. He

was nominated by Andrew Morfier who said: "Gene is well liked and respected among officials, athletes and coaches. Also very well known for having a bag of candy for any & all."

