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**Commitment to Excellence Banquet Honoring
Bob Kessler
August 5, 2003**

Robert D. Kessler is president and founder of Kessler Sign Company and Finline Imprints in Zanesville, Ohio. His entrepreneurial pursuits carry over into other areas, including real estate development, the hotel/motel business, retail outdoor advertising, business graphics and design.



Kessler started his business before graduating from high school, painting signs in his parents' basement. Shortly upon graduation, he moved the business to the prestigious surroundings of a chicken coop. That chicken coop has grown over the years and his business now includes an expanse of three states (Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky) and work for many national business franchises.

In the early 1970s, he served as pitcher for the minor league division of the New York Mets. A native of Zanesville, he has strong ties to the community including years of service to local athletic organizations. He has coached area baseball teams and worked with civic leaders to bring minor league baseball to the Zanesville area. He is a member of the local baseball hall of fame.

Kessler is Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors for the John M. Ashbrook Center for Public Affairs at Ashland University. He is a member of the Board of Directors for Century National Bank, Genesis Bethesda Health Foundation, the Muskingum County Community Foundation, the Zanesville Chamber of Commerce, the Muskingum County Convention Facilities Authority and the Midwest Sign Association. He is also a member of Zanesville Rotary.

He and his wife, the former Debra Bateson have three daughters, Julie, Valerie and Natalie and also three grandchildren, Cassandra, Nicholas and Madison.

2003 Commitment to Excellence Banquet

Bob Kessler

6:00 p.m. August 5, 2003

Longaberger Golf Club

Welcome.....Bill Mattingly, Master of Ceremonies

Opening Ceremony.....Boy Scout Troop 174,
Chartered by Nashport United Methodist Church

Dinner

Introduction of Banquet Committee and Honored Guests

.....Bill Mattingly

Honoring Mr. Kessler

Bill Mattingly
Peter Schram

Awards

James E. West Fellowship.....Steve Buck,
Past Council President

Commitment to Excellence.....John Harding,
Scout Executive

Rebuttal.....Bob Kessler

Closing RemarksBill Mattingly