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Frederick J. Krum to Receive the H. Peter Burg Award Posthumously at the
Greater Akron Chamber's 2009 Annual Meeting

The late Frederick J. Krum, former airport director for the Akron-Canton Airport, will receive the H. Peter Burg Award posthumously on Thursday, March 19, 2009, at the Greater Akron Chamber's 2009 Annual Meeting, sponsored by BCG & Company. Receiving the award will be Fred's son, Jim Krum. The Greater Akron Chamber's Executive Committee and the Akron Tomorrow Trustees created the H. Peter Burg Economic Development Leadership Award as a way of recognizing a local business leader who has served as a role model to enhance local and regional economic and community development.

Fred Krum began his career at Akron-Canton Airport in 1975 as the airport accountant and soon after, climbed to assistant director. In 1981, he was promoted to the director's seat, and his vision for the airport took off from there. During his tenure, he managed more than \$250 million in capital improvements, attracted key airlines, acquired hundreds of acres of additional land, all while keeping operating costs low. Fred Krum has won numerous awards, including the Sales and Marketing Executives of Akron's Executive of the Year Award in 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007. He was recognized among *Inside Business Magazine's* "Power 100" (a listing of the most influential leaders in Northern Ohio). Krum also received the 2006 President's Award from the Akron/Summit County Convention and Visitors Bureau for his career-long impact on tourism and hospitality in the region.

Krum was a tireless community leader; serving on the board for the North Canton Schools, Wayne Savings Bank, Mercy Medical Center, the Greater Akron Chamber, the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Stark Development Board and the Ohio Commercial Airport Consortium. Krum also loved to coach his children's sports teams when they were young.

Described by many as a leader, visionary and exceptional director, Krum is credited with helping bolster economic development not only for the Akron/Canton area, but also for the entire Northeast Ohio region.

Reservations for the Greater Akron Chamber's 102nd Annual Meeting should be made to (330) 376-5550 by March 17, 2009.

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