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Thomas G. Knoll Receives the H. Peter Burg Award at the
Greater Akron Chamber's 2008 Annual Meeting

Thomas G. Knoll, Founding Partner with Stark & Knoll Co., LPA, received the H. Peter Burg Award on Wednesday, March 19, 2008, at the Greater Akron Chamber's 2008 Annual Meeting, sponsored by KeyBank. 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.

Knoll co-founded Stark & Knoll in 1985. A graduate of Miami University and The Ohio State University (1965), he has been listed in *Best Lawyers in America* (Corporate) since 1995. He practices in general corporate, real estate, corporate transactions and business succession planning. Knoll is a past president of the Akron Bar and a member of the Ohio State and the American Bar Associations with memberships in the Real Property and Banking & Commercial Law section and Real Property and Probate & Trust section. He is the co-founder and Past President of Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Greater Akron and First Tee of Akron, and he has donated his time in a variety of leadership roles to Great Trail Council of Boy Scouts of America, Goodwill Industries of Akron, Summa Health System Foundation, among others. He has been a volunteer leader of Akron Golf Charities, now Northern Ohio Golf Charities. Knoll has served on the Greater Akron Chamber Board of Directors for over twenty-five years and is currently President of the Summa Health System Board of Directors.

"The business community is very excited to present the H. Peter Burg Award to Tom Knoll, who has worked tirelessly on behalf of economic development efforts in Akron, whether it's retaining the Bridgestone Invitational or ensuring affordable golf access for children who otherwise might not have the opportunity to play, through the First Tee of Akron," said Daniel C. Colantone, President & CEO of the Greater Akron Chamber.

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The mission of the Greater Akron Chamber is to drive economic development and prosperity for the people of the Greater Akron Region.

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