

**RICHARD T. GOSSER**



**TESTIMONIAL DINNER**

**SPORTS ARENA ANNEX**

**Thursday June 18, 1964 6:30 p.m.**

# Program

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Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Walter Madrzykowski

Master of Ceremonies \_\_\_\_\_ The Hon. Mayor John W. Potter

Star Spangled Banner

Invocation \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. James P. Brogan, Pastor St. Patricks Heather Downs

Dinner Music \_\_\_\_\_ Pretz Russell Orchestra  
Courtesy Local #15 American Federation Musicians

Introduction \_\_\_\_\_ Guests at Head Table

Toastmaster \_\_\_\_\_ The Hon. Judge George Kiroff

Danny Thomas on Tape

## Tributes

City of Toledo

Women's Summer Camp Guild

Local #12 UAW-AFL-CIO

Union Stewards Association

United Labor Committee

60 Now and Council of Elders

Glio AFL-CIO Council

City Employees

Spicer Unit

L.M.C.

Amvets Post

Area AFL-CIO Council

N.A.A.C.P.

N.W.O. Building Trades Council

Response By Honored Guest **Richard T. Gosser**

## Benediction

Rev. Phillip A. Shearman, Pastor Ashland Ave. Baptist Church

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# Profile

The Measure of a Man is the Good he does for others

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On behalf of the friends and associates of Dick Gosser — welcome to this memorable dinner honoring a nationally outstanding veteran labor leader who dedicated over 30 years of his life with devoted service to the serious needs of his fellow man.

It is well to remember the many personal sacrifices and the endless long hours working like a human dynamo, striving to improve the living standards of the worker and his family; putting more bread and butter on their table and, needless to say, the betterment of our community as a whole can be attributed to his interest in civic activities.

He gave of himself so completely he ruined his own health. We are all better off because of the principles he stands for and lives by. Among his many achievements in labor and public life and the many worthwhile things he founded, the following serve as living proof of Gosser's untiring efforts. The Childrens Summer Camp, The Diagnostic Clinic, The Health and Retiree Center with the Pharmacies, the Optical Department, the Dental Department, the Hearing Aid Department, United Labor Committee, 60 Now, Council of Elders, Golden Age Summer and Winter Centers.

As President of Local 12 U.A.W., as Regional Director of Region 2-B, U.A.W., as Vice-president of the International Union, UAW-AFL-CIO, during which time he was Director of the Competitive Shops Department, Director of Skilled Trades Department, Director of Wage and Hours Department, Director of Die Casting Department, Director of Auto-Lite Department, Director of Dana-Spicer Department, Director of Champion Spark Plug Department, Director of Doehler-Jarvis Council, Director of Foundry Department and Director of several other wage and hour councils too numerous to mention.

In civic life he served as a Charter Member of the Labor-Management-Citizens Committee and the Toledo Industrial Development Committee. Dick Gosser also was an integral part of the Toledo Port Authority and other civic committees. He helped in various major fund raising drives like the Newsboy Goodfellows, The Community Chest, hospitals, churches, and others.

Only last year, through his efforts, every needy child had an opportunity to attend free the Children's Wonderland at the Lucas County Recreational Center.

These are just an example of the many ways Toledo's most renowned labor leader has helped people in all walks of life throughout the United States and Canada.

It is fitting this evening that over 2,000 of us gather together to break bread with this great man and our best friend, Richard T. Gosser. It is our way of demonstrating to him and to everyone that we honor and appreciate his complete dedication to labor and the community. What's more, we publicly acknowledge and respect his honesty, his courage, his leadership, and his efforts to obtain a fuller measure of life for all.

We sincerely hope that his retirement as an active officer in the labor movement is not a conclusion to an illustrious past, but instead with the Good Lord willing and his health permitting, Dick Gosser will continue to be an inspiration and a guiding tower of light to a better and brighter future.

In these troubled times, now more than ever, we need his unequalled quality of understanding tolerance, perseverance, desire and ability to help people gain dignity as becomes the brotherhood of man.