



Robert J. Romadka

Business Excellence & Achievement

When he started his law practice in 1953, Bob Romadka believed it was good business to live in the community where he worked and to work to improve the quality of life there. His career is evidence that he was right.

While building a successful practice, Bob served as the Executive Secretary of the fledgling Essex Chamber of Commerce, taking on the role in 1956 and housing the Chamber's administrative functions within his office on Eastern Blvd. for over 20 years. No salary! No rent! The Chamber's only expense was for a phone. He brought business people together and helped to address some of the major issues facing the Essex and Middle River areas over the years: opposing routing of the Beltway onto Route 40, opposing rezoning of property along Back River for heavy manufacturing, and dealing with crime in Mars Estates, advocating for the County's purchase of that property.

Bob was involved when CCBC Essex was started, and is still an active member of the CCBC Essex Foundation Board. He was approached by Franklin Square Hospital when they wanted to move to Baltimore County, and has been an active supporter and leader in the hospital ever since. He was a key player in bringing cable TV to Baltimore County. Bob and his wife Ellie raised 4 children in our community, who are now part of our business and community network. He is a member of Our Lady Queen of Peace Church and on the Board of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School.

Bob hasn't stopped looking out for business interests or pursuing community improvements, and he has continued to be active in the Chamber, currently serving on the Board of Directors and as a member of the Eastern Baltimore County Task Force. He is pleased to see the fruits of his labors, and we were truly honored to highlight them for him as our first inductee into the Chesapeake Gateway Chamber Hall of Fame.