



Barry and Linda Oman are not graduates of Greenville School District. However, there are few who are more supportive. Barry is a Hickory Hornet graduating in 1970, while Linda heralds from Cedar Cliff High School in Camp Hill, PA., graduating one year later. Both graduated from Thiel College where they left a lasting legacy. Both Barry and Linda were Thiel Tomcats. Barry, number 13, was a defensive back on the football team and Linda played women's basketball being a member of the 1971-1973 undefeated teams.

After graduation, they married and moved to Wixom, Michigan but soon returned to Greenville where Barry first worked for Talon in Meadville and later for R.D. Werner Company. After receiving his MBA from Youngstown State, Barry became the division controller at Werners and later at Signature Aluminum until the plant closed. He then worked as cost and inventory accountant for Combined Tactical Services until his retirement in 2017. Upon returning to Greenville, Linda was hired at Jamestown Elementary where she worked for thirty-two years. The countless number of students, who were fortunate to learn from this amazing teacher are to this day, still in touch with her.

In addition to their work, both Linda and Barry coached, She was the women's basketball coach in Jamestown while Barry was both a Little League coach in Greenville and assistant football coach for the Thiel football team. Thiel College has recognized both of the Omans for their athletic contributions by inducting them into the Athletic Hall of Fame, with Linda in 1992, and Barry in 1996.

While their vocational stories are brimming with dedication and hard work, it is their community service that sets these two apart. Linda once said her favorite quote is from Ray Kroc, founder of McDonalds, "We have an obligation to give back to the community that gives

so much to us.” And give back they do! Barry has served on Thiel College’s Board of Trustees. He is also treasurer of the Greenville High School Educational Foundation, Vice President of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Council and a former member of the Greenville School District Board of Directors. Linda is on many committees at Holy Trinity, Thiel College’s Fiftieth Reunion Committee, Athletic Hall of Fame Board, as well as the QATI Board at St Paul’s. She has served organizations in many ways including having been on the Alumni Council of Thiel College and the Greenville Library Board.

However, the real commitment comes when these two work together. Starting in 2001, Barry and Linda were the faces behind the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life in Greenville. During the next fifteen years, they were actively involved in Greenville’s relay raising, with team members, over a million dollars to end cancer. Another project that has been at the forefront of their volunteering is the renovation of Riverside Park. Since 2018, the Omans have with others led the charge in raising money and overseeing the many improvements that have been made in the park. They are also great supporters of St. Paul’s, The Good Shepherd, their church and the Salvation Army. Through the Rotary Club, they have been very involved in beautification projects in town as well as chairing the club’s annual golf outing that supports all of the good work that is done by Greenville Rotary each year.

There are many descriptors that could be used for this generous couple, but as described by one of their friends, “They do not seek notoriety but rather always try to fly under the radar.” Barry and Linda Oman are a gift to this community.

The Omans’ willingness to serve Greenville is a blessing. This was noted by Thiel College when they awarded the couple both the Service to Thiel Award in 2006 and the Louis and Barbara Thiel Distinguished Service Award in 2024.

Barry and Linda have two children Ryan (Erin) and Lauren. They are proud grandparents of Drew, Ben and Bryson.