



April 5, 1992 Wyandotte Distinguished Graduate Inductee



Orville E. Homeister Class of 1941

Orville E. Homeister's name is synonymous with the development of peaceful uses of atomic power.

A Wayne State University Distinguished Alumni, he has lectured extensively and presented papers on nuclear energy, receiving awards from Detroit Edison and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers for his exhaustive work.

In 1958, Mr. Homeister was designated a Technical Advisor on the United States Delegation to the Second International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy at Geneva Switzerland. He participated in the start-up of the United Kingdom's atomic energy breeder reactor at Dounreay, Scotland. He similarly worked as a United Nation's representative to a hydro-electric power survey in British Guiana in 1965. During the Korean War, he was hand-picked by Admiral Rickover to work on the "Submarine Advanced Reactor Project" at Argonne National Laboratory.

From 1948, through his retirement in 1986, Mr. Homeister was employed by Detroit Edison where he worked on the design and start-up of the fast breeder reactor for the Enrico Fermi I Atomic Power Plant in Monroe, Michigan, as well as other fossil and nuclear power plants.