



**R. Cary Blair
Biography
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Cary Blair spent his 43 year business career with Westfield Group, Westfield Center, Ohio. Westfield Group is a highly rated regional property/casualty insurance organization that also has interests in banking and other related financial services. Mr. Blair served the company in several marketing positions as well as junior and senior officer positions. He was elected President in 1986, Chief Executive Officer in 1991 and Chairman of the Board in 1996. He retired from the company in 2004 and continues to serve as Chairman of Westfield Group Foundation.

Mr. Blair currently serves on the Board of Directors of First Merit Corporation, Akron, Ohio and Overland Solution, Inc., Overland Park, Kansas. He previously served on the boards of Davey Tree Co., Kent, Ohio, Bristol West Holdings, Davie, Florida and Inter-Ocean Reinsurance Co., Hamilton, Bermuda. He currently serves in an advisory board capacity at Butler University, The University of Akron and the World Junior Golf Series.

Cary served in trustee positions with The Council of Insurance Agents and Executives, Leadership Medina County, The Griffith Foundation, The Institute for Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters, The Insurance Information Institute and the National Association of Independent Insurers. In 2008, The Property Casualty Insurance Institute of America honored Mr. Blair with their Lifetime Achievement Award.

Cary enthusiasm for junior golf resulted in his hosting the Junior PGA Championship for seven years and two Junior Ryder Cup Matches. He was awarded a lifetime membership by The PGA of America in 2005 and was named golf businessman of the year by Golf Digest Magazine in 2006 for his work in junior golf. He is the author of the popular marketing book, "Return of the Body Snatchers" published in 2007, and his articles on management succession and business governance issues have been published throughout the world.

Mr. Blair graduated from Butler University in 1961 with a degree in risk management and marketing and served in the U. S. Army as an Intelligence agent. He is married and has two children. The Blair's maintain residences in Medina, Ohio, and Amelia Island, Florida.

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