

# Gregory Stockard Distinguished Service Award

## *Dr. Walter Schroeder, Recipient*

Dr. Walter Schroeder has a long history in our community. He was raised in Jefferson City's southside, attended the former Broadway School, Simonsen Junior High and graduated from Jefferson City High School as the co-valedictorian of the Class of 1952.

He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri, a master's degree from the University of Chicago and a doctorate from the University of Missouri. As a professor of geography at the University of Missouri from 1964 to 2002, Schroeder earned many awards as a leader in the field of geography.



Dr. Schroeder is being recognized today with the Gregory Stockard Award because of his leadership in preserving and promoting the history of Jefferson City and central Missouri.

Dr. Schroeder has researched many aspects of our history:

- Germans who settled in Missouri
- Old Munichburg neighborhood
- Churches
- Diverse communities in Jefferson City and central Missouri
- Individuals, families and organizations

Dr. Schroeder has written books and articles and has an exhibit of photographs and other materials about Jefferson City's Old Munichburg neighborhood. He is currently working on the book *The Breweries and Saloons of Jefferson City*. He is eager to share his knowledge in many ways. Dr. Schroeder has been a founding member of the Old Munichburg Association. He currently leads as president. This organization is an important community group that promotes an area of the city rich in cultural history.

Dr. Walter Schroeder brings the history of central Missouri alive. He encourages everyone to value their heritage, but he goes further than preserving the buildings around Jefferson City. He opens minds to social history. He encourages people to study the stories of those who lived before them.