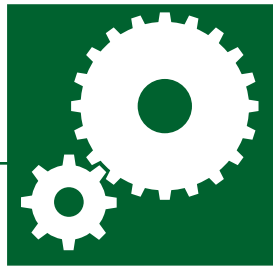




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WHEELING HALL OF FAME

2011 Induction Ceremony
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Business, Industry and Professions - Ralph R. Kitchen

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Education and Religion - The Most Rev. Bishop Bernard W. Schmitt

Music and Fine Arts - Dennis Magruder

Philanthropy - Elizabeth Stifel Kline

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Public Service - John Edward "Jack" Fahey

Program

National Anthem

Invocation - The Reverend Jeremiah F. McSweeney

Master of Ceremonies - Jim Squibb, Chairman, Wheeling Hall of Fame Board

Official Welcome from City of Wheeling

Induction of Honorees into the Wheeling Hall of Fame - By Hall of Fame Board Members

Responses - By Hall of Fame Inductees or their Representatives

Closing Remarks - Jim Squibb

Benediction - The Reverend Mark E. Seitz

Wheeling Hall of Fame Board

During the early planning stages for the Wheeling Civic Center, one of the members of the committee suggested that a “Hall of Fame” should be included in the Center to give recognition to former residents and present residents who had attained considerable distinction in some specific field and thus brought honor to their home city.

The City Council studied the matter and solicited suggestions for guidelines and procedures.

On February 3, 1977, council passed an ordinance (No.6179) creating the Hall of Fame Board. In July 1977 the Mayor, with the approval of Council, appointed 18 citizens to serve on the Board with designated terms of two, four, and six years. The Board also includes a representative of City Council as an ex-officio member.

The membership of the Board has changed as new appointments have been made by the Mayor and Council from time to time.

The Board set up specific procedures for the selection of nominees and proceeded to select the first 18 people to be named to the Hall of Fame. Those considered had to have achieved distinction in one of six categories and had to have lived in Wheeling at least ten years. Three persons were named in each of the six categories.

These 18 people were inducted into the Hall of Fame at a formal ceremony and dinner on April 13, 1980. The Hall of Fame Board later selected 12 additional people to be honored and these people were inducted on May 23, 1982. Ten more were inducted on May 20, 1984. Eight were officially added at ceremonies on October 26, 1986. Six inductees were enshrined on October 21, 1990. Five more were ushered into this distinguished company on November 29, 1992. Six people were inducted on November 20, 1994. Seven people were inducted into the Hall of Fame at ceremonies on September 20, 1998, eight on November 26, 2000, and five more on December 1, 2002. The 2004 class of six, the 2006 class of five, the 2008 class of six, and the 2011 class of seven honorees brings the total number of people enshrined in the Wheeling Hall of Fame to one hundred and nine.

The preamble from the Ordinance establishing the Hall of Fame Board reads as follows:

“A Hall of Fame to honor Wheeling citizens and former citizens for outstanding accomplishments in all walks of life shall be established in the halls of the Wheeling Civic Center. While outstanding public services were rendered by our founding fathers and early citizens, these worthy deeds are recognized by historical publications and appropriately honored in other halls, museums, and memorials. Therefore, honorees in the Wheeling Hall of Fame shall be selected on the basis of accomplishments after 1863 (later amended to 1836). For purposes of selection and designation, the human endeavors of the honorees shall be divided into the following six major categories:

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| (1) Music and Fine Arts | (4) Sports and Athletics |
| (2) Business and Industry* | (5) Public Service |
| (3) Education and Religion | (6) Philanthropy |

** became Business, Industry and Professions in 1996.*

The first officers of the Board were: Forrest H. Kirkpatrick, Chairman; James J. Haranzo, Vice Chairman; and Sister Anne Regina O’Leary, Secretary Treasurer.

Charles L. Ihlenfeld succeeded Dr. Kirkpatrick as chairman and was, in turn succeeded by Harry L. Buch. Dr. Kirkpatrick was subsequently elected to succeed Buch, who was then selected as successor to Sister Anne Regina O’Leary as Secretary Treasurer. With the retirement from the board of Dr. Kirkpatrick, James Haranzo was elected chairman in 1990 and Michael Pockl was named Secretary Treasurer, to be succeeded in that position by James Seibert

In January 1996, James Seibert was elected chairman. James Haranzo was elected Secretary Treasurer. In February 1999, S. J. “Dick” Dlesk was elected chairman, Patricia Pockl was elected Secretary Treasurer. Current officers are Jim Squibb, chairman and Patricia Pockl, Secretary Treasurer.



Wheeling Hall of Fame Board Officers

Chairman - Jim Squibb

Secretary Treasurer - Patricia Pockl

Co-Chairmen of Induction and Reception - Laura Carter, Sue Seibert Farnsworth, and Jeanne Finstein

Wheeling Hall of Fame Board

Business, Industry and Professions - Jeanne Finstein, chairperson; Kate Quinn and Bill Bryson

Education and Religion - Mary Hamm, chairperson; Patricia Pockl and Dianna Vargo

Music and Fine Arts - Robert De Francis, chairperson; Linda Comins and Bettie Steele

Philanthropy - Laura Carter, chairperson; Sue Seibert Farnsworth and Wayne Barte

Public Service - Jim Squibb, chairperson; William Ihlenfeld and James Kepner

Sports and Athletics - R. Douglas Huff, chairperson; Richard L. Coury and William Nutting



Wheeling City Council

Mayor Andy McKenzie
First Ward Councilwoman..... Gloria Delbrugge
Second Ward Councilman Vernon E. Seals
Third Ward Councilman Robert E. “Herk” Henry
Fourth Ward Councilman James F. Tiu
Fifth Ward Councilman Don Atkinson
Sixth Ward Councilman Eugene T. Fahey, Vice-Mayor



John Edward “Jack” Fahey - *Public Service*

For 30 years, John Edward “Jack” Fahey served his community faithfully and unselfishly in a variety of roles, including Wheeling City Council member, Mayor, Ohio County Commissioner and West Virginia Delegate.

In 1971, after many years of involvement with St. Joseph Cathedral parish activities and having much interest in local and national politics, Fahey decided to run for Wheeling City Council. He had no prior political experience, but won the Second Ward seat by defeating six other candidates. As a new member of City Council, he learned quickly that political life was quite challenging, but he always stood up for his beliefs. In 1975, he was re-elected to Council from the Second Ward and was then elected Mayor by the vote of the City Council. He was proud to serve as Mayor and was a great ambassador for the city.

In 1982, Fahey was elected as an Ohio County Commissioner, a position he held for 12 years. During his tenure, he served on many boards and commissions. He was appointed to the West Virginia Regional Jail and Prison Authority.

He served as President of the Ohio County Commission, director of the National Association of Counties and board member and President of the West Virginia Association of Counties and the West Virginia Association of County Commissioners. He also served on the boards of Bel-O-Mar Regional Planning Council, Ohio Valley Industrial Business Development Corporation and Wheeling Hall of Fame and was President of the Ohio County Board of Health.

In 2000, Fahey was again called to public service as a member of the West Virginia House of Delegates and served until 2002.

During his time of public service, Fahey was vigilant in the quest to complete the Wheeling Creek Watershed project. Construction of a series of seven dams started in 1975, as he began his term as Mayor. The final dam was built in the mid-1990s, as he completed his second term as Ohio County Commissioner. The Wheeling Hall of Fame was established in 1977 under Fahey’s direction and leadership as Mayor. He began a push for a city charter review in 1975; the project reached the voters in 1991.

The future civic leader was born on November 28, 1928, the fifth of 11 children of George and Blanche Schiffer Fahey. After graduating from Wheeling Central Catholic High School, he worked at Sealtest Ice Cream for a short time before beginning a career with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in August 1947. He joined the B&O as an outside caller, then worked as a teletype operator and, within three years, became yardmaster. He served in that capacity for 36 years.

He married Catherine Ann “Katie” Flading in 1948. They have seven children, 17 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. He is “Uncle Jack” to 18 nieces and nephews, and many great-nieces and great-nephews. As the patriarch of a large family, he instills love for his church and his country in every aspect of his life. He is proud of his Irish heritage.

While his accomplishments as a community leader are countless, Fahey is most proud of his family, his unwavering faith in God, and his love for the city of Wheeling. He is the epitome of a public servant. His passion for the city will be his legacy.



Ralph R. Kitchen - *Business, Industry and Professions*

Ralph Ross Kitchen was born in Bangor, Maine, on July 23, 1881, the son of Samuel Smith Kitchen and Marada (Ada) Jackson Kitchen. He went to public schools in Bangor and then was connected with Sterrett and Company, New York builders, working as an estimator, and later with James Stewart and Company of New York. Following his success with that company, he was promoted to the position of superintendent and later manager of the firm's Pittsburgh office. In that capacity, he came to Wheeling to supervise the construction of a portion of the Ohio Valley General Hospital.

Kitchen founded the R.R. Kitchen Contracting Company in Wheeling in 1913 and was also President of the R.R. Kitchen Lumber Company, President of the American Spiral Spring and Manufacturing Company of Pittsburgh, President and General Manager of the Wheeling Structural Steel Company, and director of the Dollar Savings and Trust Company, Wheeling Savings and Loan Company, and the Central Union Trust Company. He was also for a time Vice President of the J.E. Moss iron works.

His first jobs with his own company, the Sterling Products building and the National Bank of West Virginia, established him as a leading contractor. His business continued to grow until it became the largest in the state and one of the largest in the tri-state area. A partial list of the structures he built includes the following out-of-town buildings: the agricultural building and women's dormitory at WVU in Morgantown, the Steubenville Bank and Trust Company, Peoples' National Bank in Steubenville, Follansbee High School (now Middle School), Weir High School, the Masonic home in Parkersburg, Fokker Aircraft Corporation and the Triangle Conduit Company in Glen Dale, and several large buildings for the Weirton Steel Company.

In Wheeling, he built the Edward Stifel home (now the Stifel Fine Arts Center), Triadelphia High School (now Middle School), Ritchie School, the nurses' residence at Ohio Valley General Hospital, part of the old Wheeling Hospital, the Central Union Building, Wheeling National Bank, the Riley Law Building, Citizens Mutual Trust Building, the Rex Theatre, Quarter Savings and Trust Building, part of Stone & Thomas, Coeey-Bentz Furniture Store, the Hazel Atlas factory building, the Wheeling Tile Co., the Exposition Hall at the State Fairgrounds, the flooring of the Bellaire Toll Bridge, the Christian Scientist Church, the Twelfth Street Garage and annex, the White Palace at Wheeling Park, Saint Joseph's Cathedral, the Scottish Rite Cathedral, and the Capitol Theatre.

He was also called a "forceful figure" in Wheeling's various civic and communal undertakings and was for a number of years a director and chairman of the Finance Committee of the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce and a director of the Ohio Valley General Hospital. He was also a member of the Masonic Orders, including the Shrine and Royal Order of Jesters; was an Elk; a member of the Fort Henry Club, of which he was chairman of the House Committee of the Pittsburgh Athletic Association; was a director of the Wheeling Country Club; and was a member of the Associated Contractors of America.

On October 9, 1930, he was presented the President's Cup, a well-known trophy of the Wheeling Country Club, for his championship golf. Two days later, on October 11, 1930, he died in Maple Springs, New York, on Lake Chautauqua.

In 1905, he married May Rebecca Van Graveness. They had one daughter, Flora May, and a son, Ralph Ross, Jr., called Ross.



Elizabeth Stifel Kline - *Philanthropy*

Elizabeth Stifel Kline will be remembered throughout the Wheeling community for her lifetime of public service, philanthropy, and commitment to those organizations dedicated to improving the quality of life for all its citizens.

She was born in Wheeling on January 10, 1925, the daughter of Elizabeth Stevenson and Henry George Stifel. Elizabeth was a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a life-long member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Wheeling.

The imprint of her service to Wheeling can be seen among every demographic group and neighborhood throughout the city.

Elizabeth was an organizer and weekly volunteer at the St. Matthew's Food Pantry. She was an advocate for the education of the fine arts through her support of the Stifel Fine Arts Center of the Oglebay Institute where she was also an active member and chair of Fine Arts Centers' Garden Committee. She served as a trustee for the George E. Stifel Scholarship Fund which annually provides scholarships to students in the Ohio County public schools for outstanding academic achievement. The construction of a multi-purpose shelter at the Tunnel Green recreational complex in East Wheeling was made possible through the generosity of Mrs. Kline. In 2000 Elizabeth was recognized for her community service by being honored as a recipient of the NAACP Community Service Award.

Elizabeth was a member and President of the Junior League of Wheeling, a founding member of the Victorian Wheeling Society, a member of the Cedar Twig of the Ohio Valley Medical Center, a Grey Lady volunteer at Wheeling Hospital, and a leader in fund development for the YWCA of Wheeling.

She served on the board of directors of Wheeling College (now Wheeling Jesuit University); The Charter Guild of Wheeling College; was chairperson of the YWCA Family Violence Prevention Program Advisory Council; Elmhurst, The House of Friendship, Inc.; and the Children's Home of Wheeling. She was president of the boards at Elmhurst and the Children's Home.

Because of her philanthropic spirit and sense of giving back to the community, the Stifel Fine Arts Center of Oglebay Institute, Ohio Valley Medical Center, The Linsly School, Wheeling Jesuit University, Children's Home of Wheeling, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Vance Presbyterian Church, and Elmhurst, House of Friendship, just to name a few, have all benefited from the gifts of Elizabeth Kline.

Elizabeth Stifel Kline created her foundation to support the non-profit organizations which make a difference in the lives of the people of the community in which she was a volunteer, community leader, and philanthropist. Since her death, the Trustees have continued the Stifel philanthropic legacy through sponsorships of community outreach programs and support for local non-profit organizations which demonstrate initiatives important to Elizabeth Kline. Among the many programs made possible by the grants from the Foundation are the popular Sunday evening Summer Entertainment Series at Oglebay Park, annual concerts of the Wheeling Symphony, the Kline Exhibition at Oglebay Institute, the Food Pantry at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and the capital campaign of Valley Hospice.

Elizabeth Kline had four children: Elizabeth Suzanne Kline Collins, Kenneth Kerwood Kline Jr., M.D., who preceded his mother in death, Stevenson Stifel Kline, and John Craft Wright Kline.



George W. Lutz - *Philanthropy*

George Washington Lutz was born in Wheeling on July 17, 1855, the son of Sebastian Lutz and Anna Trischler Lutz. He was educated at Saint Alphonsus School and completed his education by attending night classes at Frazier Business College. His first employment was at the Wheeling Tack Company; he later worked at the Armstrong planing mill. Mr. Lutz's future was established when he learned the plumbing and steam fitting trade. Following his apprenticeship, he went to work in the trade with the Trimble and Hornbrook Company.

Four years after going to work for Trimble and Hornbrook, Mr. Lutz became a partner in the company when he purchased the interest of Mr. Hornbrook. Eighteen years later, following the death of his partner Mr. Trimble, he changed the name of the company to Trimble & Lutz Supply Company. It became one of the largest industrial supply companies in the tri-state region. In addition to the success of his industrial supply business, he was one of the founders of Citizens Mutual Bank and Half Dollar Bank.

Mr. Lutz's civic-mindedness and love for Wheeling was memorialized and defined upon his death in a 1940 editorial in the Wheeling News-Register. "Mr. Lutz was numbered among that group of citizens who contributed so effectively and unstintingly to the economic and social welfare of the city from the late nineties to recent years." He was responsible for much of the urban beautification that was part of the history of Wheeling Island. Mr. Lutz also chaired the Landscape Commission of the W. E. Stone Fund, which continues to this day to provide for the floral ornamentation along National Road from Wheeling Hill through Fulton and Glenwood.

Known as the "father of the Market Auditorium," he was responsible for the concept and planning of the construction of the Auditorium. Following its completion, he served as president and director of the Market Auditorium Company. He was also directly involved with the civic groups responsible for the Mingo Indian statue that remains at the top of Wheeling Hill. Mr. Lutz was instrumental in securing funding for a state-of-the-art water filtration plant in Warwood as well as obtaining funding for the system of the ornamental street lights that illuminated Main and Market Streets in downtown Wheeling.

Mr. Lutz served as Chairman of the Wheeling Board of Trade and the West Virginia Association and served on the board of directors of the Associated Charities, National Old Trails Society, Wheeling Society, Wheeling Safety Council, and the Chamber of Commerce. He chaired the West Virginia State Fair Association and, when the interest in the state fair declined following World War I, he re-energized the organization and brought the State Fair back to its former pre-war stature during the 1920s.

In 1878, Mr. Lutz married Lugene E. Hornbrook, daughter of Thomas and Tryphena Hornbrook. Her family owned Hornbrook Park, which is now Wheeling Park. Mr. and Mrs. Lutz purchased land on the south end of Wheeling Island in 1887 and built their home at present-day 308 South Front Street where they lived from 1901 until 1937. Later in life, Mr. Lutz built a country estate near Warden and Waddle Run Roads. He resided there until his death in 1940 at the age of 84.

Mr. and Mrs. Lutz had no children. Upon his death, Mr. Lutz left his entire estate to his nieces and nephews. The legacy of his life's work is evident today. For example, a Lutz family member bequeathed money she received from Mr. Lutz to Oglebay Park, where it was used to build an addition to Glessner Auditorium at Wilson Lodge.



Dennis Magruder - *Music and Fine Arts*

Dennis Magruder has rightfully earned the title of Wheeling's "Mr. Entertainment." As executive director of the Greater Wheeling Sports and Entertainment Authority, Magruder supervises venues that have brought to eager audiences an astounding array of singers, musicians, comedians, sports figures, and children's entertainers.

Magruder, executive director of the WesBanco Arena and Capitol Theatre in Wheeling, presides over an arena that seats 7,800 people and is home to the Wheeling Nailers of the East Coast Hockey League. The Capitol seats 2,460 people and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. During his watch, the city of Wheeling has played host to scores of well-known entertainers and is home to an eclectic array of high school, college, and professional sports, all at a venue that also serves as a meeting place for dozens of community-based activities, from high school and college commencements to weekly meetings of Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions and Civitans.

The executive director received a degree in Accounting/Business Administration from West Liberty State College. He then served in many financial capacities with the city of Wheeling, including utility rate analyst, budget director, and Urban Renewal treasurer. He then joined the Certified Public Accounting firm of Jack J. Ferlise Company, specializing in field audits and governmental accounting. In 1978, he was appointed business manager/comptroller of the Marshall County School District with more than 10,000 students. While with the school system, he was active with his professional association, the Association of School Business Officials. In 1984, he was the West Virginia State President of ASBO and served on the National Accounting Committee for School Finance from 1983-86.

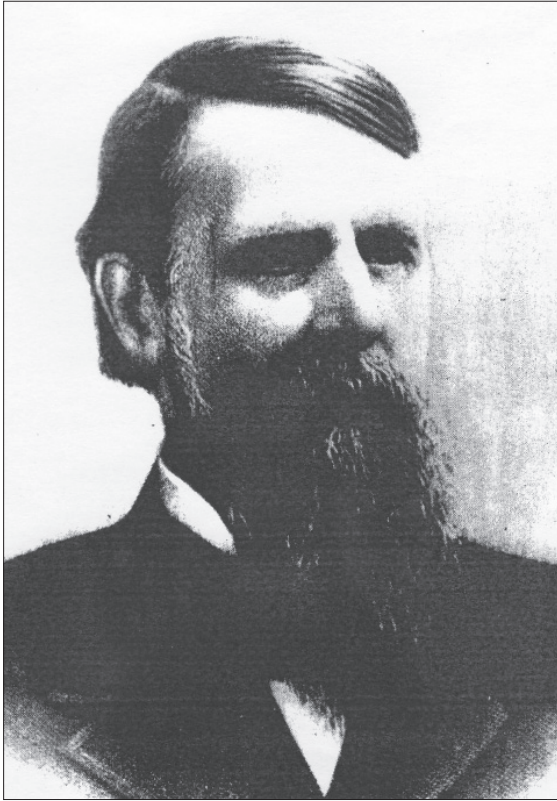
In April 1986, Magruder assumed his position with the arena, and the rest is history for audiences throughout the tri-state area. Along with the ambitious list of activities he oversees at the arena, Magruder became involved immediately with an international organization that also helped to place Wheeling at the forefront of venues in the United States. He joined the International Association of Assembly Managers, now known as the International Association of Venue Managers. Magruder has been an avid, productive, and consistent volunteer throughout the IAVM's committee structure. He is a past chairman of the board of regents and served on numerous IAVM committees. He has served on the IAVM board of directors and its executive committee.

Significantly, Magruder was a member of the first graduating class (1988) of the Public Assembly Facility Management School at Oglebay Resort and Conference Center. Since that time, he has served as a faculty member and/or as regent of the school. The school was initiated in 1987 through a grant by the IAVM Foundation. In addition, Magruder has lectured at a one-week seminar, called the Ice Arena Institute of Management, at the Oglebay school.

Magruder's initial efforts nearly 20 years ago to entice a professional hockey team to locate in Wheeling resulted in the birth of the Wheeling Thunderbirds, now the Nailers. He understands the Wheeling area's deep involvement in high school sports, and his partnerships with the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference and other athletic groups have added immeasurably to WesBanco Arena's place in the world of sports.

His role recently expanded to encompass the Capitol Theatre, including the renovations to the theater as well as to the Capitol Ballroom. It is clear that his leadership is helping to pave the way for resurgence at the Capitol Theatre, a venue many people believe is the jewel in the renaissance planned for downtown Wheeling. Magruder also serves as the treasurer of the board of the Wheeling Convention and Visitors Bureau.

He has been married to his wife, Barb, since 1967, and they have three children and seven grandchildren. Coincidentally, as the Wheeling Hall of Fame is conducting its installation banquet at WesBanco Arena on April 16, 2011, Dennis Magruder is celebrating his 25th anniversary as its' executive director.



Dr. James Edmund Reeves - *Business, Industry and Professions*

“The medical student who would win eminence in his profession must deny himself the glory and tinsel of society life; he must be that ceaseless worker to whom idleness is an impossibility and a thing incompatible with his calling; he must be fearless – brave enough to utter the truth whether it bring him joy or sorrow ... none but the learned can read the mysteries of nature, and feel from the movements of vital metamorphosis of protoplasm the wisdom and power of an ever-present Deity.” These were the words of Dr. James Reeves.

Born in Amissville, Virginia, in 1829, Reeves was to become one of the most renowned doctors in the world. When he was sixteen, his father, a Methodist minister, was assigned to Philippi. Studying borrowed textbooks, working as a tailor during the day, and teaching himself Latin, French, and German by candlelight, James pursued his goal.

When he had saved enough, he enrolled at Hampden-Sydney College, near Richmond. His first practice was in Philippi, where he treated covered-bridge builders who contracted typhoid fever. He became an authority on the subject and published many papers on it.

Just at the start of the Civil War, his sister Ann Jarvis (for whom Mother’s Day was originated) called on him for help. Ann had thirteen children, only four of whom lived to adulthood. The death of so many children caused her to ask her brother to teach local women’s groups how to improve sanitation, nurse the sick, and treat the wounded. His advice prevented the deaths of thousands.

Reeves returned to medical school and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, then moved his practice to Rivesville, near Fairmont, where he stayed for seven years. It was from there that he sent out invitations to doctors around the state to attend a conference and established the West Virginia Medical Society in 1867.

In 1868, Dr. Reeves moved to Wheeling where he persuaded the City Council of the need for a permanent public health officer and then served in that capacity for four years. As Public Health Officer, Dr. Reeves investigated and improved the town water supply, cleaned up the foul-smelling waters of Wheeling Creek, regulated the ice supply, and checked on the health of prostitutes, coal miners, and steel workers. He cataloged the various industries and studied the types of disorders that they fostered, checked the milk supply and breweries for cleanliness, and investigated cases of tobacco poisoning among cigar rollers. From these studies, he published two scholarly reports. While serving in this office, he submitted a bill to the state Legislature, which created the State Board of Health. He served as the Secretary and then Executive Officer of this Board. At the same time, he served on the Judicial Committee of the American Medical Association and founded the American Public Health Association.

In 1876, Dr. Reeves organized the first International Medical Congress held in Philadelphia. He became an expert at making medical slides and microscopy and wrote textbooks on the subject. He identified the bacillus that caused the skin disease lupus. He was invited to England by Queen Victoria to teach sanitary practice to her troops. He was given medals and a reception at her palace.

Because he had asthma, Dr. Reeves was not able to tolerate the sooty air of Wheeling and moved to Chattanooga, Tennessee, becoming the first pathologist of that city. When he diagnosed himself with liver cancer, nine doctors traveled from Wheeling to attempt treatment, but it was in vain. He died on January 4, 1896 and is buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Wheeling.



The Most Rev. Bishop Bernard W. Schmitt - *Education and Religion*

Bernard Schmitt's concern for and dedication to Christ and Catholic education were developed at a young age. Following his graduation from Corpus Christi Grade School, Warwood, and Central Catholic High School, Wheeling, the young Bernard Schmitt discerned God's call to the priesthood. He began his studies for the priesthood at Saint Charles College, Catonsville, Maryland, and attended Saint Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, Maryland. Later in life, he pursued a postgraduate degree in guidance and counseling at Ohio University in Athens.

He was ordained to the priesthood on May 28, 1955 by Bishop Thomas J. McDonnell. His first assignment was as Associate Pastor of Saint Joseph Cathedral, Wheeling, while also serving as Master of Ceremonies to Archbishop John Joseph Swint. In 1963, he was appointed Diocesan Director of Vocations, Director of Propagation of the Faith, and Director of Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD). In 1966, Father Schmitt was appointed Rector of Saint Joseph Preparatory Seminary in Vienna, where he served until being appointed to his first pastorate at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, St. Albans.

After ten years of service as pastor in St. Albans, Father Schmitt was appointed pastor of Saint Michael Parish, Wheeling, in 1982. It is here that Father Schmitt earned his reputation as a humble and capable church leader. While at Saint Michael, he continued his active involvement in Catholic School education at both the elementary and secondary levels.

Father Schmitt served at Saint Michael Parish until the call came on May 31, 1988 to be appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston. Father Schmitt was ordained Bishop on August 1, 1988. In October of that year, Bishop Schmitt was again appointed Diocesan Director of Vocations. Within a year, Bishop Schmitt was appointed the Seventh Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston on March 30, 1989 and was installed as Diocesan Bishop on May 17, 1989.

During his sixteen years as Bishop, he was appointed to the National Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Priestly Life and Ministry, and the Committee on Marriage and Family, as well as to the Catholic Campaign for Human Development Committee. As Bishop, he demonstrated his ecumenism. He co-presented an annual service with the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia and recognized the Jewish faith with an annual service to remember Kristallnacht. Bishop Schmitt was, and remains, a great champion for Catholic schools founded on the belief that parents are the primary educators of their children in the Catholic faith and that Catholic schools are the best in assisting parents in accomplishing this task.

On August 17, 2003, Bishop Schmitt submitted his resignation as Seventh Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston, in accord with the age limit set under canon law. Pope John Paul II accepted his resignation on December 9, 2004. Bishop Schmitt was elected Apostolic Administrator during the interim caused by his retirement and the election of a new Bishop. In retirement, Bishop Schmitt continues to serve the Diocese by giving retreats and working with Serra Clubs.

Bernard W. Schmitt was born on August 17, 1928 in Wheeling to Lawrence E. Schmitt and Eulalia R. Schiffer Schmitt.

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2008 INDUCTEES



STUART F. BLOCH

1933 -

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

This successful business man and avid golfer was only the second West Virginia native to serve as president of the United States Golf Association. He has also served on 15 USGA committees; was chairman of the Championship Committee, which conducts the U.S. Open, U.S. Women's Open, and U.S. Senior Open; and has been a USGA consulting member for the Equipment Standards Committee.



STEFANO R. CEO

1899 - 1964

(EDUCATION AND RELIGION)

This Italian immigrant served for 35 years as Music Director at then Triadelphia High School. Under his leadership, the school band won first-place awards in state band competitions ten years in a row, along with one first place national award. He also founded the Wheeling Junior Symphony Orchestra and a summer music camp at Oglebay Park.



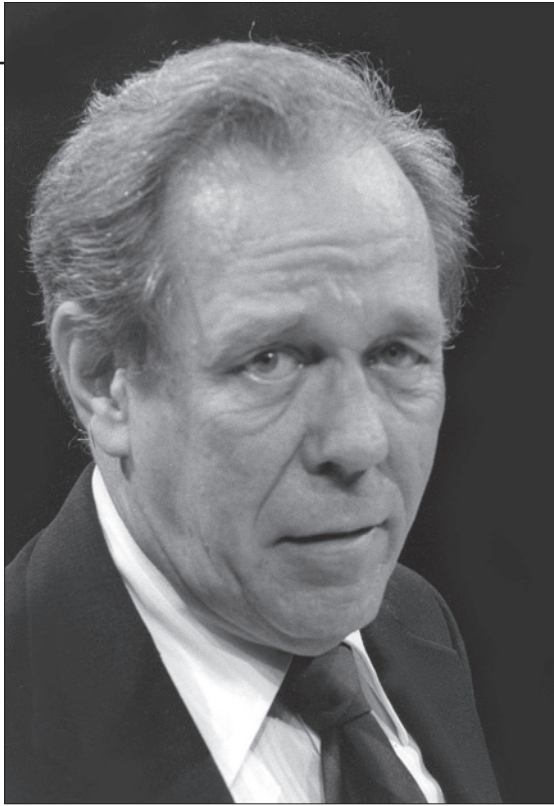
J. WILLIAM GRIMES

1941 -

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

After working at CBS, Inc., this media executive led and developed the growth of ESPN into the nation's largest and most profitable, round-the-clock, sports programming television network. That success, followed by subsequent media-related endeavors, has resulted in his being called the most significant force in modern sports television and USA Today's sports executive of the year.

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2008 INDUCTEES



HAROLD G. "HAL" O'LEARY
1925 -
(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

This leader in community theater is well known for his acting, set design, and directing talents. As the founder and artistic director of Oglebay Institute's Towngate Theatre, he oversaw theater renovations and mentored young and old alike, taking great pains to assist emerging artists. He founded what is now known as the Parcel Players and initiated the National Playwriting Contest.



ANTON REYMANN
1837 - 1924
(PHILANTHROPY)

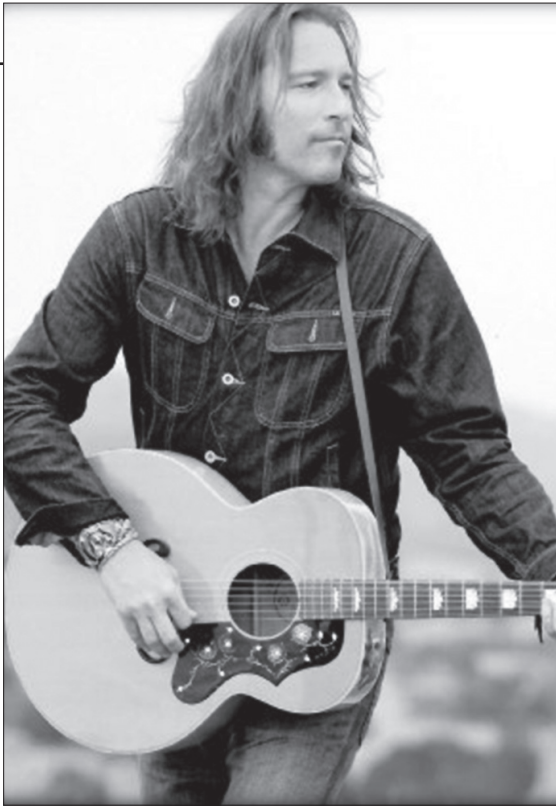
Most often remembered as one of Wheeling's most successful brewers, this German immigrant was largely responsible for the creation of Altenheim, a place for "aged and friendless women" to live out their declining years. In addition to supporting numerous other charities, he also donated a farm to the WVU Agricultural Experimental Station in memory of his son, Lawrence.



GARY E. WEST
1937 -
(BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND PROFESSIONS)

This co-founder of the Valley Welding Supply Company expanded the business from one location to 84, in 16 states with over 800 employees. This success, along with his involvement in numerous other businesses and institutions, led to his being named WV Wholesale Entrepreneur of the Year and to his induction into the WV Business Hall of Fame.

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2006 INDUCTEES



JOHN CORBETT

1961 -

(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

An international movie and television star, his acting in the TV series "Northern Exposure" merited eight major honors including Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Drama Series 1992. A break-through role on the big screen was the romantic lead in "My Big Fat Greek Wedding," the most successful independent film comedy ever made.



MARY LOUISE SNIDER EFRON

1926 - 1967

(BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND PROFESSIONS)

A leading researcher in the field of mental retardation and children's diseases, she and her associates developed programs for mass screening of newborn infants to detect amino acid deficiencies and PKU, which results in mental retardation unless detected and treated, a screening now required throughout the U.S. and the world.



TIM O'BRIEN

1954 -

(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

2006 International Bluegrass Music Association Male Vocalist of the Year, he is a multitalented instrumentalist playing fiddle, guitar, mandolin and bouzouki. Well known as a songwriter, in 2006 his song "Look Down That Lonesome Road" was named Song of the Year and he won his first Grammy for Best Traditional Folk Album.

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↔ HALL OF FAME ↔

2006 INDUCTEES



**THE REVEREND MARGARET BIRD
CALDWELL PHILLIMORE**

1915 - 2004

(EDUCATION AND RELIGION)

One of the first women ordained priest in the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia, she served as interim vicar or rector in churches in six diocesan deaneries and was on eight diocesan boards and commissions. In England she was the first woman ever to preach at the cathedrals of Canterbury, Carlisle and Rochester.



WARREN PUGH

1902 - 1983

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

A respected, popular Tri-State sports official for five decades, he was a longtime coach, teacher and public servant, officiating football, basketball and track. He coached Linsly swim teams to 25 OVAC titles. He was City Recreation Director 15 years, Ohio County Sheriff 8 years and Ohio County Commissioner 5 years.

➤ HALL OF FAME ➤
2004 INDUCTEES



ANNIE SINCLAIR CUNNINGHAM
1832 - 1897
(EDUCATION AND RELIGION)

Powerful force for good whose life's work in religious and charitable matters benefited many at home and abroad. The wife of the Rev. David Cunningham, pastor of Wheeling's First Presbyterian Church, she was the originator of the Home for the Aged and Friendless Women, now Elmhurst, the House of Friendship. She also was named secretary of the Chautauqua Missionary Institute and was elected president of the International Union of Women for Foreign Mission Work.



ROSE M. GACIOCH
1915 - 2004
(SPORTS)

Pioneer of women's professional baseball in America. She played 11 seasons in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League. Beginning her career in 1944 with the South Bend Blue Sox, she was traded to the Rockford Peaches, which she led to three AAGPBL titles. The versatile star played infield, outfield and pitched. During the 1951 season, she posted a 20-7 won-lost record and tossed a no-hitter. In the three-time all-star's final season, the 38-year-old batted .304 and hit 13 home runs.



ROBERT C. HAZLETT
1910 - 1996
(BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY)

Highly-respected banker on local and state levels. His half-century of service to Wheeling Dollar Bank and WesBanco resulted in innovations such as drive-in banking and West Virginia's first data center. This CEO was a church leader, and the educational, medicinal, and civic life of Wheeling all benefited from his stewardship. Community service included chairing the Wheeling Park Commission, Ohio County Board of Education, and the boards of OVMC and Linsly.

HALL OF FAME

2004 INDUCTEES



KEITH LEE MAILLARD
1942 -
(MUSIC & FINE ARTS)

Award winning novelist and poet whose hometown plays a prominent role in his fiction. A native of Wheeling Island and a Linsly graduate, his novels are set in "Raysburg," a thinly disguised Wheeling. Many local landmarks, such as the Suspension Bridge, play roles in his works. Each of the Raysburg novels examines a different era and social class. Called a "national treasure" by Kirkus Reviews, he also is a professor in the Department of Creative Writing at the University of British Columbia.



THOMAS B. MILLER
1929 - 2008
(PUBLIC SERVICE)

Served on the West Virginia Supreme Court for 18 years with tenacity and resolve. Navy veteran of the Korean War, receiving a law degree from WVU in 1956. Practicing attorney for 31 years, specializing in trial work. Respected and admired by colleagues in the judiciary, Justice Miller, in his dedication to advancement of the law sought to meet the demands of contemporary society, hoping his efforts would serve the needs of the people and also provide guidance for the future evolution of the law.



EARL SUMMERS, JR.
1916 - 2004
(MUSIC & FINE ARTS)

Renowned musician and orchestra leader. Wheeling Symphony Orchestra charter member, serving 61 years, as concertmaster 42 years. Performed with many local theater orchestras and bands, including his own. While known as Wheeling's "Mr. Music," he also was first violin for Columbus Symphony, Pittsburgh Opera and Pittsburgh Ballet Orchestras, and was Concertmaster for Pittsburgh Civic Light Opera Orchestra. Concentrated on classical, but jazz and popular music were career interests.

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2002 INDUCTEES



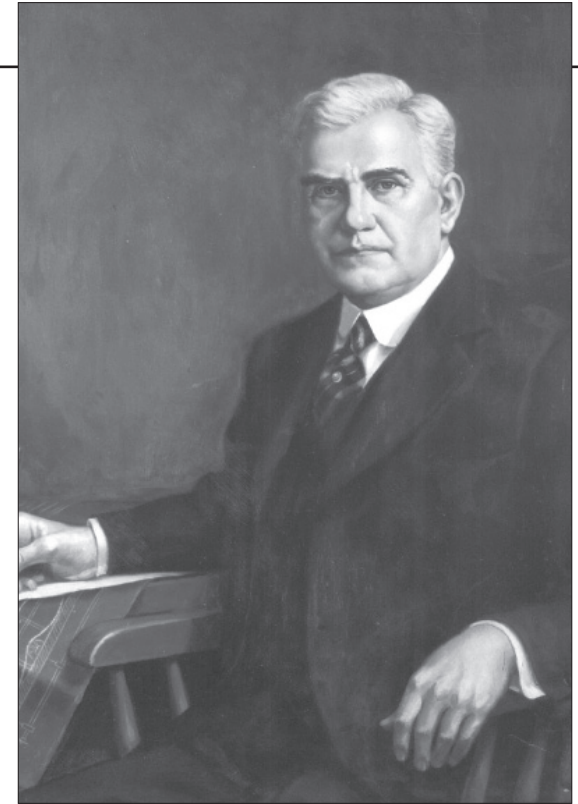
IRENE DORETTA MEAGEL
1900 - 1999
(PHILANTHROPY)

Irene Meagel and her two brothers, Lawrence and William, were born to a German family in South Wheeling. A frugal person, her simple lifestyle revolved around Trinity Lutheran Church and the Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority. At her death, she left a trust in excess of \$20 million to benefit 16 local organizations and institutions.



J. LORAN MERCER
1913 - 1983
(EDUCATION AND RELIGION)

Warwood High School Band Director from 1936-1964. Recognized in 1956 as one of the outstanding music directors in the nation. In 1963 he was appointed Director of the West Virginia All-State Band which performed at the New York City World's Fair. He started the first strings program while Music Supervisor for Ohio County Schools. He was inducted posthumously in 1994 into the West Virginia Music Educators Association Hall of Fame.



MICHAEL JOSEPH OWENS
1859 - 1923
(BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND PROFESSIONS)

From humble beginnings, he achieved extraordinary fame by revolutionizing the glass industry. He invented the bottle making machine in 1903, and his name is on 49 patents relating to glass. His outstanding accomplishments are recognized throughout the world, and the encyclopedia pays tribute to him as an inventor, entrepreneur and outstanding businessman.

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2002 INDUCTEES

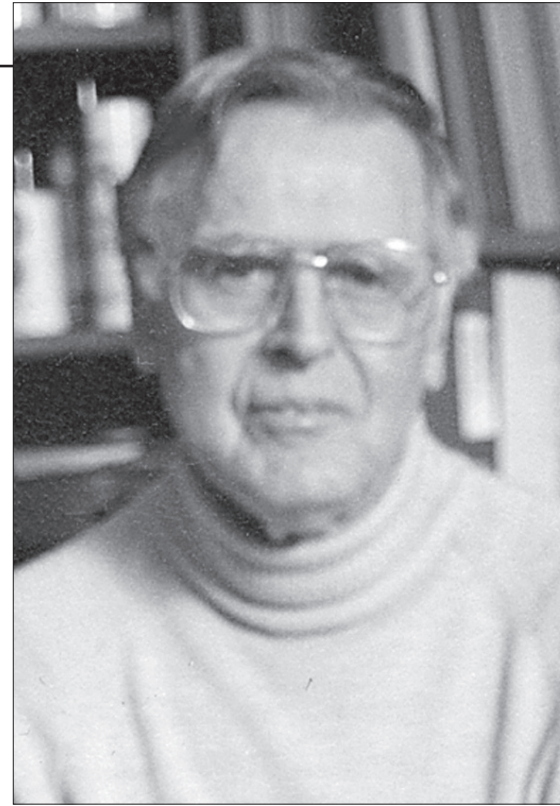


BILL VAN HORNE

1921 - 1995

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

The “Dean” of Ohio Valley Sportswriters and a journalist for 54 years. A man of integrity and passion, he was known for his devotion to area high school and collegiate sports. There was never an event too small for his time, nor was there ever an event too big for him to cover. His contemporaries called him the most informational, motivational and influential figure in Ohio Valley athletics.



WESLEY J. WAGNER

1917 - 2006

(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

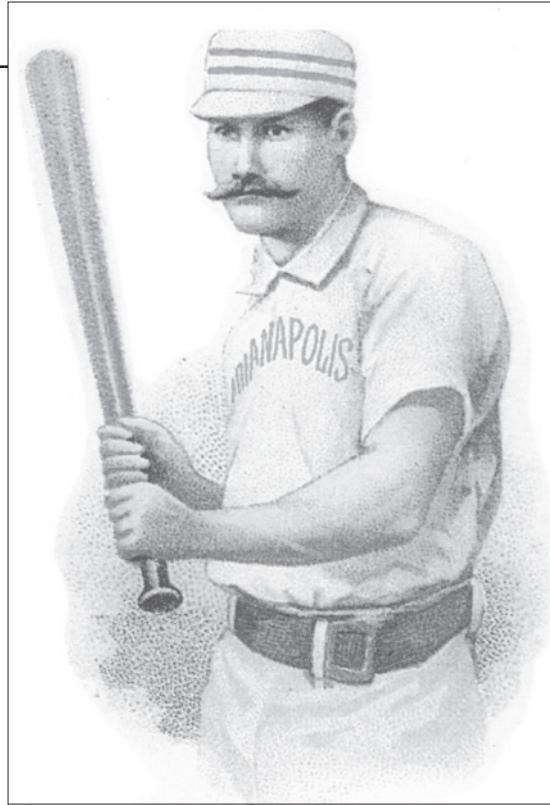
Artist and Teacher. Wheeling resident since 1937. He has taught at Wheeling Country Day School, Bethany College, and Oglebay Institute as well as many non-traditional settings. Well known for his landscape paintings of the Ohio Valley. His works are in numerous private collections and he has had 17 one-man shows. His students have ranged in age from kindergarten to senior citizens, and all whom he has touched have had their lives enriched.

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2000 INDUCTEES



HELEN B. GAITHER
1900 - 1996
(PHILANTHROPY)

A member of Oglebay Institute for almost 60 years, Miss Gaither left a \$1.6 million bequest to support programs at the Stifel Fine Arts Center. She also made major bequests to Ohio Valley Medical Center, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and the Ohio County Public Library. Miss Gaither was an award winning breeder of Gaidoune Scottish Terriers.



JOHN WESLEY GLASSCOCK
1857 - 1947
(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

First West Virginian to play Major League Baseball. *Sports Illustrated* magazine named him as one of the three best shortstops of all time in 1984. Led the National League in fielding throughout his career, hitting in 1890, and set numerous records without the benefit of a glove. He came home to Wheeling to lead local team to Iron and Oil League title.



HARRY C. HAMM
1923 - 1991
(PUBLIC SERVICE)

A newspaperman for 50 years, his editorials as Wheeling News-Register editor championed causes such as quality education and health care, crime control, bridge construction, urban renewal, good government, and more. Helped secure millions in funding local parks, colleges, hospitals, cultural institutions and public improvements. Authored WHEELING 2000 revitalization plan.

❖ HALL OF FAME ❖
2000 INDUCTEES



CARL RICHARD HUSS
1925 - 1996
(BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND
PROFESSIONS)

Distinguished aeronautical engineer, a member of NASA Space Task Force Group. Worked in the Mission Planning and Analysis Division for the Apollo Lunar Landing missions, Space Lab, Apollo-Soyuz, and the Space Shuttle program. Recipient of the NASA Outstanding Leadership medal. Served in Army Air Corps and Air Force Reserve.



**SISTER ANNE REGINA O'LEARY,
S.S.J.**
1912 - 2009
(EDUCATION AND RELIGION)

A Sister of St. Joseph of Wheeling since 1932. First principal of a merged Wheeling Central Catholic High School. Served as General Superior/president of Wheeling S.S.J. General Council and other leadership offices over the past 40 years. Founder and president of S.S.J. of Wheeling Foundation.



MARILYN HUGHEY PHILLIS
1927 -
(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

Regarded as one of the most important watercolor artists in the country. Elected member of the American Watercolor Society and National Watercolor Society. Author of the best selling book *Watermedia Techniques for Releasing Creative Spirit*. Well-known and in demand as teacher and seminar leader. Interested in the connection between art and healing.

HALL OF FAME

2000 INDUCTEES



RALPH REED SPEARS

1859 - 1943

(BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND PROFESSIONS)

Gained national recognition while building an oil distribution empire in South Wheeling. Established Fleet-Wing as first jobber brand of oil products. Pioneered development of tetraethyl anti-knock gasoline. Spears and Riddle Co. held the first franchise for ethyl gasoline.

Demonstrated his engineering and mechanical genius as founder and president of Spears Axle Co.



G. RANDOLPH "RANDY" WORLS

1938 -

(PUBLIC SERVICE)

CEO of Wheeling Park Commission for 27 years, he oversaw the establishment of the Winter Festival of Lights, Oglebayfest, and the American Heritage Crafts Festival. A Benedum Foundation trustee, CEO of Oglebay Foundation, CEO of Parks System Trust Fund, he's a visionary whose keen insight and expertise makes him an invaluable asset to the city of Wheeling.

HALL OF FAME

1998 INDUCTEES

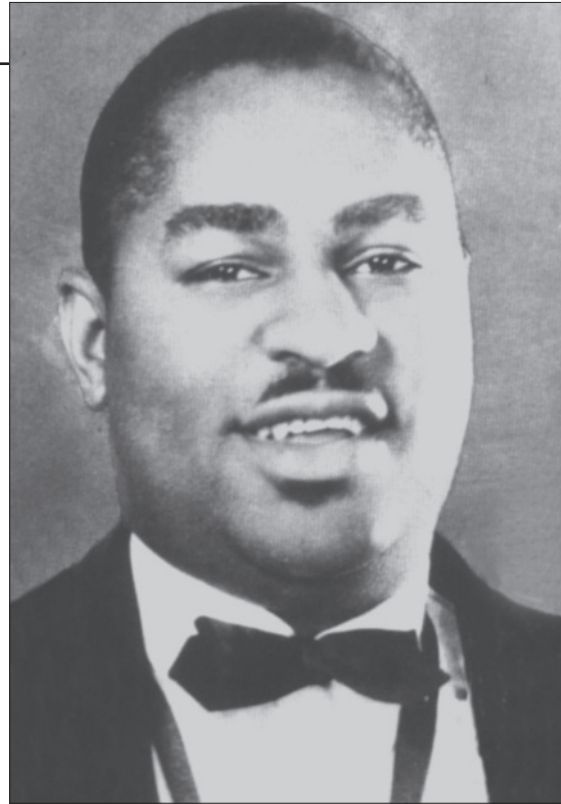


DOMINIC V. AGOSTINO

1931 -

(BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND
PROFESSIONS)

Founder, president and chairman of the board of Aladdin Food Management Services Inc. of Wheeling. In 1998 Aladdin had achieved growth of more than \$30 million in sales and grown from one college to over 50 accounts. Aladdin employs 1,200 full-and part-time workers. About 200 people work in Wheeling.



LEON "CHU" BERRY

1908 - 1941

(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

Became the jazz world's dominant tenor saxophone player. Performed around Wheeling and Charleston until 1929, joined the Sammy Stewart band in Columbus and Chicago, ending his career with Cab Calloway's band at the Cotton Club in New York. Metronome magazine named him to its All-Star Band of 1937-1938.



ETHEL CLARE ELIKAN

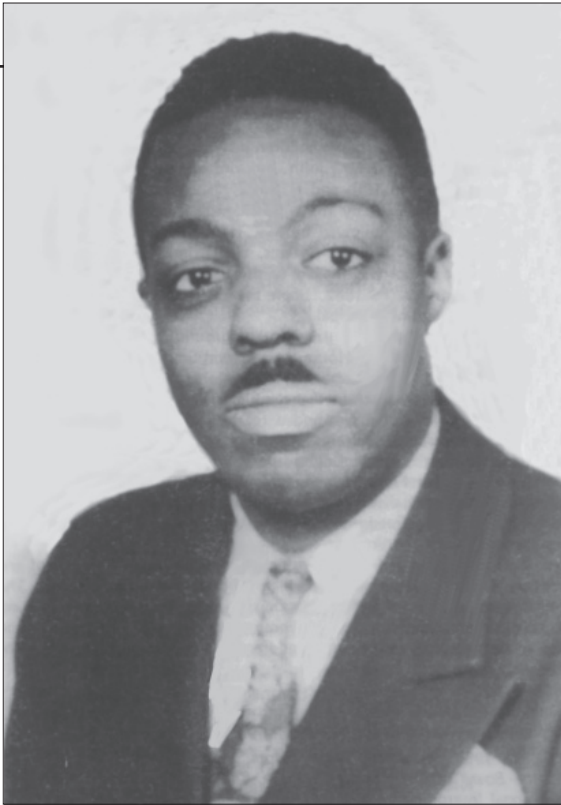
1911 - 1998

(PUBLIC SERVICE)

Worked with the visually handicapped for more than 50 years. Founder of the Seeing Hand Association Inc. of Wheeling. Opened the Seeing Hand Workshop and organized activities for the blind. As executive director, inspired more than \$1 million in donations to the center to maintain the Seeing Hand Workshop.

HALL OF FAME

1998 INDUCTEES

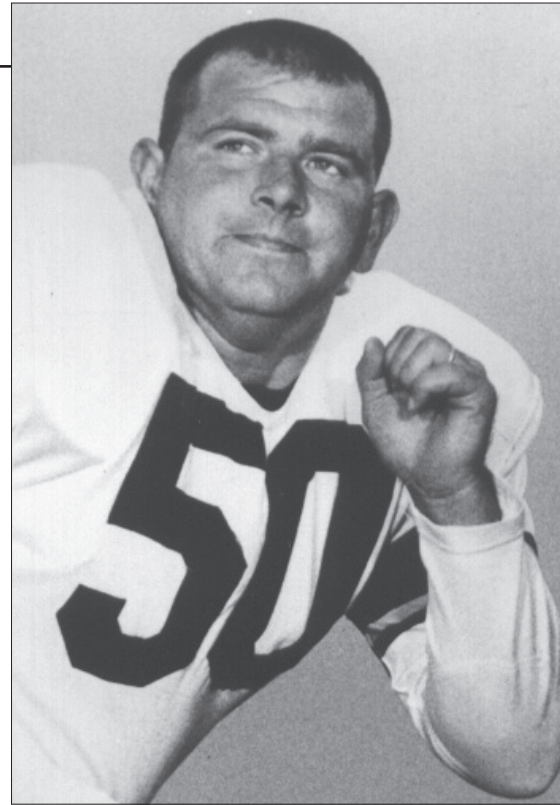


PHILLIP NATHANIAL REED

1914 - 1975

(EDUCATION AND RELIGION)

Prominent African-American educator in Wheeling for 35 years. Served as principal of Lincoln School and steered Ohio County's public schools through integration. First director of guidance for Ohio County Schools. Headed committee to develop the drug education policy of the school board. Served on the Northern Panhandle Employment of the Handicapped Committee.



JOHN REGER

1931 -

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

Landed a spot with the Pittsburgh Steelers after playing only three varsity collegiate games at Pitt. Made the Pro Bowl three times while with the Steelers. Named Steelers' most valuable player in 1959. Concluded a 12-year NFL playing career with the Washington Redskins. A fullback and linebacker at Linsly Military Institute, he was captain of the All-Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Team in 1949.

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1998 INDUCTEES

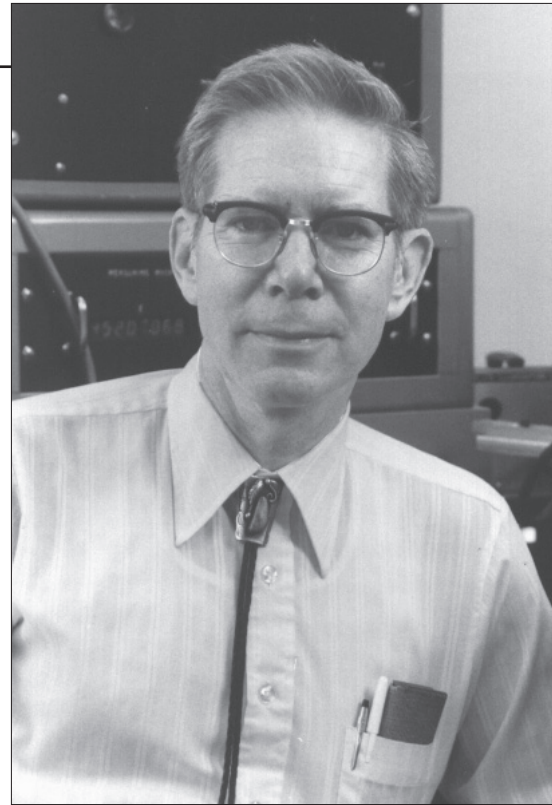


HENRY STIFEL SCHRADER

1909 - 1996

(PHILANTHROPY)

Lifelong Wheeling resident. Practiced law from 1934-1989. A member of Oglebay Institute from 1937, served 17 years on its board of trustees, seven as chairman. His bequest of \$4.2 million was the largest single gift ever made to the Institute. He left \$1.2 million to Wheeling Jesuit University and made bequests to his church, his law school and other charitable organizations. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.



DR. HARLAN J. SMITH

1924 - 1991

(BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND PROFESSIONS)

A leading American astronomer. Was director of the University of Texas McDonald Observatory. Credited with discovering the optical variability of quasars and discovered the existence of dwarf Cepheids class of variable stars. Received NASA's Distinguished Public Service Medal, the highest space civilian award.

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1994 INDUCTEES

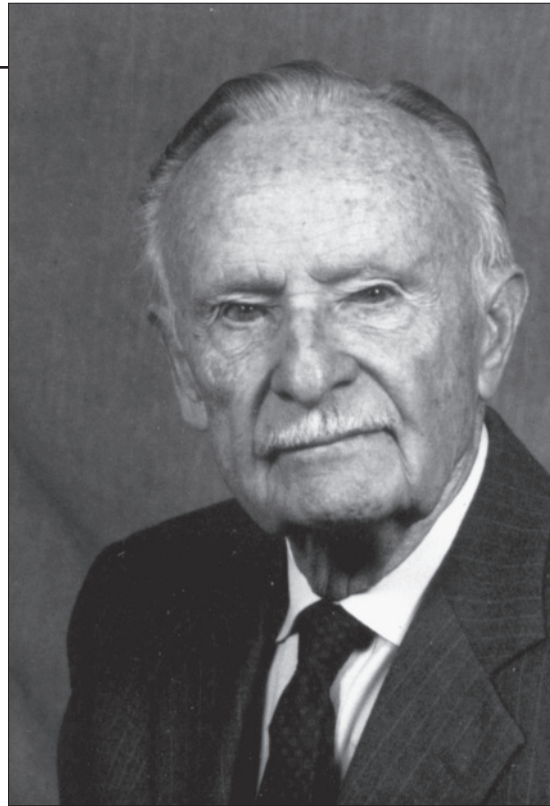


SALLY CARROLL

1926 -

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

West Virginia Woman's Amateur Golf Champion seven times, runner-up six times. This Wheeling school teacher advanced to fourth round of British Amateur in 1964 and was second low amateur in U.S. Open twice. Chairman of USGA national girls' tourney for 10 years, she won the Card Walker Award in 1984 for her contributions to junior golf nationally.

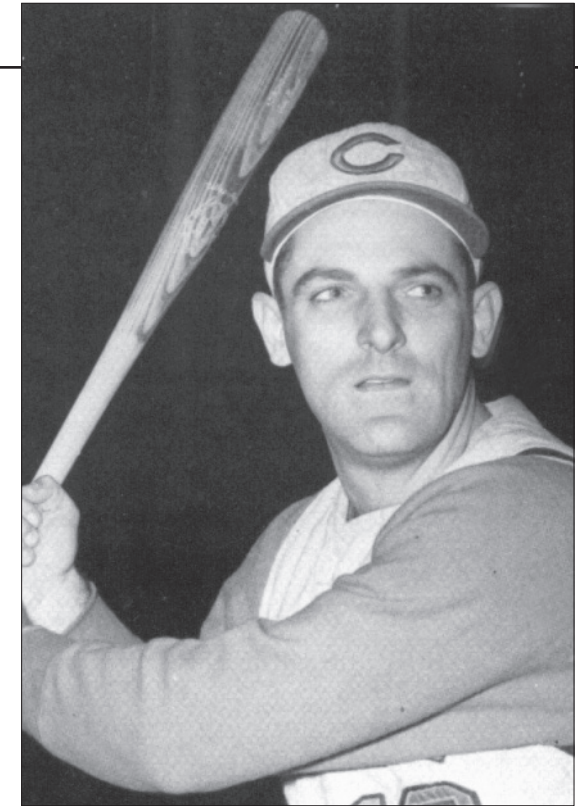


ELLIS R. DUNGAN

1909 - 2001

(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

His adventures in film making took this internationally known cinematographer all the way to India, where he spent 15 years and became one of that country's celebrated producers and directors. In Hollywood, he filmed jungle adventure stories for theatre and television. He formed his own company to produce industrial and educational and promotional films.



GENE FREESE

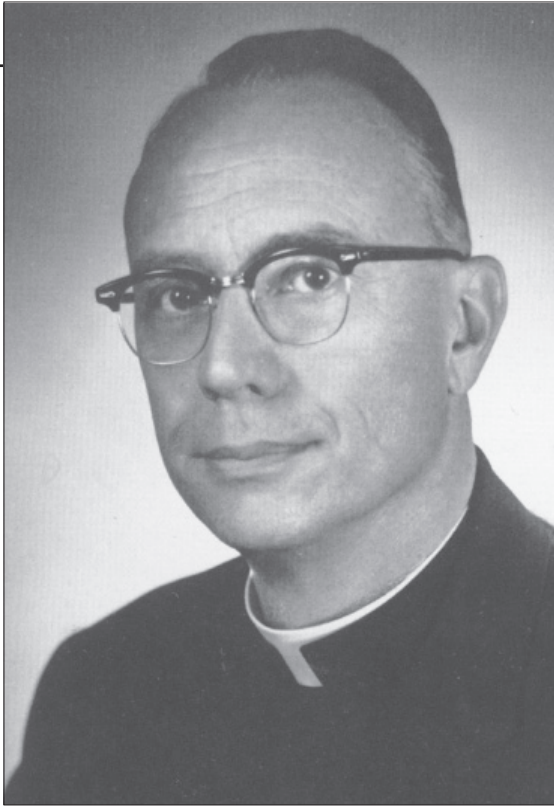
1934 -

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

West Liberty State College star who played 12 seasons in baseball's major leagues. Third baseman with Pittsburgh Pirates, St. Louis Cardinals, Philadelphia Phillies, Chicago White Sox, Houston Astros and Cincinnati Reds. In 1959, he led Phils with 23 homers, five as pinch hitter. Key player in Reds' pennant drive in '61, with 87 RBIs and 26 homers. Played against Yankees in '61 World Series.

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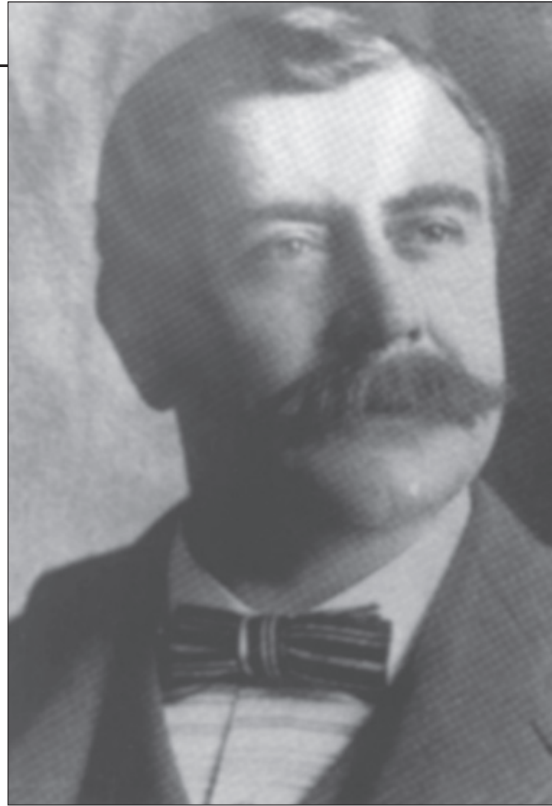
1994 INDUCTEES



**REV. FATHER CLIFFORD
M. LEWIS, S.J.**
1911 - 1983

(EDUCATION AND RELIGION)

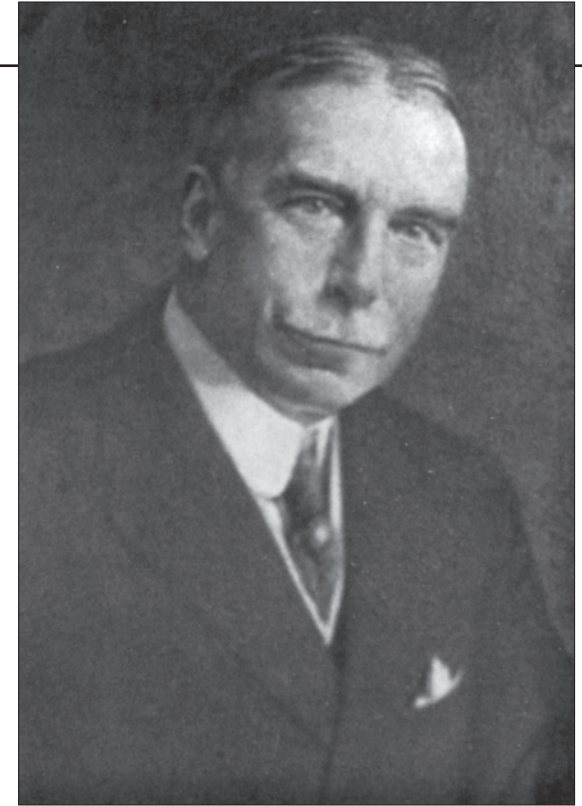
Educator, author, lecturer and research analyst, he was among the founders of Wheeling Jesuit College (University) and was assistant to college president. He played an instrumental role in restoration of West Virginia Independence Hall and designation of Suspension Bridge as a national historical landmark. He was the first Jesuit priest to take up residence in Wheeling.



HARRY C. NORTHWOOD
1860 - 1919

(BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY)

A native of England, he became a pillar of Wheeling's industrial growth when he established one of the nation's premier glass tableware plants in the city in 1901. This great artisan revived glassmaking designs and techniques from his past and broke new ground with innovative patterns and decorating treatments.



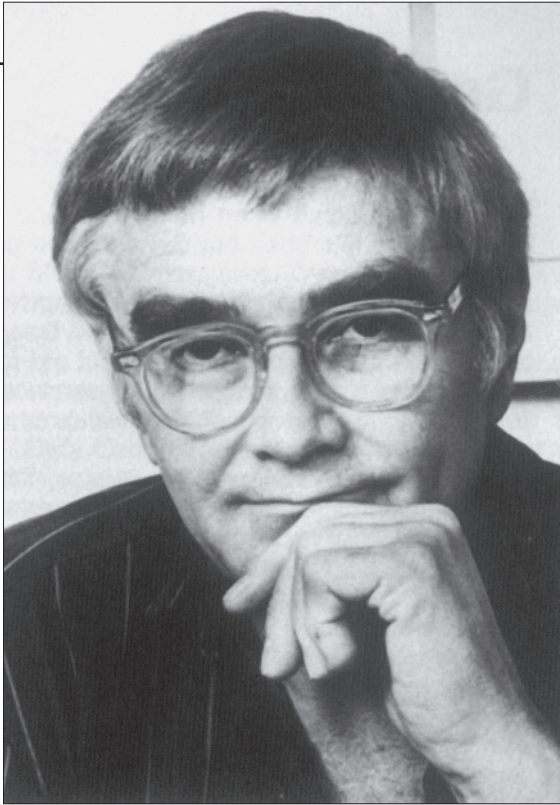
B. WALKER PETERSON
1851 - 1925

(PHILANTHROPY)

A bank president and corporate builder whose financial acumen enabled him to amass a fortune - much of which he used to better the city of Wheeling and lives of some of its people. His philanthropy helped establish OVGH, Wheeling Park and the Ohio County Public Library.

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1992 INDUCTEES

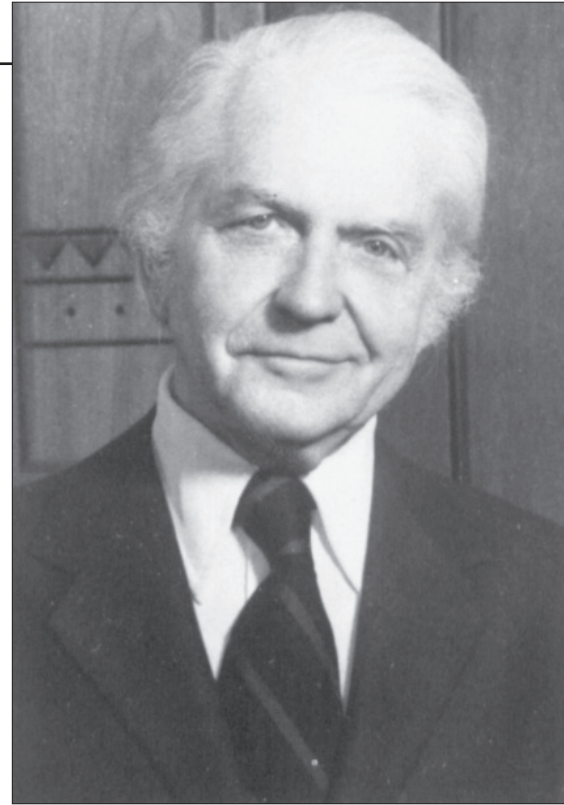


BUDD HOPKINS

1931 -

(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

Internationally renowned abstract artist and sculptor. His works have been displayed in leading art museums of the United States and Europe and he has received many prestigious awards. An Oberlin College graduate, he has also been recognized for his writings on UFOs. His book, "The Intruders", was a best-seller.



CHARLES L. IHLENFELD

1908 - 1989

(PUBLIC SERVICE)

A practicing attorney for 56 years, he was a distinguished public servant. He served Wheeling with foresight and dedication as a councilman and mayor. He was also Ohio County prosecuting attorney, chairman of the Wheeling Creek Watershed Commission and United States magistrate. He was generous in his philanthropy to his community and church.

HALL OF FAME

1992 INDUCTEES



DR. FORREST H. KIRKPATRICK

1905 - 1998

(EDUCATION AND RELIGION)

Esteemed educator, industrialist and community leader. Member of the faculty at Bethany College, as professor and dean, for 25 years. Officer and director of Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corporation. A board member of numerous corporations, his expertise was sought by international, national, state and local educational, business, industrial and civic organizations.



HOWARD LONG

1934 -

(BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY)

From modest means, he rocketed to giant stature in the vegetable processing industry. He founded Coronet Foods, Inc., in Wheeling and began a career that saw his business expand to encompass much of the world. Made a \$1,000,000 donation to Wheeling Hospital for the Wellness Center.



BERNARD MEHEN

1918 - 2007

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

All-time Ohio Valley basketball great, he was the top scorer on Wheeling High's state champion powerhouses of 1936 and 1938. Received All-American recognition at the University of Tennessee, where he led the 1941 team to the Southeastern conference title. Wounded in World War II, he nevertheless played professionally with the Youngstown Bears and Toledo Jeeps.

HALL OF FAME

1990 INDUCTEES



PHYLLIS A. BENEKE

1929 - 1988

(PHILANTHROPY)

She established a permanent trust fund, with a principal amount in excess of \$2,500,000 to provide scholarships for Wheeling Park High School students. An educator in Ohio County schools for 33 years, she was the last principal of Wheeling High School. She was named the outstanding principal in the state in 1984 while at Wheeling Park High.



S. JAMES FOTI

1910 - 2004

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

A basketball coach for 38 years and a football coach for over 20 years. He posted 466 varsity basketball victories, all but 26 at valley schools – Wheeling Central, Bellaire and Warwood. He piloted Warwood to the state tournament seven times and won the state Class AA title in 1967. His Central teams won six state Catholic championships. Coached teams to OVAC titles in three divisions of the conference.



RUSSELL B. GOODWIN

1893 - 1968

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

Four-sports star at Wheeling High and three-sports standout at Washington & Jefferson College. Quarterback on W. & J. football teams that compiled 28-4-2 record. Played professionally with the Massillon Tigers. Officiated football for 30 years. Officiated the Army-Navy game and in the Rose Bowl and Cotton Bowl. He was an attorney who served on Wheeling City Council (1935-51) and was mayor of the city (1943-47).

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1990 INDUCTEES



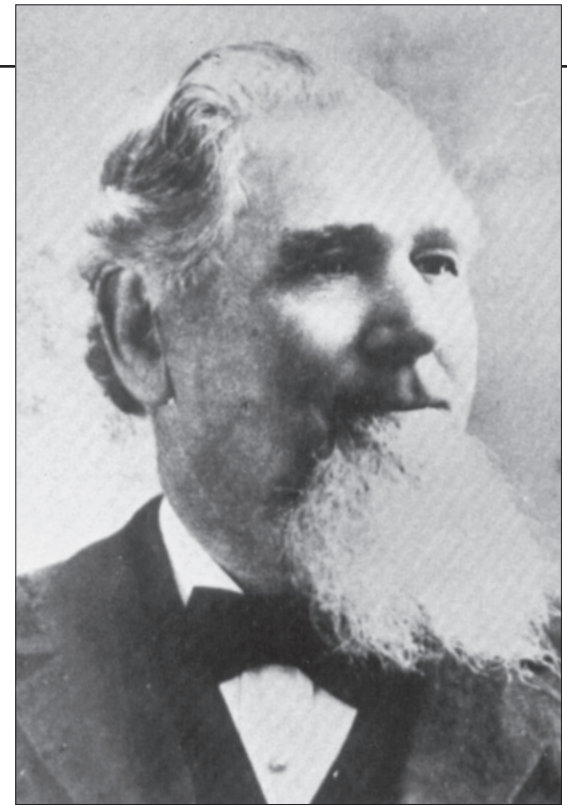
CHESTER R. HUBBARD
1905 - 1984
(PUBLIC SERVICE)

An attorney for 52 years, he served four terms in the West Virginia House of Delegates and three terms in the State Senate. Minority leader of the senate and champion of progressive legislation. A World War II veteran of the air force, he was a graduate of Lafayette College and the West Virginia University Law School. He was active in many facets of state and community service.



MOST REV. JOSEPH H. HODGES, D.D.
1911 - 1985
(EDUCATION AND RELIGION)

Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston for 23 years. Under his leadership the diocese expanded from 27 to 55 counties. He was active in building hospitals and schools. He made possible the building of the continuous care center at Wheeling Hospital – a center that now bears his name. He was a leader in implementation of the Second Vatican Council Resolves, in the areas of ecumenism, spirituality, and social service.



MIFFLIN M. MARSH
1818 - 1901
(BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY)

Founder of what became Wheeling's oldest manufacturing enterprise, M. Marsh & Son. He began operations as a one-man business, hand-rolling his own stogies, and developed a long-thriving firm which, at its peak, employed over 600. His Marsh Wheeling Stogies became known around much of the world.

➤ HALL OF FAME ➤
1986 INDUCTEES



LELAND S. DEVORE

1889 - 1939

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

Became Wheeling's first All-American football player as tackle at U.S. Military Academy in 1911. Captained Army team in senior year. A four-sport participant, he was academy's heavyweight boxing champion. Accompanied Gen. John Pershing on Pancho Villa expedition into Mexico in 1916 as the Army's first motor transport officer. Wounded in France in World War I.

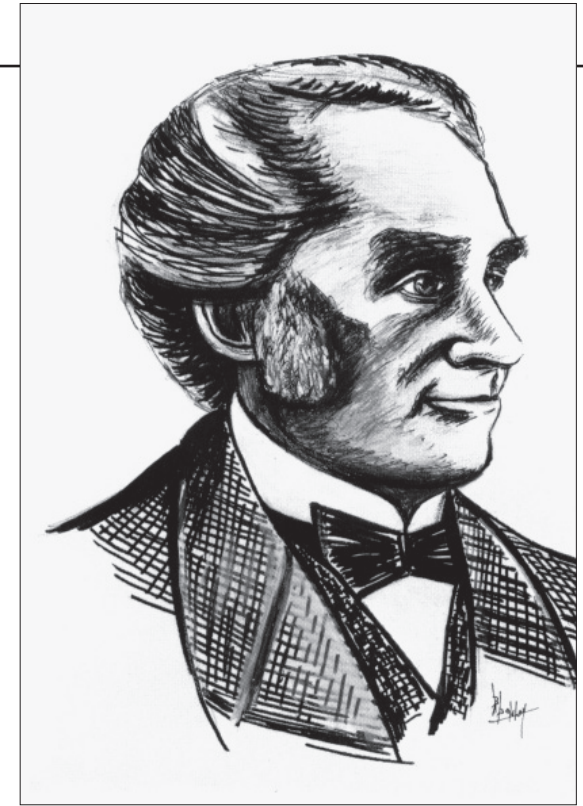


DR. WILLIAM S. FULTON

1873 - 1938

(BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY)

Established Wheeling Clinic in 1924. Ohio State University graduate who was a physician and surgeon in Wheeling for 40 years. He financed the building of the clinic and motivated a staff of specialists who had a free hand to practice their professions. President of the West Virginia Medical Association in 1937.



NOAH LINSLY

1774 - 1814

(EDUCATION AND RELIGION)

Benefactor of youth whose will provided means for establishment of school which became Linsly Institute. Taught at Williams College and Yale University before coming to West Virginia to practice law. Served as city council member, prosecuting attorney, and mayor of Wheeling. Bequeathed two farms he owned to found school for boys.

HALL OF FAME

1986 INDUCTEES



MARY L. BUTLER REED

1861 - 1939

(EDUCATION AND RELIGION)

President of International Order of King's Daughters and Sons from 1919 to 1924, she inspired ambitious effort in behalf of Union Christian Colleges in the Orient. Her devotion to child welfare resulted in the establishment of the King's Daughters Nursery in Wheeling. She was a leading spirit in the founding of the Wheeling YWCA and served as its president for 10 years.



DR. JACOB SCHWINN

1854 - 1941

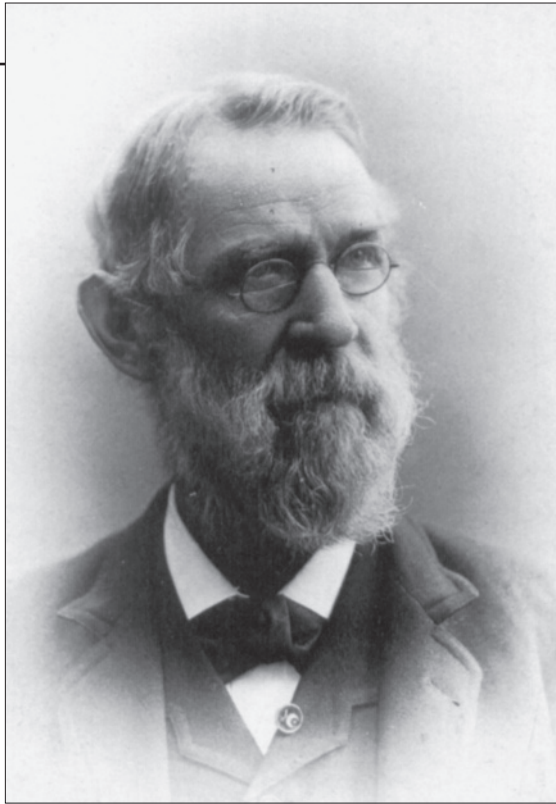
(PUBLIC SERVICE)

Physician, surgeon, and humanitarian who ministered to the needs of the people in the Wheeling area for 55 years.

Born in Switzerland and educated in Europe, he came to Wheeling in 1886. Dean of the staff of Ohio Valley General Hospital and head of the research department, he was known for his work with crippled children.

HALL OF FAME

1986 INDUCTEES



ANDREW J. SWEENEY

1829 - 1893

(BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY)

Industrialist and nine-term mayor of Wheeling, he was credited with bringing electricity to the city. Appointed by President U.S. Grant to a commission attending the Paris Exposition in 1878, he became enthralled with an electric light demonstration there. Was a founder of the Wheeling Electric Co., which produced lighting for its first customer on Sept. 15, 1881.

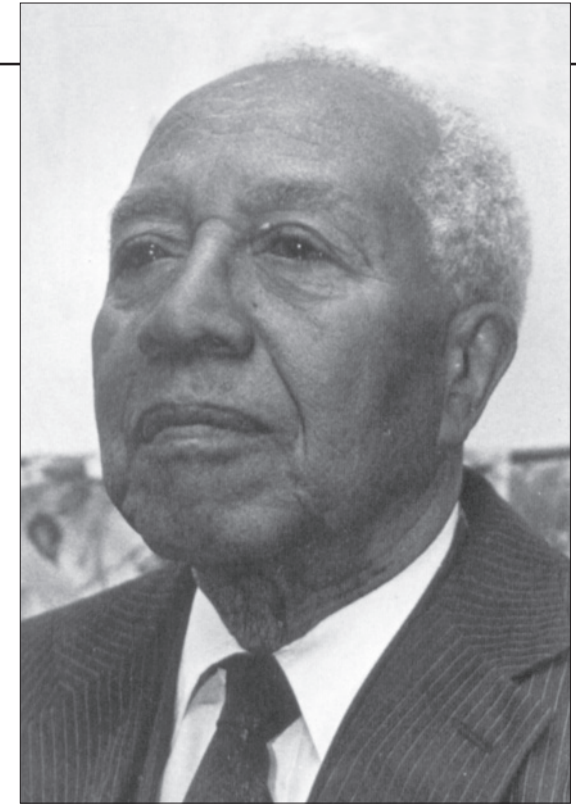


MICHAEL J. VALAN

1910 - 1986

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

Sports enthusiast who provided entertainment for thousands of Ohio Valley fans. Co-owner of Wheeling Blues professional basketball team, which won three All-American Conference championships in the '50s. One of the founders of the Wheeling Ironmen football team and president of the club, which won United Football League championships in '62 and '63.



JAMES S. WHITE

1901 - 1988

(PUBLIC SERVICE)

A quiet servant of the people, regardless of race or creed. A pharmacist for over 60 years, this University of Pittsburgh graduate worked tirelessly to better living conditions and race relationships in his city and state. A member of the Wheeling Housing Authority for over 20 years, he helped secure hundreds of units of housing and millions of federal dollars for the city.

HALL OF FAME

1984 INDUCTEES



ROBERT E. "BOB" BIERY

1901 - 1991

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

First West Virginia native to become a golf professional. Built Crispin Center Course at Oglebay Park and Wheeling Park course. Also contributed to construction of courses in Belmont Hills, Wheeling and Moundsville Country Clubs and Vine Cliff. First employee of Wheeling Park Commission. Served as president of state PGA.



REBECCA HARDING DAVIS

1831 - 1910

(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

Pioneer in literary realism. She described plight of industrial workers in "Life in the Iron Mills," published in Atlantic Monthly in 1861. Her novels were social commentary as she wrote on racism, political corruption and human rights. Became associate editor of New York Tribune. Mother of celebrated journalist Richard Harding Davis.

↔ HALL OF FAME ↔
1984 INDUCTEES



JUDITH A. HERNDON
1941 - 1980
(PUBLIC SERVICE)

Wheeling attorney whose career in public office - four years as a member of West Virginia House of Delegates and six as state senator - was cut short by death at age 39. Leader for tax reform, sunset legislation, sexual assault legislation and effort to curb powers of bureaucratic government agencies.



ROBERT "BOB" ROE
1908 - 1984
(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

Football coach for 44 years - 11 at Warwood, 24 at Wheeling High and nine at West Liberty State College. Ex-Warwood and Bethany College athlete, he produced an undefeated team at West Liberty in 1970. His 1970-71 teams were in NAIA playoffs as West Virginia Conference champions. His 1946 track team at Wheeling High won state championship.

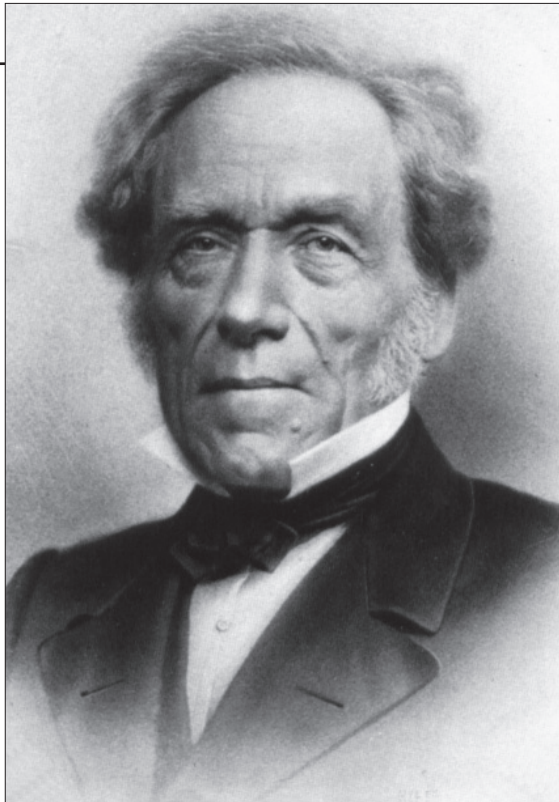


OTTO SCHENK
1863 - 1933
(PHILANTHROPY)

Businessman and civic leader who obtained for his city an option to buy land on which Wheeling Park is located. Spearheaded drive to raise funds to complete financing of park in 1924. President of F. Schenk & Sons, meat packing concern. Original member and chairman of Wheeling Park Commission whose generosity contributed to development of city's park system.

HALL OF FAME

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JOHANN LUDWIG STIFEL

1807 -1881

(BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY)

Native of Germany who emigrated to the United States and opened small clothing and dyeing establishment in log cabin in Wheeling in 1835. This led to erection of factory with daily capacity of miles of cotton goods. J. L. Stifel & Sons was first plant in nation to print yard-wide indigo blue calico, shipped throughout the world.



ELLSWORTH MILTON STATLER

1863 -1928

(BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY)

From bellboy at McLure House, he rose to fame as inventive owner developer of Statler Hotel chain, which set standards for comfort and cleanliness. Virtually without formal education, he became business giant, multimillionaire and greatest hotel man of his era. Established Statler Foundation for scholarships in hotel management.

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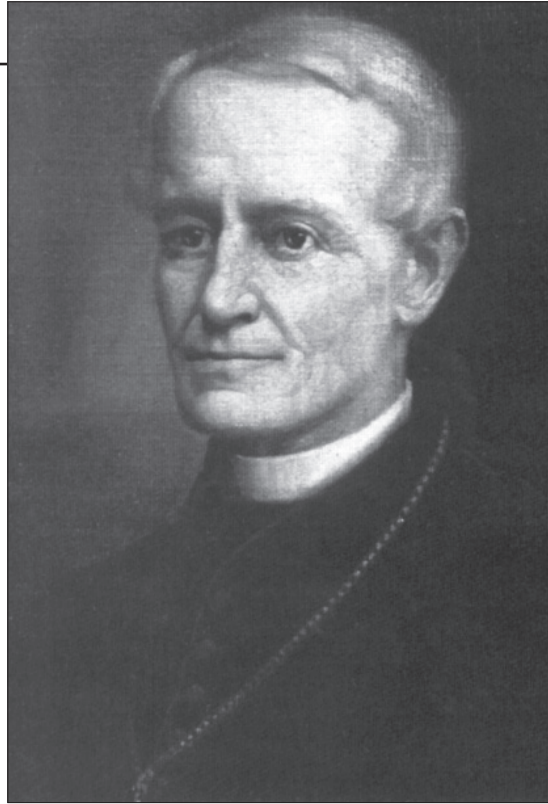


WILBUR E. STONE

1863 - 1938

(PHILANTHROPY)

Civic leader and public benefactor. His philanthropy took many channels. Contributed \$100,000 to establish Wheeling Park in 1924 and financed swimming pool at park in 1936. Moving spirit in founding of Ohio Valley Industrial Corp. He was president of Stone & Thomas, which became state's largest department store chain.

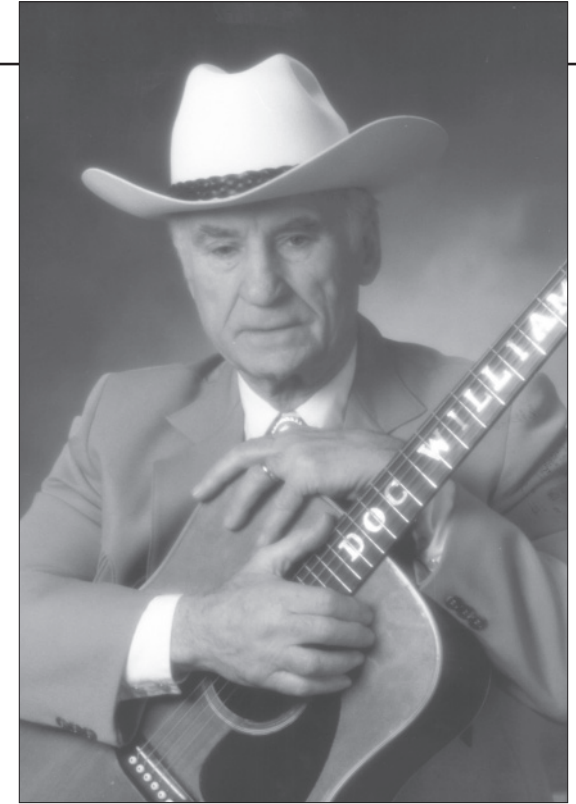


REV. RICHARD V. WHELAN

1809 - 1874

(EDUCATION AND RELIGION)

First Bishop of Diocese of Wheeling, he was prime energizer, founder and frontier developer of Catholic Church in West Virginia. This native of Baltimore guided growth of church through Civil War and creation of new state. Responsible for extensive building program in diocese. In 24 years, diocese grew from 4 to 48 churches. Also developed schools and orphanages and Wheeling Hospital.



DOC WILLIAMS

1914 - 2011

(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

Born Andrew John Smik in Cleveland Ohio, he became known to legions of country music fans as Doc Williams. Composer, stage and recording artist who made Wheeling his home when he joined The WWVA Jamboree in 1937. He and his wife, Chickie, and his band, The Border Riders, have entertained from coast to coast and in Canada and England.

HALL OF FAME

1982 INDUCTEES



SAMUEL S. BLOCH

1850 - 1937

(BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY)

President and co-founder of the Bloch Brothers Tobacco Co., producer of a new form of chewing tobacco, "Mail Pouch". For many years, his company was the largest manufacturer of this type of product. He was a generous supporter of community projects and charities.



V. EVERETT BRINKMAN

1902 - 1972

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

Coached Wheeling High to five state basketball championships – 1936, '38, '40, '43, '50. In career at Union High and Wheeling High, he logged basketball record of 405 victories against 193 losses. He also coached four football teams – two at Union (1928 and '31) and two at Wheeling (1934-'37) – which laid claim to state titles. Star athlete at Wheeling High and WV Wesleyan.



JESSE CAIL BURKETT

1868 - 1953

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

First WV native elected to National Baseball Hall of Fame. Batting champion of National League three times, with major league average of .342 for 16 seasons. One of three men ever to hit over .400 three times. Played with New York Giants, Cleveland Spiders, St. Louis Browns and Boston Red Sox. Later managed in minor leagues.

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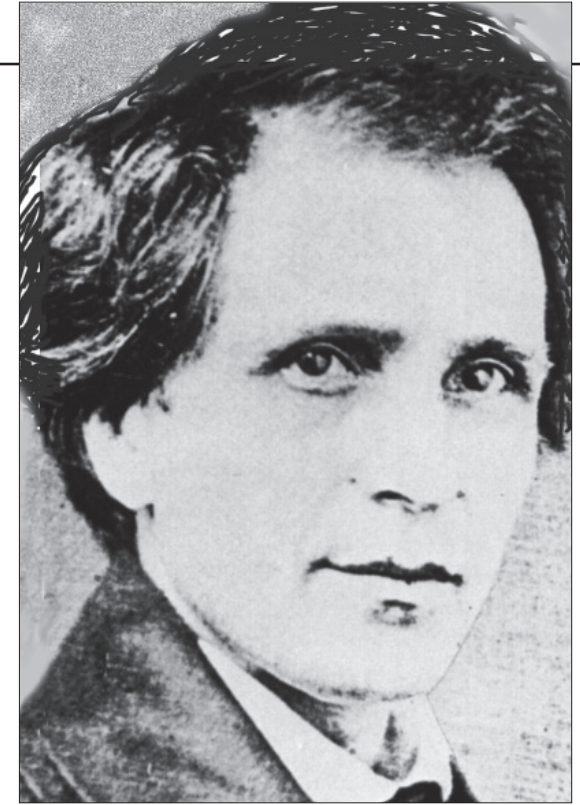
ELEANOR GLASS CALDWELL
1887 - 1979
(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

Founder of Wheeling Symphony Society in 1929, she established trust fund in 1952 to ensure its continuation. She was an accomplished musician who played in the symphony and served in many capacities, including librarian. She was also dedicated to other cultural activities and made generous contributions.



HARRY C. HOLBERT SR.
1918 - 1982
(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

Talented artist who inspired others, both with his work and his teaching. World War II combat veteran who studied art in New York and Paris, he served as art director for Oglebay Institute. Later founded Art School of Wheeling. Was art director for WTRF-TV, where his "Uncle Harry Show" taught children to appreciate art.

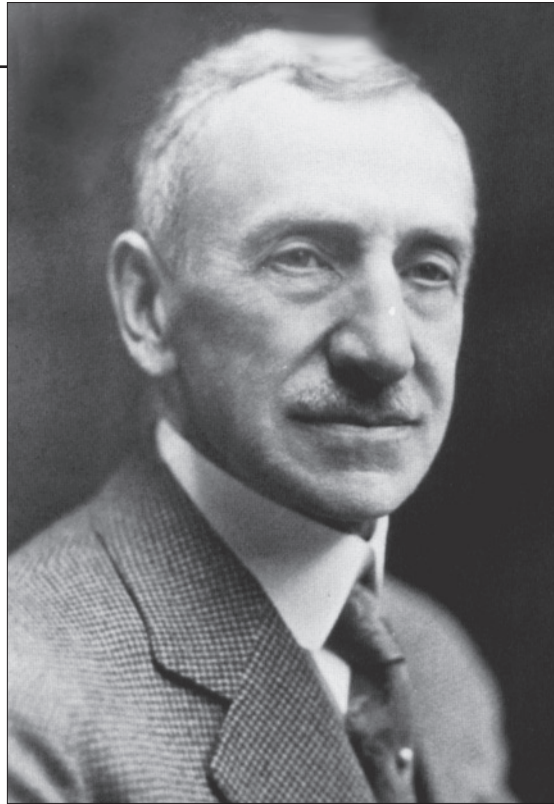


DR. SIMON P. HULLIHEN
1810 - 1857
(PUBLIC SERVICE)

Father of oral surgery and a founder of Wheeling Hospital. First doctor to confine practice to surgery of mouth, nose and throat. Much of modern technique in dealing with hare-lip, cleft-palate and fractured jaw developed from his discoveries. Invented dental and surgical instruments. Great physician and humanitarian.

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GEORGE R. LAUGHLIN

1862 - 1936

(PHILANTHROPY)

Established Laughlin Plan for interest-free loans to aid deserving individuals in purchase of homes. Donated Laughlin Chapel to community. President of Cleveland Manufacturing Co. and Cleveland-Canton Spring Co., he was also member of WV House of Delegates. After serving as president of Wheeling Intelligencer Co., he published Wheeling Telegraph from 1914-1929.



HERSCHEL C. OGDEN

1869 - 1943

(BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY)

Built largest, most influential newspaper group in West Virginia. Began career as reporter on Wheeling Register, then founded Wheeling News in 1890. Managed his newspapers with courage and creativity. As crusading publisher, he campaigned successfully for tax reform, worker protection and humanitarian legislation. Deeply committed to general welfare of communities served.



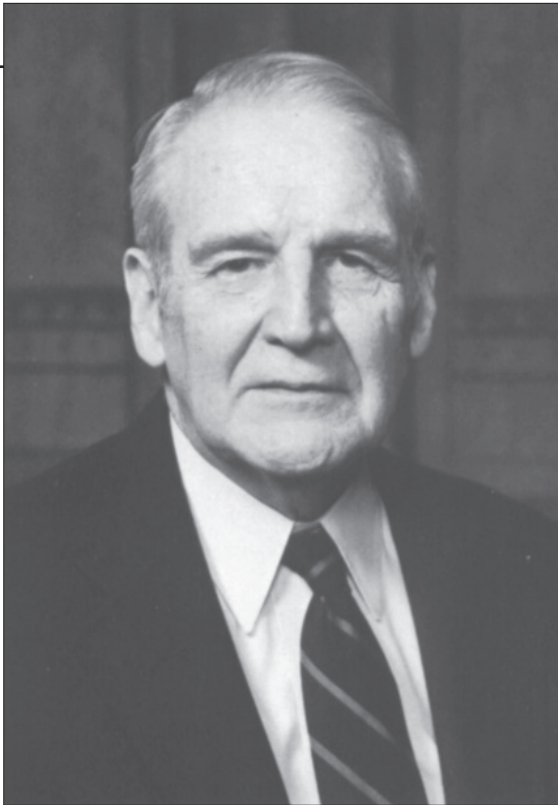
**MARGARET McCLUSKEY
SCHIFFLER**

1895 - 1976

(PHILANTHROPY)

At a time when women executives were rare, she advanced from office clerk to secretary-treasurer of Centre Foundry. Amassed personal fortune by own efforts. The wife of former congressman Andrew Schiffler, she was the largest contributor to Wheeling Hospital. Also made bequests for education of Catholic priests and scholarship fund at Central Catholic High School.

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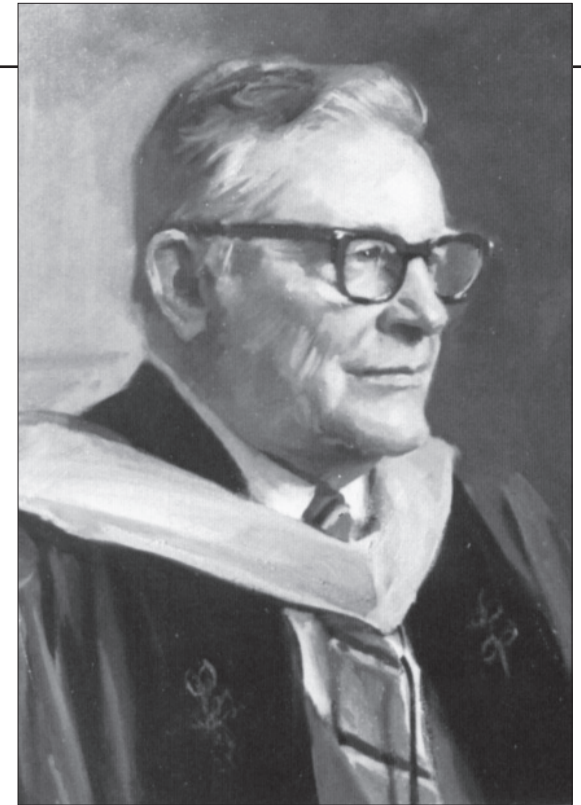
GEORGE H. SEIBERT JR.
1913 - 1986
(PUBLIC SERVICE)

Served 24 years as member of House of Delegates, West Virginia Legislature. Minority leader for 18 years, all-time record for state. West Virginia University law graduate and naval veteran of World War II, he was municipal judge and active in many avenues of service to his university, state and city.



RT. REV. ROBERT E. L. STRIDER, D.D.
1887 - 1969
(EDUCATION AND RELIGION)

Third bishop of Episcopal Church in West Virginia, with many years of dedicated service to God and his fellowman. Became priest at St. Matthews Episcopal Church in 1915, was named Bishop of Diocese in 1939. Widely acclaimed as scholarly preacher.



DR. ROBERT E. L. STRIDER II
1917 - 2010
(EDUCATION AND RELIGION)

Distinguished educator, he was president of Colby College from 1960 until retirement in 1979. Then was named president emeritus. Leader in college and university affairs in New England and the Episcopal Church. Graduate of Harvard and recipient of 10 honorary degrees. Began teaching career at Connecticut College. Naval veteran of World War II.

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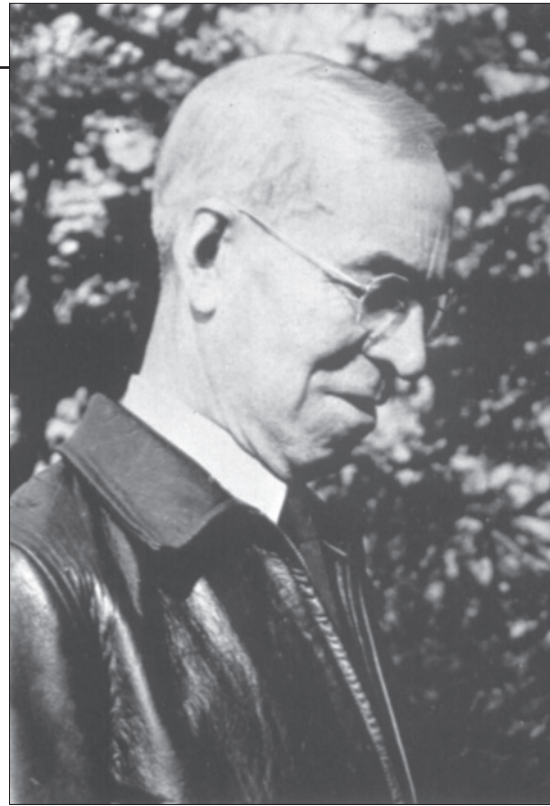


LEVERING C. BONAR

1896 - 1978

(EDUCATION AND RELIGION)

Area educator for 54 years. Was teacher, principal, assistant superintendent, and county superintendent in Ohio County schools. A key figure in planning and developing public school system of Ohio County. He began his teaching career in a one-room school.



ALONZO B. BROOKS

1873 - 1944

(EDUCATION AND RELIGION)

First naturalist at Oglebay Park. Through his genius and innovative planning, he created the education nature study programs at Oglebay and interested countless children and adults in the wonders of nature. Established the Oglebay Nature Leaders Training School. Authorized nature reports for the WV Geological Survey. Organized Ohio County Historical Society in 1929.



ARCHIBALD W. CAMPBELL

1843 - 1902

(PUBLIC SERVICE)

Crusading editor of the Wheeling Intelligencer. Campaigned vigorously in behalf of free expression of ideas without political censorship. He was a major influence in creating West Virginia statehood. He spoke out against slavery and was a prominent figure in nomination of Abraham Lincoln for president.

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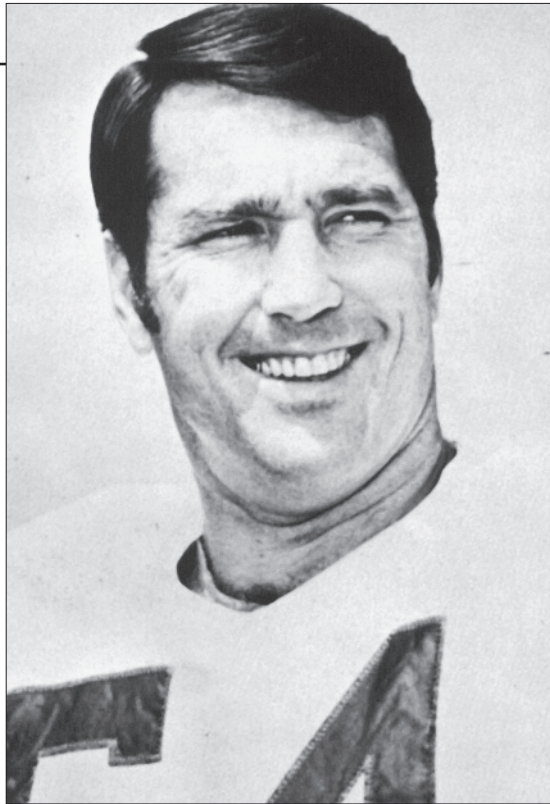


ALEXANDER GLASS

1858 - 1941

(BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY)

Founder of Wheeling Corrugating Company in 1890 and Wheeling Steel Corporation in 1920. For half a century, a leader in the steel industry and in the banking and business community. During his years, the Upper Ohio Valley became a major producer of ingots and finished steel products.

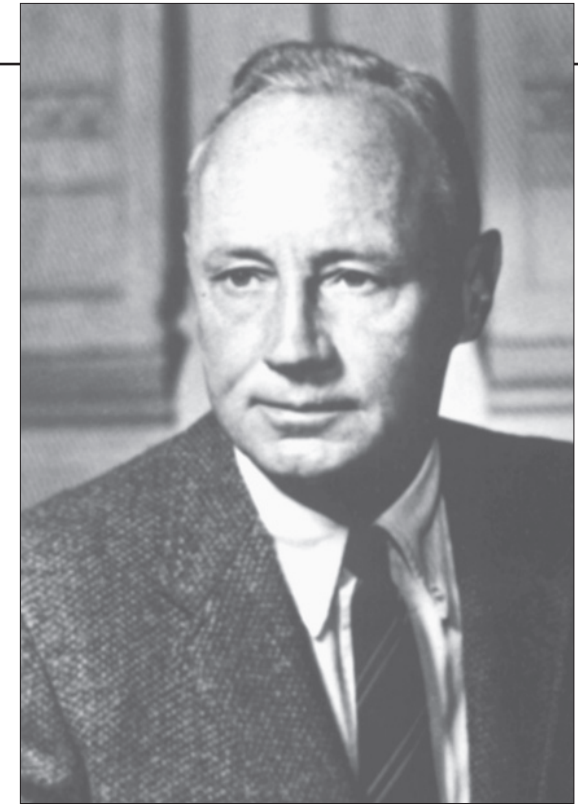


CHARLES "CHUCK" HOWLEY

1936 -

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

Professional football great. Most valuable player of Super Bowl V and a star in Dallas Cowboys' victory in Super Bowl VI. All-state at Warwood High, All-American at West Virginia University. No.1 draft choice of the Chicago Bears in 1958. Played linebacker at Dallas from 1961 through '72. All-pro six times. Performed in six Pro Bowl games.



WILBUR S. JONES

1909 - 1977

(PUBLIC SERVICE)

Department store executive who was a constructive leader in many community development projects. Long time chairman of the Wheeling Parks Commission. Hospitals, parks and schools and the industrial and business community benefited from his dedication and expertise. Army colonel in World War II.

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**JAMES HOWARD
KINDELBERGER**
1895 - 1962

(BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY)

Engineer and designer of military and civilian aircraft. President of North American Aviation Corporation. Pioneer in nuclear reactors, guided missiles and rockets. Member of the Aviation Hall of Fame and the International Aerospace Hall of Fame.



GEORGE J. KOSSUTH
1886 - 1960
(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

Internationally renowned photographer whose camera captured the character of some of the world's great personalities. Talents encompassed many fields, including music and theater. Helped establish first broadcast studio of Radio Station WWVA and the Little Theater of Wheeling.



EARL W. OGLEBAY
1849 - 1926
(PHILANTHROPY)

Leader of the iron ore industry and founder of an important center for scientific research. At age 28, he became the youngest bank president in the United States. He gave the city of Wheeling his beautiful country home, Waddington Farm, which became Oglebay Park.

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**MARY E. "FRITZI" STIFEL
QUARRIER**

1904 - 1967

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

Won 10 West Virginia State women's amateur golf championships. Competed at national and international level. A contestant in the U.S. Amateur 10 times, she reached semi-finals in 1935. She was a finalist in the Canadian Amateur in 1927 and won the Mason-Dixon Amateur in 1934. Also accomplished musician. First woman named to the West Virginia Sports Hall of Fame.

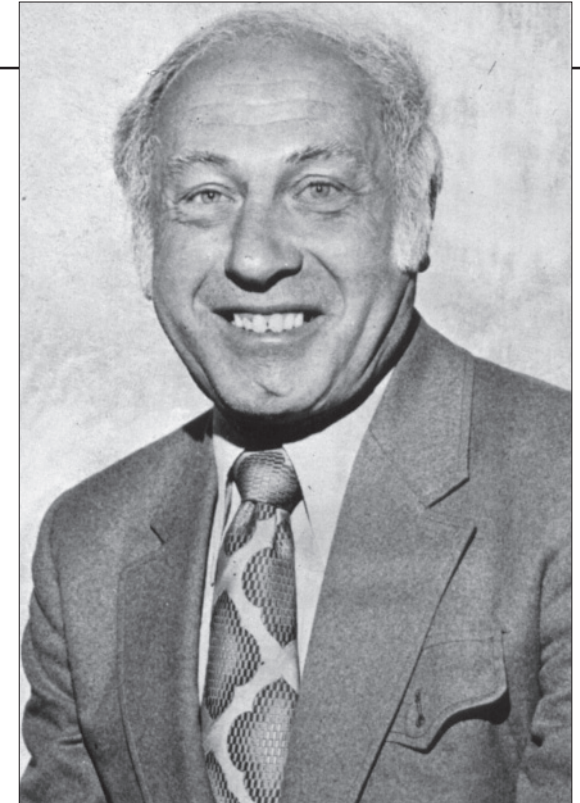


WALTER P. REUTHER

1907 - 1970

(PUBLIC SERVICE)

Strong and vigorous president of the United Automobile Workers for a quarter of a century, he achieved such bargaining breakthroughs as flexible, long-term contracts and cost-of-living escalators. An architect for the AFL-CIO and a champion of the young, the black and the poor.



JULE RIVLIN

1917 - 2002

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

College and professional basketball star and coach. Most valuable player in the World Pro tournament at Chicago in 1947 while coaching the Toledo Jeeps. Began athletic career at Triadelphia High School. He led Marshall College to two Buckeye Conference titles and set school record with 530 points in one season. Later coached Marshall to two Mid American Conference crowns.

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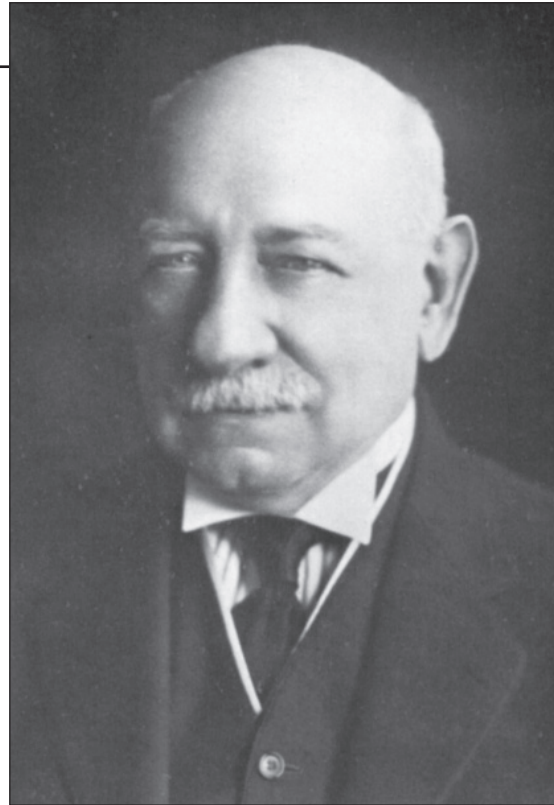


ELEANOR STEBER

1916 - 1990

(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

Internationally acclaimed Metropolitan Opera diva whose performances extended to the opera houses of Europe and Asia. Appeared in 50 different leading operatic roles and was heard in more premieres at the Metropolitan Opera than any other artist. Made significant contributions to training of young artists.

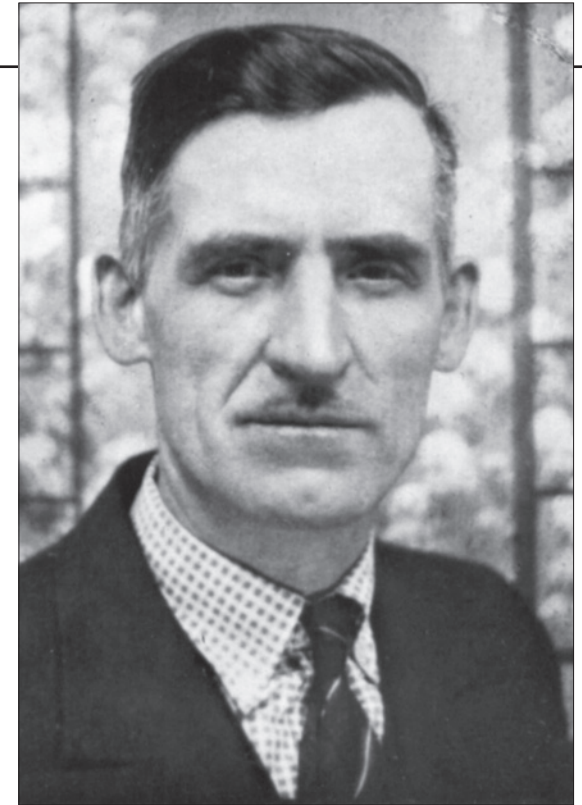


GEORGE E. STIFEL

1849 - 1931

(PHILANTHROPY)

Department store owner and concerned citizen, he was intensely interested in education of young people. He left an endowment fund to provide annual cash awards to top-ranking students in the fifth to twelfth grades of Wheeling public schools, as well as scholarships for nurses.



PATRICK J. SULLIVAN

1894 - 1967

(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

One of the outstanding primitive painters of the 20th century. Lived and worked in Wheeling most of his life. Two of his works in the Museum of Modern Art in New York are "A Hunting He Would Go" and "The Fourth Dimension". His paintings, "The Mansion Museum" and "The Trinity", have been displayed at the Oglebay Mansion Museum.

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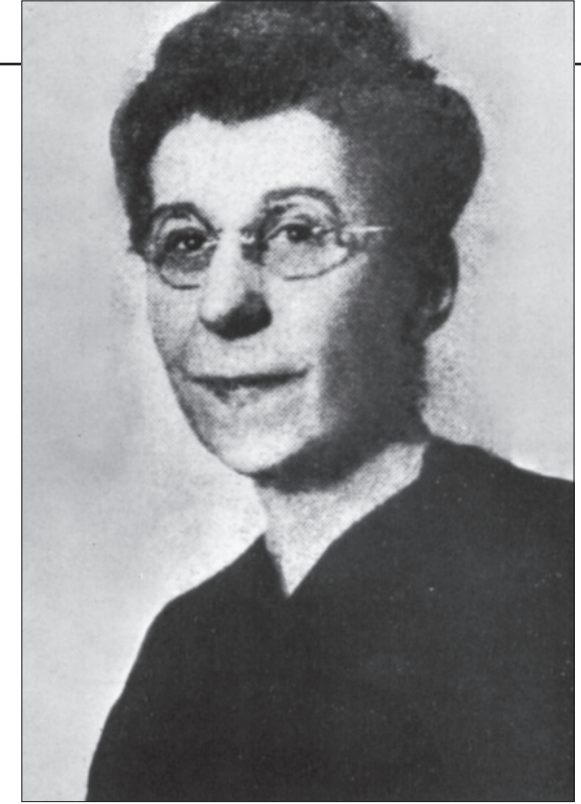
MOST REV. JOHN J. SWINT, D.D.
1879 - 1962
(EDUCATION AND RELIGION)

Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling for 40 years. Leader in education and religion. Directed an expansive building program of churches, schools and hospitals. Founder of Wheeling College. Named Archbishop by Pope Pius XII in 1954 on his fiftieth anniversary as a priest.



WILLIAM E. WEISS
1879 - 1942
(BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY)

As a young pharmacist, he started to manufacture a single drug product for the local market. By the early 1930's his Sterling Drug Company was the world's largest manufacturer of proprietary remedies, with plants world wide. Also a founder of American Home Products.



CLARA M. WELTY
1879 - 1960
(PHILANTHROPY)

In her lifetime, a generous contributor to local and national charities, with a special concern for the aged. At her death, she left a permanent trust which made possible the construction and operation of Welty Memorial Home. Later, the trust made possible the establishment of the Good Shepherd Nursing Home.