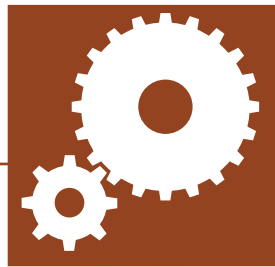




# WHEELING

➤ HALL OF FAME ➤



*giving sharing caring loving living*



# 2013

## Induction

April 20

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# Wheeling Hall of Fame Board

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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 and the chairman of the Civic Center Board 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 15 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. Six honorees were inducted in 2004, five in 2006, six in 2008, and seven in 2011. The current group of five honorees brings the total number of people enshrined in the Wheeling Hall of Fame to 114.

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.

The late 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.

Jim Squibb currently serves as chairman, and Patricia Pockl is the secretary-treasurer.



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**Wheeling Hall of Fame Board Officers**

Chairman - Jim Squibb

Secretary Treasurer - Patricia Pockl

**Wheeling Hall of Fame Board Officers**

**Business, Industry and Professions** - Jeanne Finstein, chairperson; Kate Quinn and Sean Duffy

**Education and Religion** - Patricia Pockl and Dianna Vargo

**Music and Fine Arts** - Robert De Francis, chairperson; Bettie Steele and Ann Foreman

**Philanthropy** - Laura Carter, chairperson; Wayne Barte

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

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



## **2013 Induction Ceremony**

### **April 20, 2013**

Business, Industry and Professions - G. Ogden Nutting

Business, Industry and Professions - Augustus Pollack

Music and Fine Arts - Marc Harshman

Public Service - Rosemary Front

Sports and Athletics - Stanley E. Romanoski

### **➤ PROGRAM ➤**

*National Anthem - Mary Blake*

*Invocation - The Reverend Charles LaPlaca*

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

*Official Welcome from the City of Wheeling*

*Induction of Honorees Into the Wheeling City Hall of Fame - By Hall of Fame Board Members*

*Responses - By Hall of Fame Inductees or their Representatives*

*Closing Remarks - Jim Squibb*

*God Bless America - Mary Blake*

*Benediction - The Reverend Charles LaPlaca*



## Wheeling City Council

Mayor .....	Andy McKenzie
First Ward Councilwoman .....	Gloria Delbrugge
Second Ward Councilman .....	Ken Imer
Third Ward Councilman .....	Robert E. "Herk" Henry
Fourth Ward Councilman .....	David Miller
Fifth Ward Councilman .....	Don Atkinson
Sixth Ward Councilman .....	Eugene T. Fahey, Vice-Mayor



## **Rosemary Front - *Public Service***

Because of the advocacy of Rosemary Front, the Wheeling area was at the forefront of the movement toward total accessibility for people with disabilities. Her life's work resulted in a legacy that continues to benefit children with special needs.

She was born in Wheeling in 1940, attended Wheeling Country Day School, and graduated from Triadelphia High School. She received a Bachelor of Science degree from Southern Illinois University, her Master's Degree from Wayne State University, and an Honorary Doctor of Humanities Degree from Wheeling Jesuit University.

As a speech pathologist, Front was employed at the Wheeling Society for Crippled Children from 1966-1968. She was the first professional CEO at the Society for Crippled Children, which became the Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center, holding that position from 1969-98. She was an executive director of the West Virginia Easter Seal Society for three years.

During the years she served the Easter Seals as executive director, Front worked to develop local disability programs into state-of-the-art comprehensive rehabilitative services throughout West Virginia and Eastern Ohio. She served on state, regional, and national boards, including President Reagan's Architectural and Transportation Barriers Comprehensive Board where she helped to ensure that men and women with disabilities gained the right to open access to places and resources.

Front built a small non-profit charity, Wheeling Society for Crippled Children, consisting of four staff members, into a professional rehabilitation business with more than 55 staff members, implementing programs and services for children with special needs, assuring that indigent care funding was created,

and overseeing construction of the rehabilitation facility, housing the Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center, in 1975.

When it came to dedication to Easter Seals, Front possessed the willingness to challenge those who she believed did not know what was best for the local program. When National Easter Seals attempted to claim a large portion of what the local program raised for the benefit of the National Easter Seals, Front resisted that attempt, believing that the funds raised for the Wheeling entity should remain in Wheeling. As a result, the corporation known as the Society for Crippled Children became the financial arm of the operation with Easter Seals being the operating treatment entity. Therefore, money raised locally was used locally. The Society for Crippled Children's financial arm continues to receive, through the telecast fundraiser, more than \$240,000 annually to be used for operation of the combined facility. Her vision was for the children and families served to have a combined daycare and treatment facility, saving the patients and their relatives the inconvenience and hardship of using two separate facilities.

Front was aggressive in bringing attention to accessibility violations in the area, and she was tenacious when it came to correction of violations. After receiving the Ability Through Mobility Award for furthering the cause of helping those with physical disabilities she said she was fortunate to have lived in the United States when she contracted polio because of the accessibility and service available to people with disabilities.

Front was a principled individual, a successful clinical therapist, and an ethical, excellent CEO. Along with all of these virtues she also possessed a keen and cultured mind that attracted volunteers, admirers, and friends from every walk of life.

Upon her death in 2009, she was memorialized as someone who "sat taller in her wheelchair than many of us ever stood on two feet."



## Marc Harshman - *Music and Fine Arts*

Poet, children's book author, and storyteller Marc Harshman was named West Virginia's seventh Poet Laureate on May 18, 2012, and the Wheeling resident became the first to hold that title from the northern part of the state since the position was created in 1927.

"I'm pleased Marc has accepted this unique opportunity to serve as poet laureate," Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin said in a statement. "Whether it's one of his children's stories or a prose poem, Marc's creativity serves as a reminder of the immeasurable talent of West Virginia's authors. I hope, in this new capacity, he will continue to challenge himself and inspire a new generation of writers."

Harshman, a former resident of Moundsville who relocated to Wheeling in 2001, was born in Randolph County, Ind., and has spent most of his adult life in the Wheeling area with his wife, children's author Cheryl Ryan, and daughter, Sarah. He earned his bachelor's degree at Bethany College, a master's degree in religion at Yale University Divinity School and a master's degree in English at the University of Pittsburgh.

Harshman says the culture of West Virginia and his fellow writers throughout the state continue to influence his work. "It's truly surprising how many great authors we have for such a small state. We have a very vibrant, healthy community of writers of all genres here in West Virginia, so it's a true honor for me," he said. "I grew up as a farm boy, and I've always found myself very welcomed here. There's a sense of community here regardless if you live in a rural or urban area, and that sense of community is very important to my work."

The author's books help teach children life's lessons, covering a variety of subjects from the difficulties that come with moving to a new neighborhood to living with a loved one who struggles with addiction. One book, *Only*

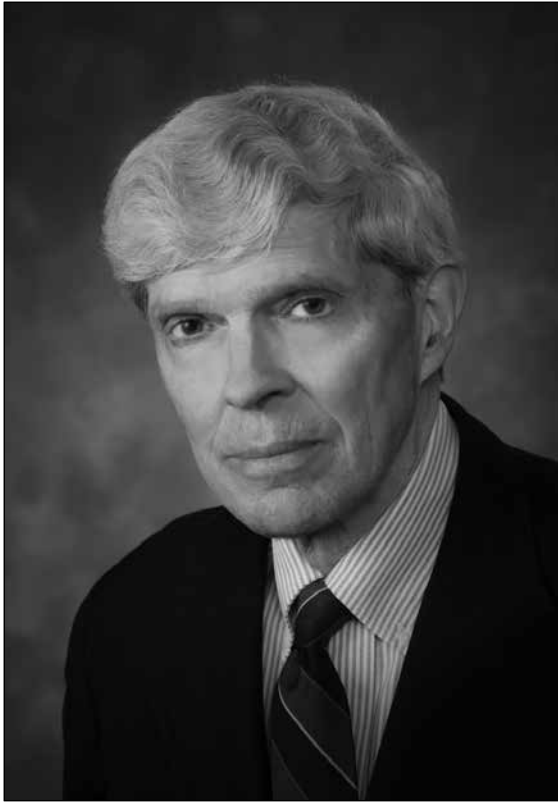
*One*, which promotes a message of peace and unity, was featured as a Reading Rainbow review title on PBS TV.

Harshman's poetry, though, is separate from his children's work. Harshman has published poems in dozens of journals and anthologies. In addition to receiving a poetry fellowship (2000) and a fellowship in children's literature (2008) from West Virginia Commission on the Arts, as well as a fellowship from the University of Minnesota (1994), which he used to research Scandinavian myth and folklore, Harshman has been nominated for a Pushcart Prize and has won a *Literal Latte Journal* award for his prose poems. Other honors include a 1995 Smithsonian Notable Book for Children prize (for *The Storm*) and a Parent's Choice Award. He was 1995 West Virginia English Teacher of the Year. His prose poem "In the Company of Heaven" won a *Newport Review* flash fiction contest.

Beyond three chapbooks of poetry, recently published is a full-length collection, "Green-Silver and Silent," spanning 30 years of work. He's been an educator in area public schools, a frequent lecturer and workshop leader, and holds an honorary Doctor of Letters from Bethany College recognizing his life's work as a poet and children's author.

A critic has written this about Marc Harshman: Place — his childhood in Indiana, his long residency in West Virginia, and his travels abroad — exerts a strong influence in Harshman's work and roots it.

His three decades in West Virginia, Harshman says, are "a singular blessing" to his writer's life.



## **G. Ogden Nutting** - *Business, Industry and Professions*

G. Ogden Nutting was born in 1935, and it could be said that he arrived with newspaper publishing in his blood. The history of newspaper publishing in Wheeling far precedes the role taken by Nutting. In fact, the current business, The Ogden Newspapers, dates back to 1890 when Nutting's grandfather, H.C. Ogden, another member of the Wheeling Hall of Fame, started the Wheeling Daily News. Described as a "spirited editor and publisher who cared deeply about his community," H.C. Ogden imparted his high ideals and entrusted the future of his newspapers to his descendants.

In 1968 Nutting became the third generation of his family to direct and manage the company when he became general manager after twelve years working in all departments at several newspapers. He was named president and publisher in 1970. Under Nutting's leadership, the company has continued to expand to take advantage of opportunities in new markets and now publishes in twelve states. He has skillfully guided a Wheeling business founded in the 19th century into the challenging corporate climate of the 21st century. The Ogden Newspapers is West Virginia's largest newspaper company and one of the ten largest in the country in number of daily newspapers.

Besides being an astute and able publisher, Nutting is also a strong contributor to the community. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of the West Virginia University Foundation, is on the Board of Trustees of both Bethany College and the Linsly School, and is a former member of the Visiting Committee of the WVU School of Journalism. He and his family have demonstrated a commitment to education in West Virginia through scholarships, endowments, and other support to Bethany College and WVU.

Over the course of his long and productive career, his publishing peers and the institutions he has served have recognized Nutting. In 2012 he received the Frank W. Mayborn Leadership Award from the Southern Newspaper

Publishers Association in recognition of his vision, community leadership, and significant contributions to the newspaper industry. Comments when that award was presented included, "He is deeply committed to the cities and towns his newspapers serve." "He celebrates the successes of those communities and heralds stories of people at their best. He shares their losses and is committed to reporting their failings – particularly when those failings are the fault of elected leaders. Above all, he underscores the importance of what we leave behind to the next generation." He is a "leading light in our industry, a visionary and the epitome of a community newspaperman."

Other awards and honors Nutting has received include an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree from Bethany College, an Honorary Doctorate from West Virginia University; membership in the WVU Business Hall of Fame and the Order of Vandalia; the Paul A. Atkins Friend of the School Award from the WVU Journalism Alumni Association; WVU's Most Loyal West Virginian Award for his service to WVU and the state; WVU Foundation's Outstanding Philanthropy Award; and the University's Distinguished Service Award for exceptional leadership.

Active in national and state newspaper and journalism associations, Mr. Nutting has served on boards or committees of the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association; the American Newspaper Publishers Association; and the West Virginia Press Association, which in 1994 named him a life member "in appreciation for years of outstanding service" and gave him the Adam R. Kelly Premier Journalist Award.





## Augustus Pollack - *Business, Industry and Professions*

“Work wins” Augustus Pollack once wrote, a simple, two-word motto that came to define the Wheeling businessman’s life and career.

Augustus Pollack was born in Germany on July 5, 1830 to a reasonably well-to-do farming family. Augustus was educated at Buende College and apprenticed at a large commercial house until political upheaval and the prospect of military conscription prompted the 18-year-old to immigrate to the United States.

He first settled in Baltimore, establishing a notions and fancy goods business, which he moved to Wheeling in 1854. Pollack married Rosalie Weinberg of Baltimore in 1855 (they had one son and six daughters) and established another business in Grafton in 1858. Pollack moved to Wheeling permanently in 1860 and lived with his family above his Main Street business. He resided in Wheeling for the next 46 years until his death on April 23, 1906.

Pollack served on the board of education and as an elector on Republican Benjamin Harrison’s presidential ticket. A devoted Unionist during the Civil War, Pollack allowed the U.S. military to use his Grafton buildings without charge for the war effort, prompting a letter of gratitude from Secretary of War Simon Cameron. Pollack helped establish a German American volunteer company, and helped bring the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati & St. Louis Railroad into Wheeling.

A German Jew, Pollack was an active member of Wheeling’s German immigrant community, helping to establish a German language newspaper, “The Patriot,” and serving for a time as president of both the German Bank and German Fire Insurance Companies. Pollack was named honorary president of the 1885 Saengerfest, a large German singing festival and, in 1870, helped raise money for the widows and orphans of German soldiers killed in war. Pollack also served as Director of the Linsly Institute as well as trustee of the Female College and was a generous patron of the arts, particularly classical music.

Pollack founded his signature business, Crown Stogies, on Water Street in East Wheeling in 1871. In just 15 years, Crown Stogies grew to become West Virginia’s largest cigar manufacturer. At their peak, his two factories employed more than 500 people. When built, his factory spanning 18th and 19th Streets from Chapline to Eoff was one of the largest cigar factories in the world. In his 1906 obituary, the *Wheeling News-Register* declared that no one deserved “more credit for the Wheeling stogie’s prestige.”

Known to work 16-hour days at his office on Water Street, Pollack did not ask more of his employees than he did of himself. He paid them well and maintained an open door policy regarding employee concerns over work conditions, hours, wages – an unusually progressive attitude for a nineteenth century entrepreneur. Thus, while his contemporaries in steel and coal faced regular and often violent labor struggles, Pollack’s employees remained comparatively loyal and content. His policies influenced other local stogie manufacturers, rendering stogie-making Wheeling’s most desirable career choice for the working class.

Pollack’s employees and their local union brethren publicly demonstrated their affection for him in an unprecedented manner. After he died on April 23, 1906, local labor unions, led by the Garfield Assembly of International Stogie Makers, collected donations from their membership to erect a large monument in Pollack’s honor. Depicting a handshake between employee and the employer, the monument was placed in a prominent position on the grounds of Wheeling’s city building. It was later moved to its current home on Main Street near the Fort Henry Bridge on-ramp.

The inscription reads: “ERECTED BY TRADE UNION MEMBERS OF UNITED STATES IN MEMORY OF AUGUSTUS POLLACK WHOSE BUSINESS LIFE AND ACTIONS ALWAYS IN SYMPATHY WITH ORGANIZED LABOR.” The Pollack monument is thought to be the only memorial ever built by labor in honor of a business owner.



## **Stanley E. Romanoski** - *Sports and Athletics*

Stan Romanoski could justifiably be labeled “Mr. Track and Cross Country” in West Virginia for his 40-year college and high school coaching career capped by 24 years at West Virginia University.

He was an ambassador and state pioneer for the sport and promoted running and track and field year-round. He traveled the state in the summers to assist local coaches with competitions, clinics, AAU meets, etc. At WVU, he founded the Mountaineer Relays and the WVU Invitational cross country meet for high school runners. He originated the state prep cross country meet, which was later sanctioned and run by the West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission as the state championship event. He started the indoor track program at WVU without a facility and led the effort for new indoor and outdoor track facilities in the 1970's. Also, he was the featured speaker to kick-off the Elby's Distance Race in Wheeling.

Coaching men's track and cross country teams from 1957-81, he piloted more All-America trackmen (7) than any other Mountaineer coach. Included were distance runners Carl Hatfield, Roger Meador, Mike Mosser, Don Sauer, and Alex Kasich, hurdler Garnet Edwards, and pole vaulters Jack Carter plus his first team captain Dave Tork, currently a Wheeling resident, who later set a world record as the world's second 16-foot vaulter. Mosser, an NCAA indoor champion, participated in the “Dream Mile” with Olympians Jim Ryun and Marty Liquori. Edwards won the 1979 Penn Relays' high hurdles and was an NCAA outdoor high hurdle finalist two years and indoor finalist in 1979 when he was “outleaned” for first place by Olympian Renaldo Nehemiah. He also coached WVU's first African-American varsity athlete--long jumper Philip Edwards from Morgantown.

At WVU, Romanoski's track teams were 70-39-1 and cross country team records were 128-64. He coached three Southern Conference cross country title teams which advanced to the NCAA Tournament. The 1962 squad finished 20th in the country, the highest placing for a WVU team. He also served as vice-president and later president of the IC4A track coaches' association and conducted college and high school coaching clinics around the region.

His passion for the sport started at Triadelphia High School. Competing for coach Charley Petty, he won the state one-class 880-yard titles as a junior and senior (1936) with times of 2:03.2 and 2:04, compared to the state record of 2:02. He also set a West Virginia regional mile record time of 4:40 which lasted a decade. And he played end in football.

He enrolled at Belmont Abbey College in North Carolina and played three sports for two years before enrolling at WVU for his final two years. At WVU, he ran track under his coaching predecessor, Art Smith, and was a member of the 1941 mile relay team which set a school record that lasted over 30 years.

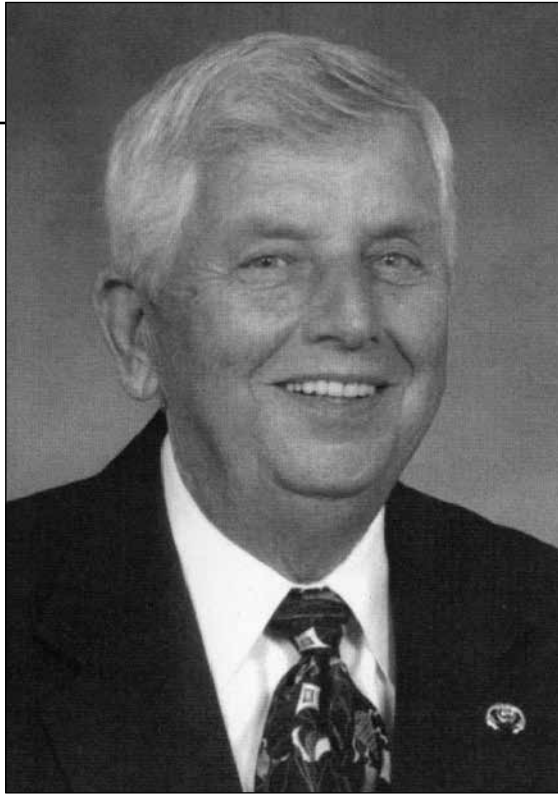
After college, he rebuilt two state high school athletic programs sandwiched around a Navy tour of duty. He started his coaching career at Ansted High School, which was coming off a 30-game losing streak in football and a 3-60 basketball record. His three football teams went 24-5 including 9-0-1 in 1947, and a basketball team was 19-2. After the Navy tour, he took over a Dunbar program that was 1-9 in football and 1-19 in basketball the previous year. In nine seasons, his football teams were 52-33-1 and his 1957 track team won a one-class state championship. That feat earned him the state all-sport Coach of the Year award, the only time in 70 years of the honor that a coach was cited primarily for track. He had started track at both schools and also coached basketball. He also coached the South to a victory in the 1953 West Virginia North-South Football game. Overall, he coached 11 winning prep football teams. Then it was off to WVU.

Romanoski was born August 2, 1918 in Homestead, Pa. His family moved to Wheeling in 1923 and resided in the Overbrook area. He attended St. Vincent's Grade School before enrolling at Triadelphia High School. He passed away on June 26, 2004.

He has been inducted into the West Virginia University Sports Hall of Fame and the West Virginia state Sports Hall of Fame.

# HALL OF FAME

## 2011 INDUCTEES



**John Edward "Jack" Fahey**

1928 -

(PUBLIC SERVICE)

Passion for Wheeling was the driving force for many roles that Jack Fahey has held in local, regional, and state government. In addition to his 36-year career with the B&O Railroad and raising seven children, Fahey served as a member of Wheeling City Council, Mayor, Ohio County Commissioner, Ohio County Board of Health, and the West Virginia House of Delegates.



**Ralph R. Kitchen**

1881 - 1930

(BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND PROFESSIONS)

It's hard to drive down any Wheeling street and not see a substantial building that this master contractor built. In addition to other structures in the tri-state area, the R.R. Kitchen Contracting Company built Wheeling's Central Union Building, Triadelphia and Ritchie schools, the Edward Stifel home, Wheeling Park's White Palace, the Scottish Rite Cathedral, St. Joseph's Cathedral, and the Capitol Theatre.



**Elizabeth Stifel Kline**

1925 - 2000

(PHILANTHROPY)

The imprint of Elizabeth Stifel Kline can be seen among every demographic group and neighborhood in Wheeling. During her lifetime and through her foundation she has helped support the Stifel Fine Arts Center, Oglebay Institute, Tunnel Green recreational complex, Ohio Valley General and Wheeling Hospitals, the YWCA, the Charter Guild of Wheeling Jesuit University, Elmhurst, Children's Home, Wheeling Symphony, and Valley Hospice.

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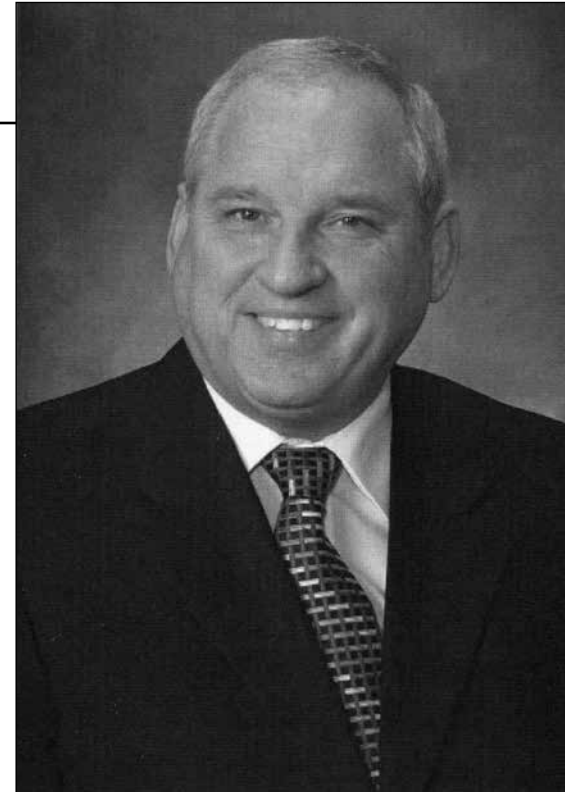


**George W. Lutz**

1855 - 1940

(PHILANTHROPY)

In addition to a successful career in the industrial supply business and banking George W. Lutz was active in a variety of community improvement efforts. This “father of the Market Auditorium” also sought to beautify Wheeling Island and National Road and chaired the West Virginia State Fair Association. His legacy continued to recent times when family members bequeathed inheritances to Oglebay Park.



**Dennis Magruder**

1948 -

(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

As executive director of the Greater Wheeling Sports and Entertainment Authority, Wheeling’s “Mr. Entertainment” supervises WesBanco Arena and the Capitol Theatre, bringing an astounding array of entertainers and sports events to eager area audiences. He also is a member of the International Association of Venue Managers, helping to place Wheeling at the forefront of entertainment venues in the United States.

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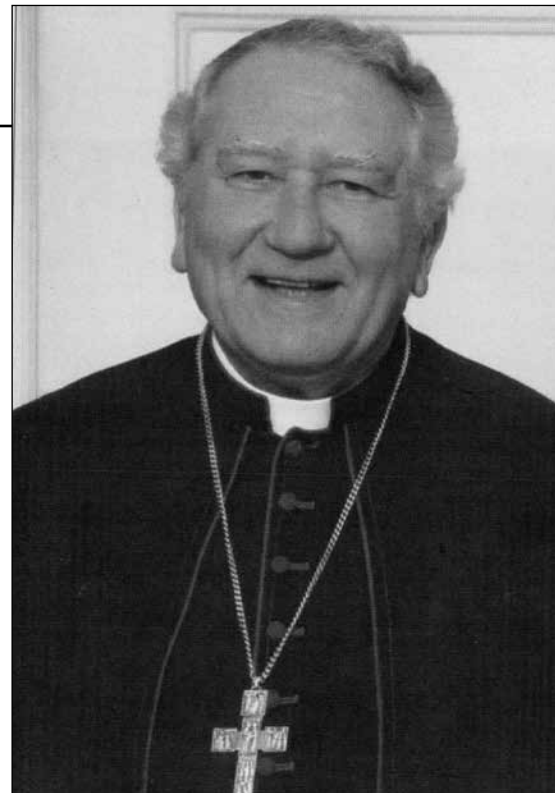


**Dr. James Edmund Reeves**

1829 - 1896

(BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND PROFESSIONS)

This medical doctor persuaded Wheeling officials to establish a permanent public health officer and then served in that position. Through this office he improved the city's water supply; cleaned up the foul-smelling Wheeling Creek; regulated the ice supply; checked on the health of prostitutes, coal miners, and steel workers; studied and catalogued industrial disorders; and checked milk supplies and breweries for cleanliness.



**The Most Rev. Bishop  
Bernard W. Schmitt**

1928 - 2011

(EDUCATION AND RELIGION)

A lifetime of concern for and dedication to Christ and Catholic education culminated in Bernard Schmitt's appointment in 1989 as the Seventh Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. During his sixteen years as bishop he served on national committees focusing on priestly life and ministry and human development. Throughout his career and into retirement he was a great champion for Catholic schools.

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## 2008 INDUCTEES



**Stuart F. Bloch**

1933 -

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

This successful businessman 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; 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**

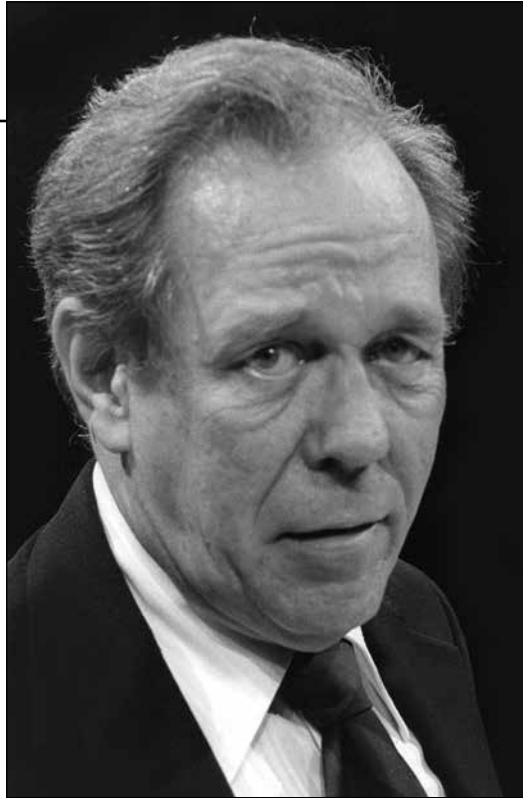
1941 -

(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 theatre is well known for his acting, set design, and directing talents. As the founder and artistic director of Oglebay Institutes's Towngate Theatre, he oversaw theatre 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 -

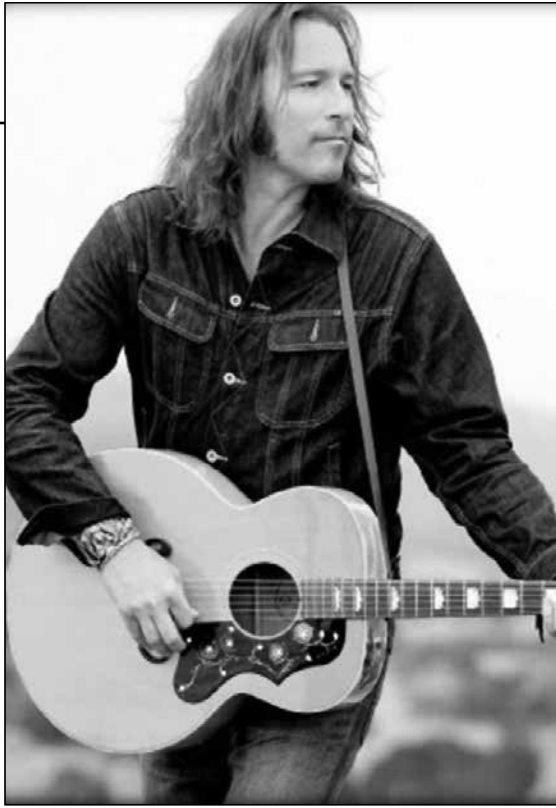
(BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND PROFESSIONS)

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.



# HALL OF FAME

## 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 multi-talented instrumentalist playing fiddle, guitar, mandolin and bouzoucki. 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.



↻ 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.

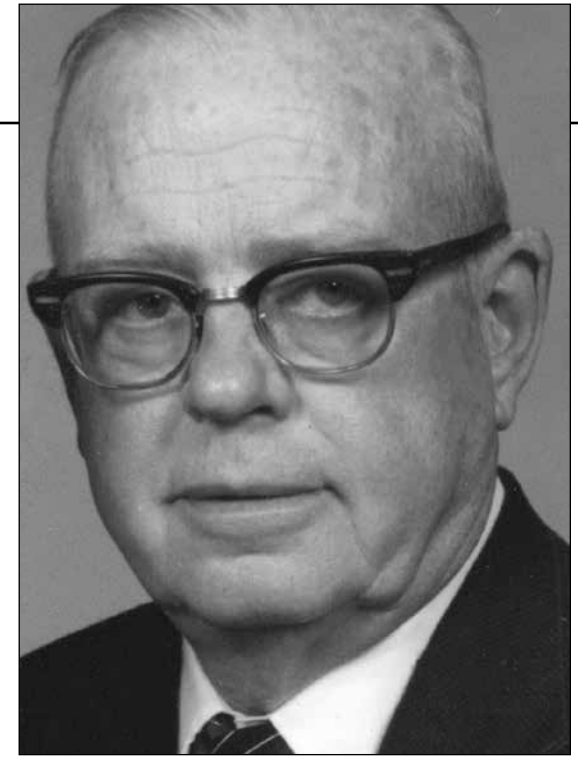


**Rose M. Gacioch**

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.

# HALL OF FAME

## 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.

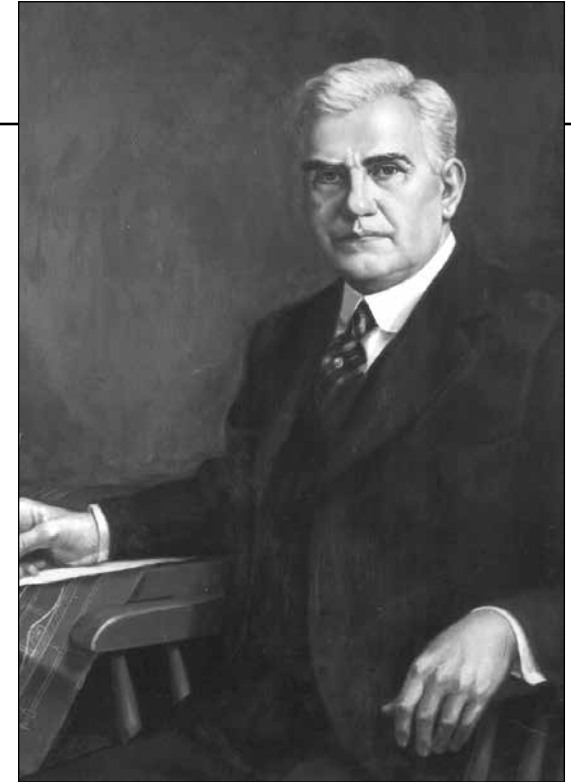


**J. Loran Mercer**

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

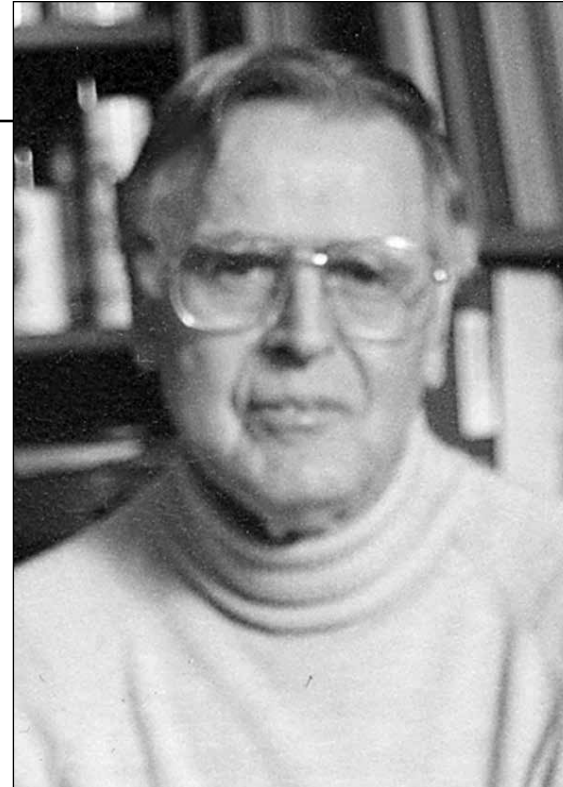


**Bill Van Horne**

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.

# HALL OF FAME

## 2000 INDUCTEES

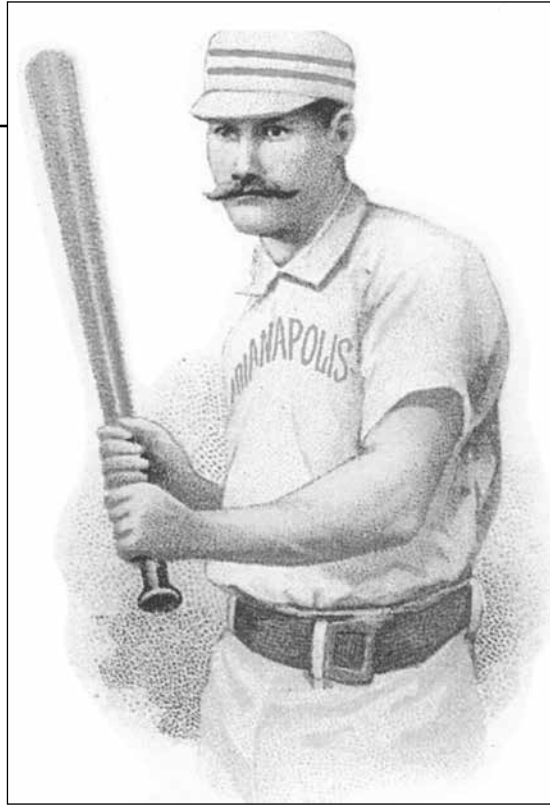


**Helen B. Gaither**

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.

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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.



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## 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

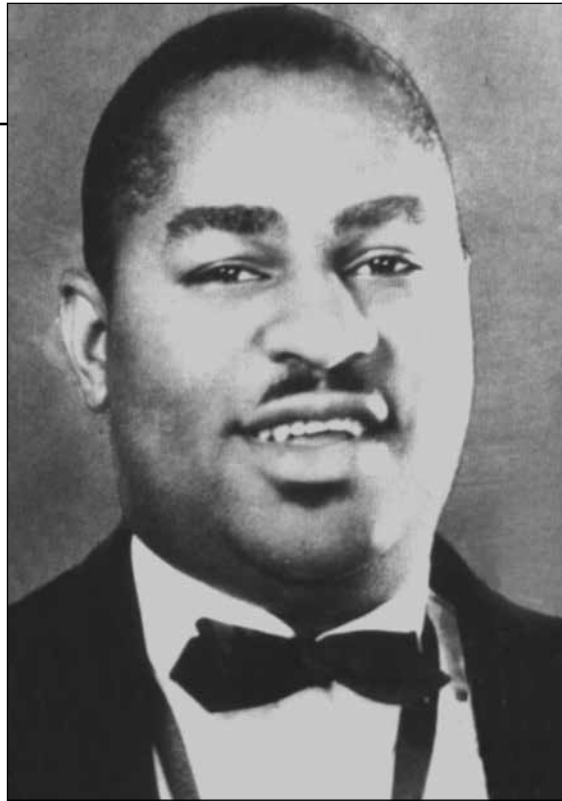


**Dominic V. Agostino**

1931 - 2010

(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**

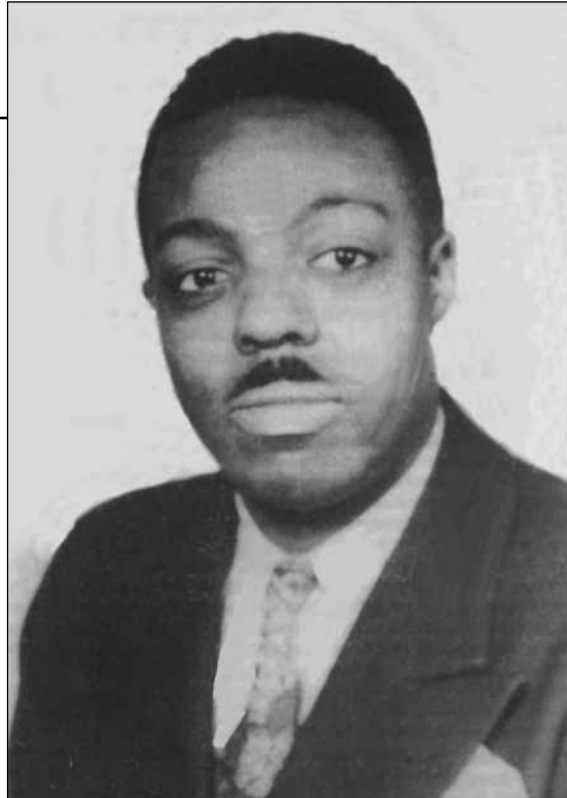
1911 - 1998

(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.

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## 1998 INDUCTEES

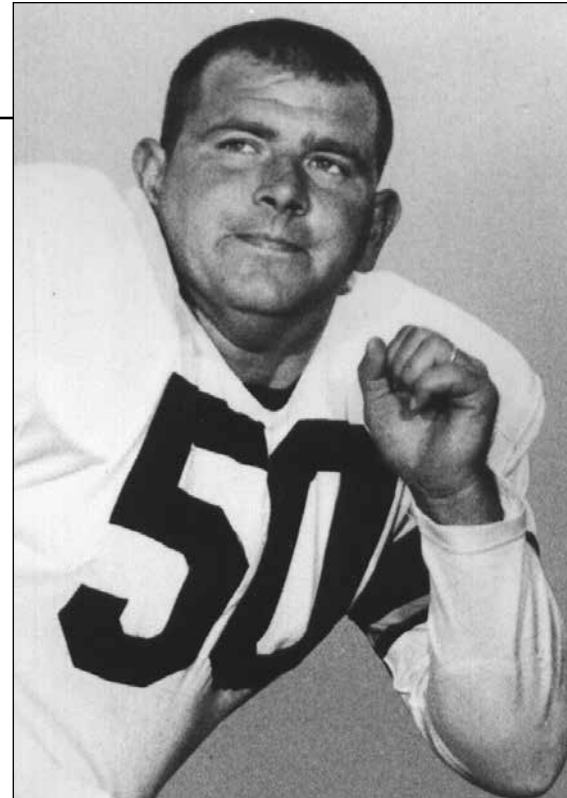


**Phillip Nathaniel Reed**

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.

# HALL OF FAME

## 1994 INDUCTEES

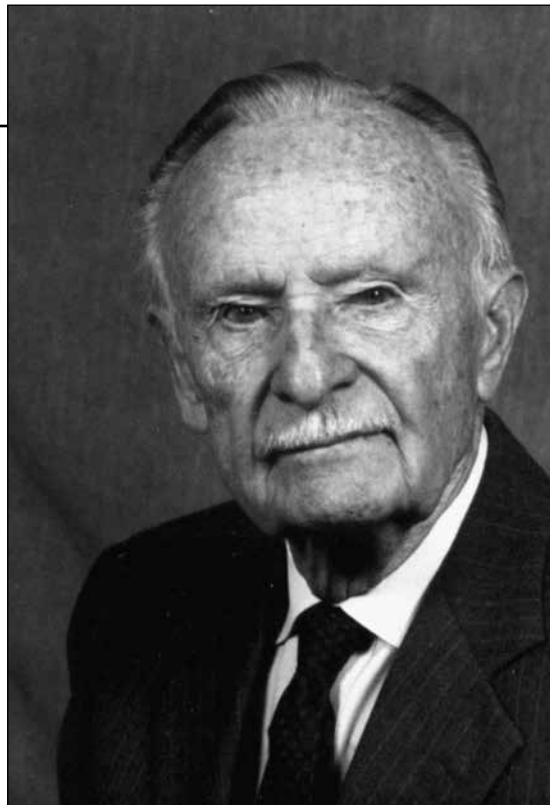


**Sally Carroll**

1926 - 2012

(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.

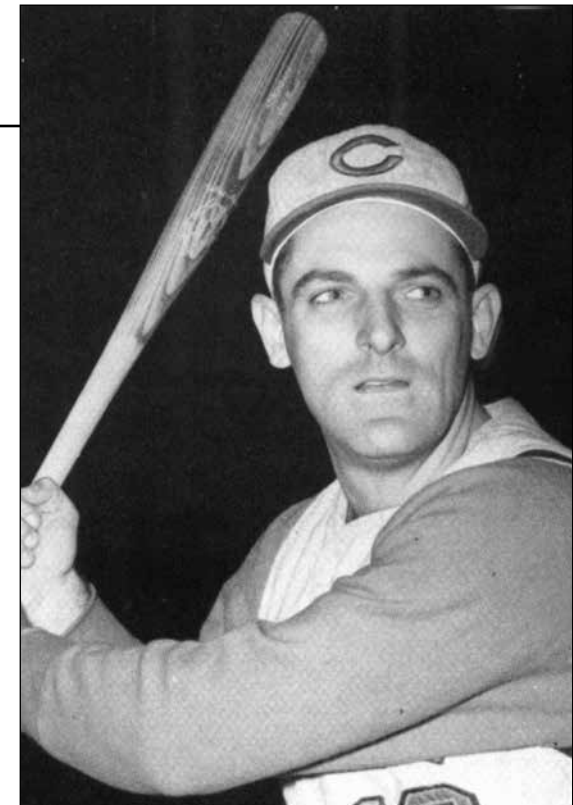


**Ellis R. Dungan**

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**

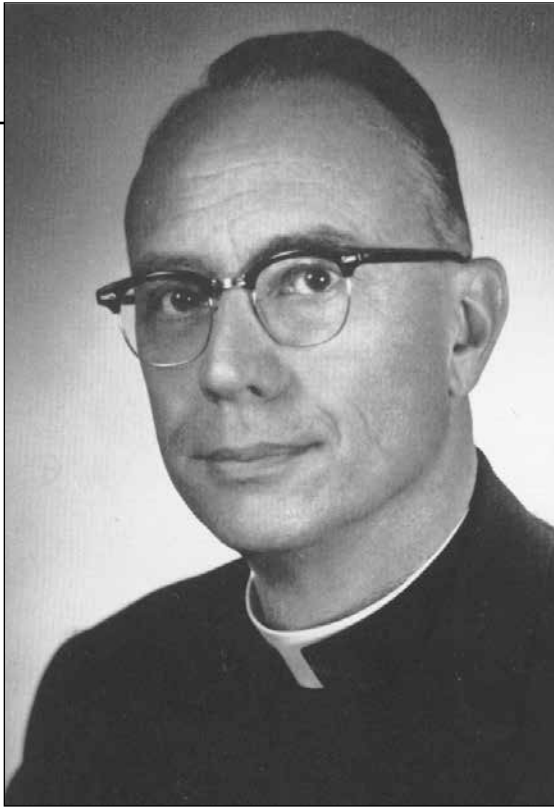
1934 -

(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 the Phillies 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

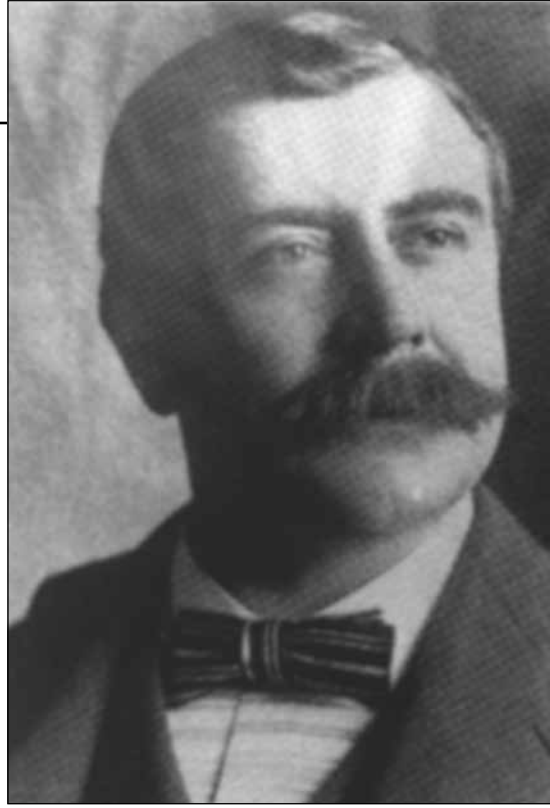


**Rev. Father Clifford M.  
Lewis, S.J.**

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.

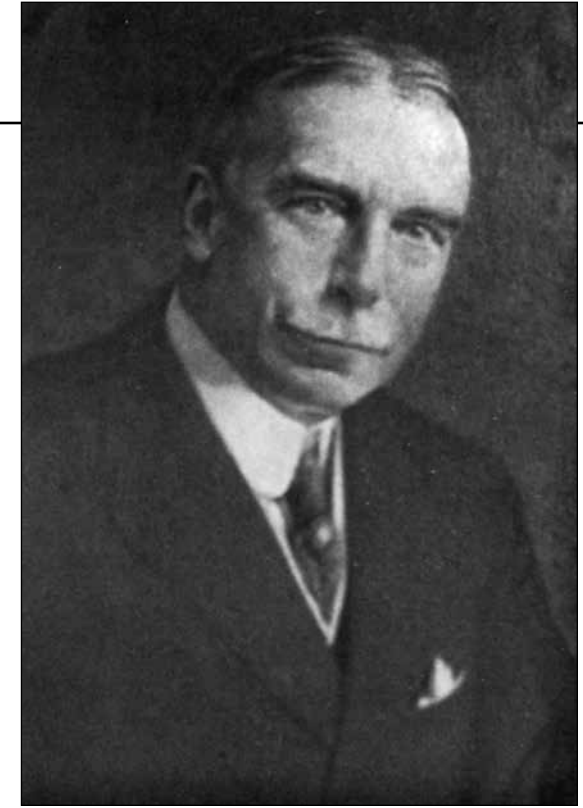


**Harry C. Northwood**

1860 - 1919

(BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND  
PROFESSIONS)

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 glass-making designs and techniques from his past and broke new ground with innovative patterns and decorating treatments.



**B. Walker Peterson**

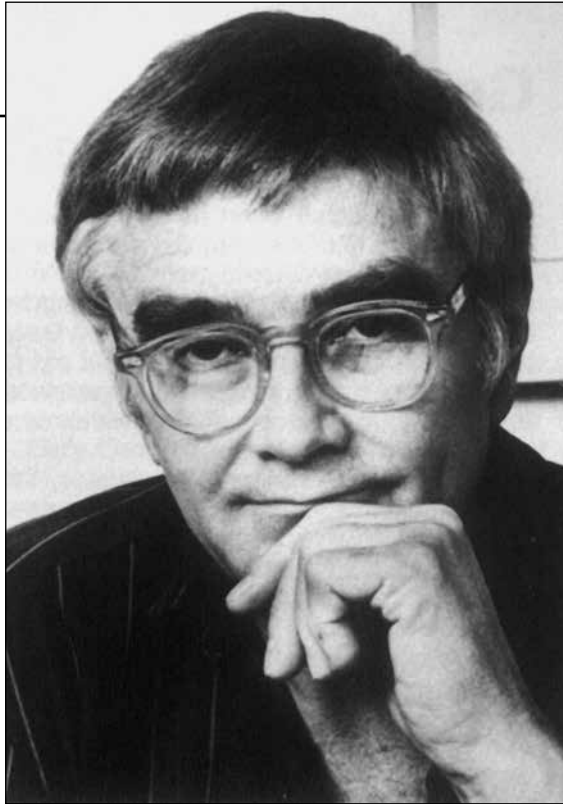
1851 - 1925

(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

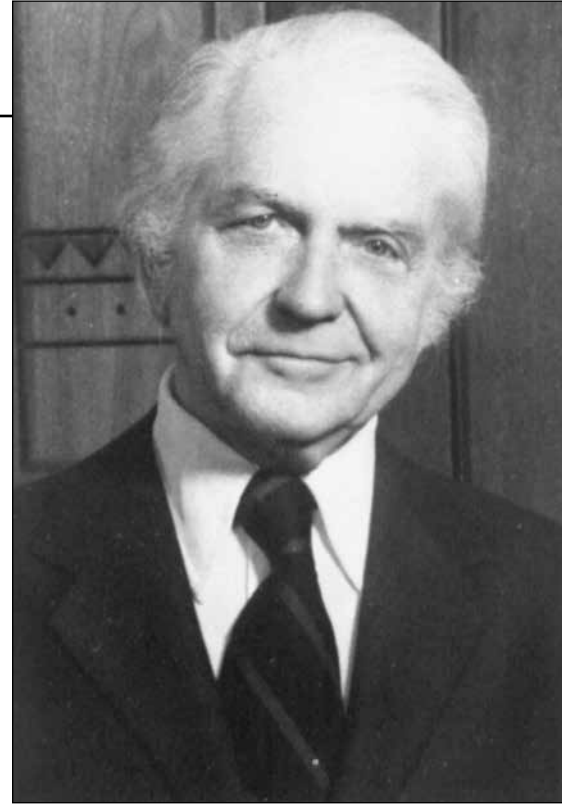


**Budd Hopkins**

1931 - 2011

(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, INDUSTRY AND PROFESSIONS)

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.

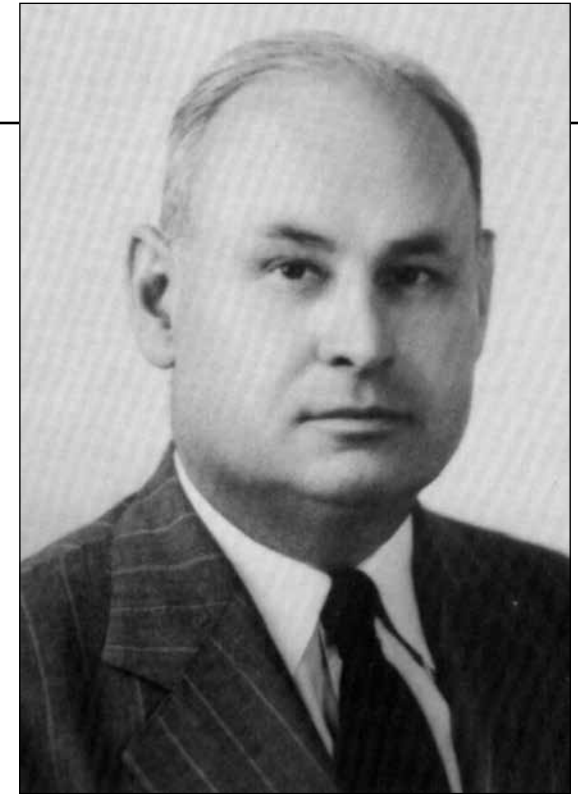


**S. James Foti**

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).



# HALL OF FAME

## 1990 INDUCTEES

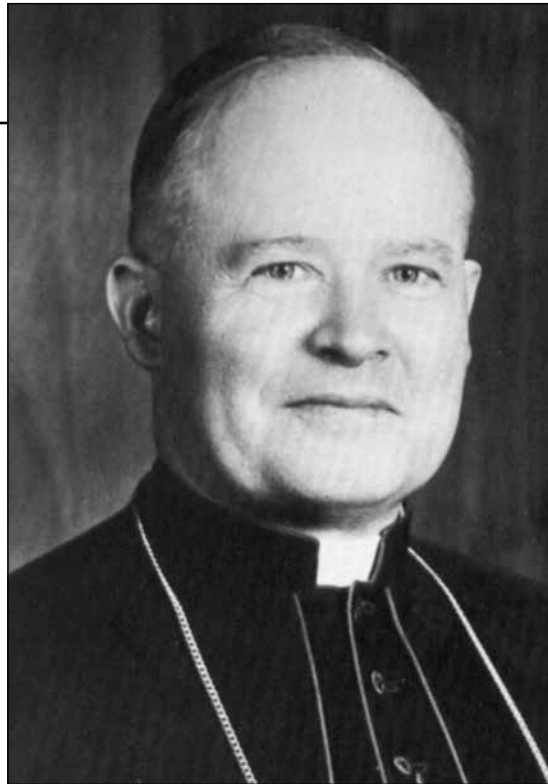


**Chester R. Hubbard**

1905 - 1984

(PHILANTHROPY)

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.

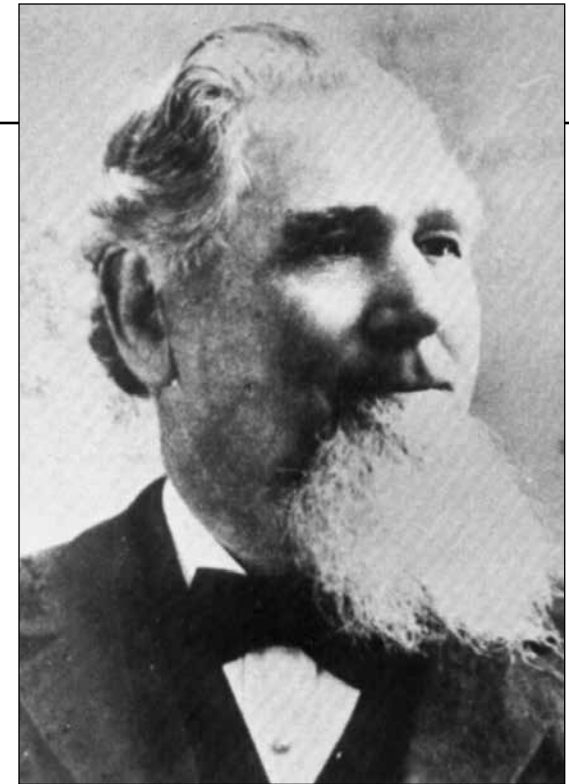


**Most Rev. Joseph H.  
Hodges D.D.**

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, INDUSTRY AND  
PROFESSIONS)

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.

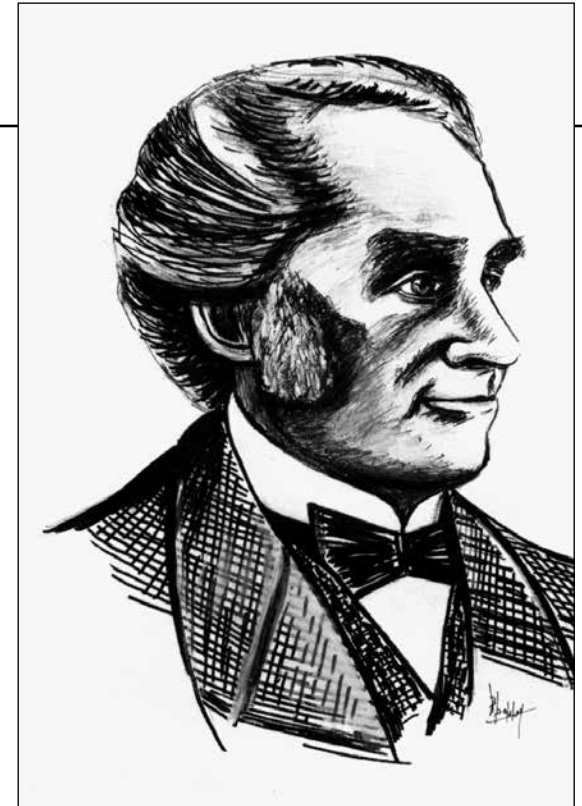


**Dr. William S. Fulton**

1873 - 1938

(BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND  
PROFESSIONS)

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, INDUSTRY AND  
PROFESSIONS)

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.

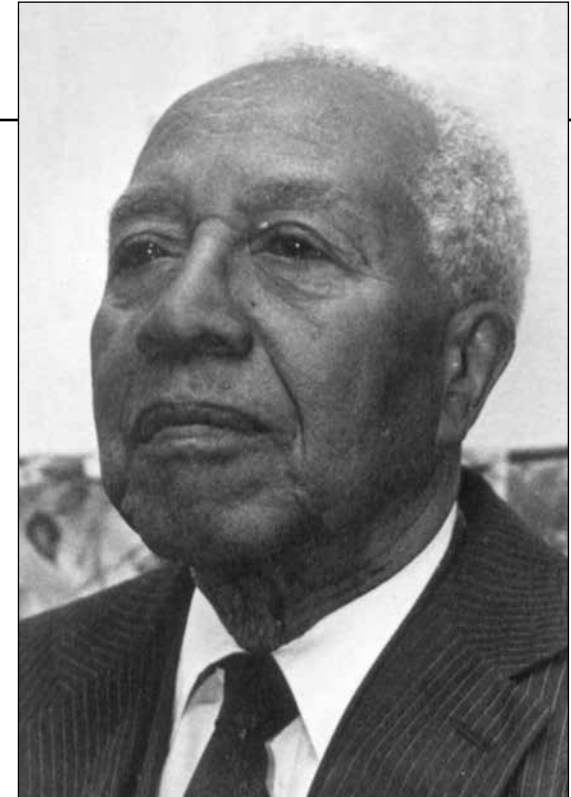


**Michael J. Valan**

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 Moundville 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**

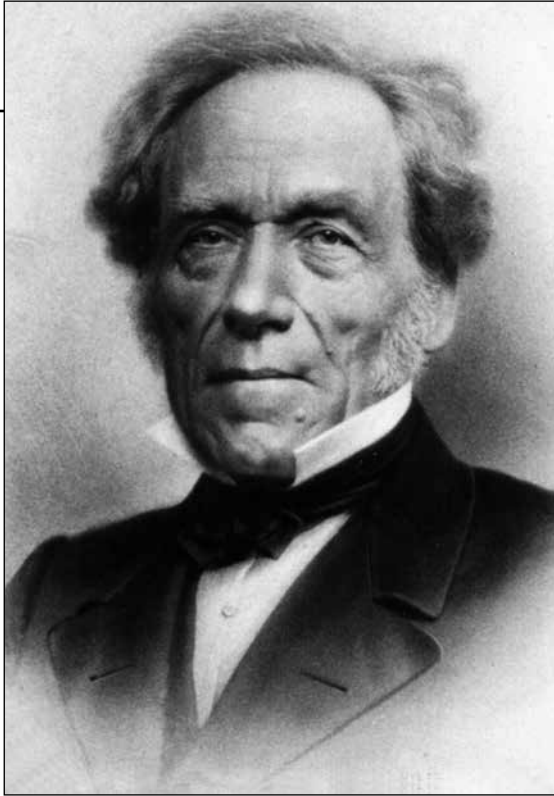
1863 - 1933

(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 ↔

## 1984 INDUCTEES



**Johann Ludwig Stifel**

1807 - 1881

(BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND  
PROFESSIONS)

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



**Ellsworth Milton Statler**

1863 - 1928

(BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND  
PROFESSIONS)

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 a business giant, multimillionaire and greatest hotel man of his era. Established Statler Foundation for scholarships in hotel management.



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## 1984 INDUCTEES

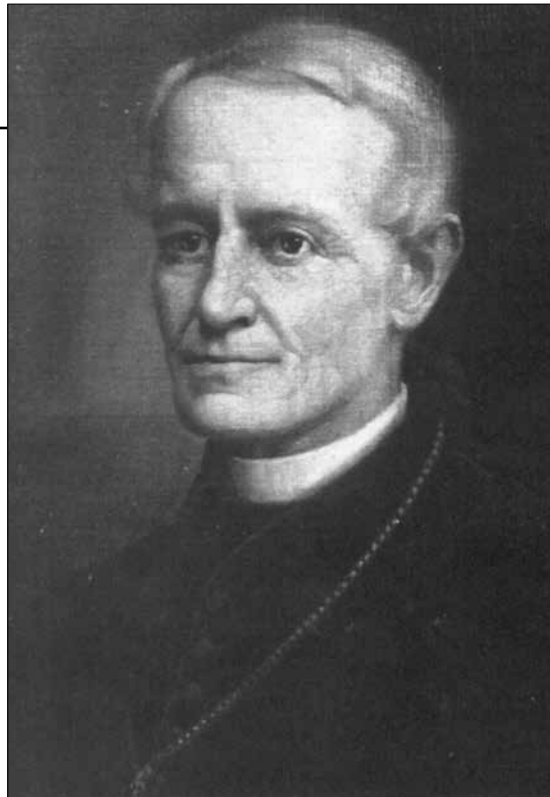


**Wilbur E. Stone**

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.

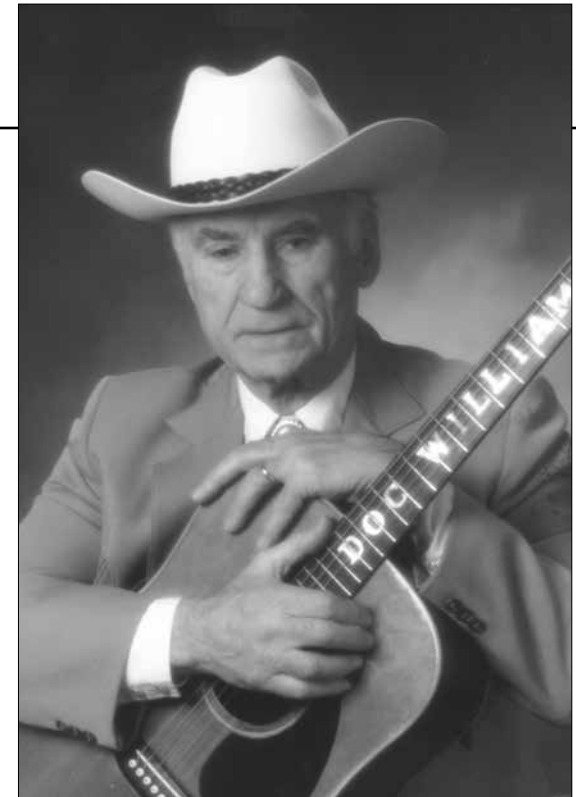


**Rev. Richard V.  
Whelan**

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.



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## 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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## 1982 INDUCTEES



**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.

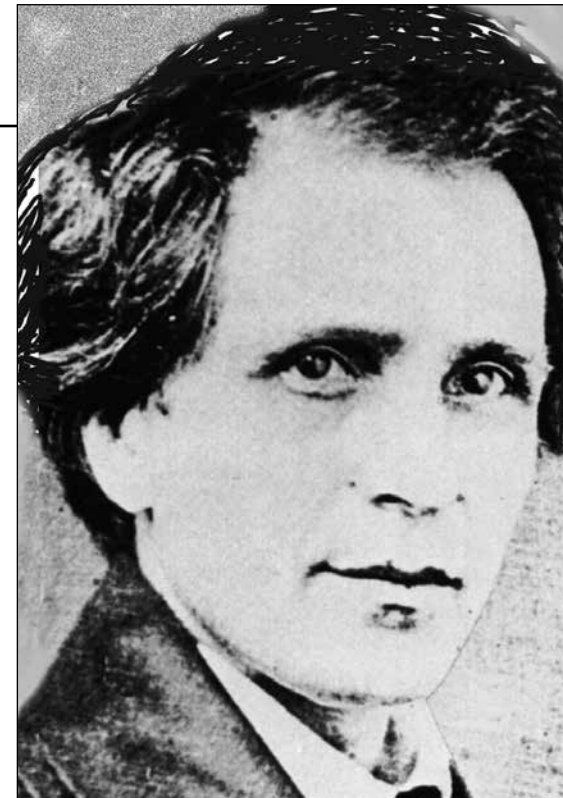


**Harry C. Holbert Sr.**

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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## 1982 INDUCTEES



**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, INDUSTRY  
AND PROFESSIONS)

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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## 1982 INDUCTEES



**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.

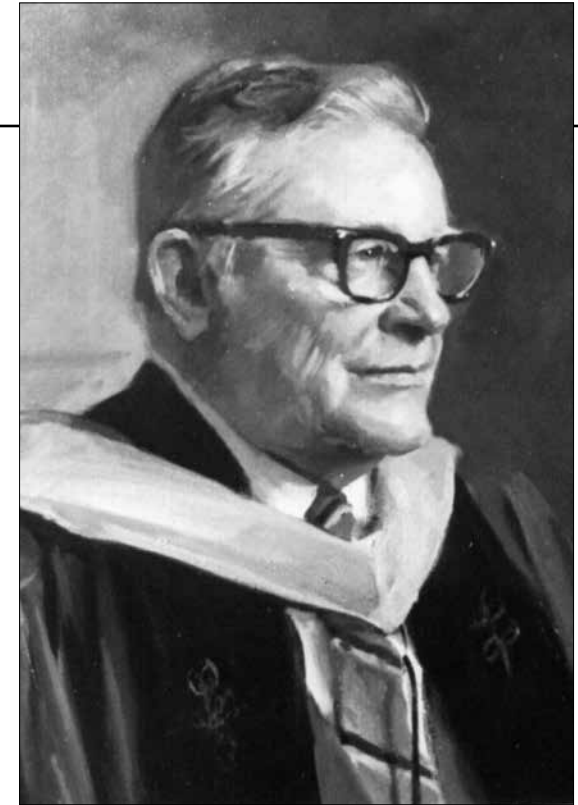


**Rt. Rev. Robert E. L.  
Strider, D.D.**

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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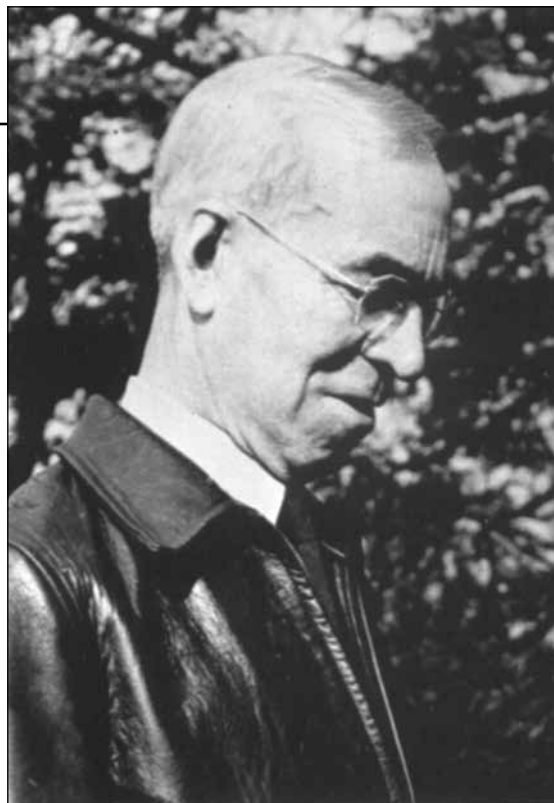


**Levering C. Bonar**

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**

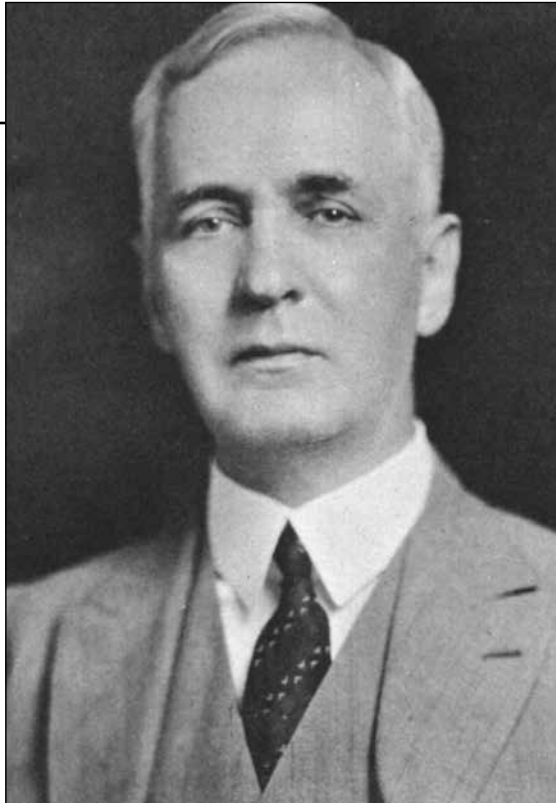
1843 - 1902

(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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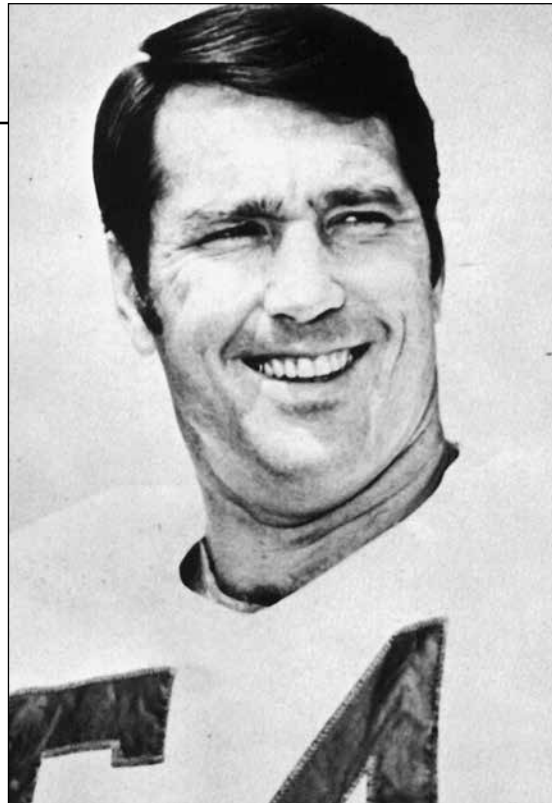


**Alexander Glass**

1858 - 1941

(BUSINESS, INDUSTRY  
AND PROFESSIONS)

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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## 1980 INDUCTEES



**James Howard Kindelberger**

1895 - 1962

(BUSINESS, INDUSTRY  
AND PROFESSIONS)

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.

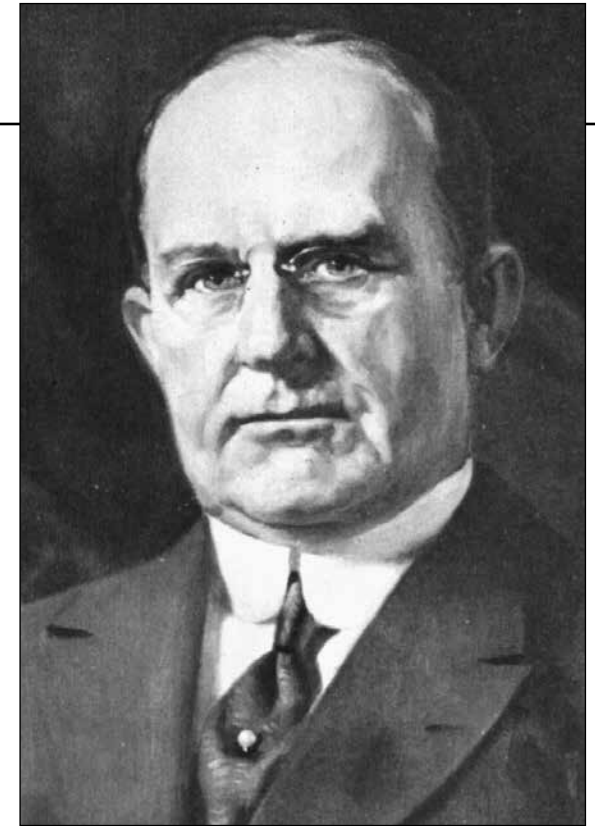


**George J. Kossuth**

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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## 1980 INDUCTEES



**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 the semi-finals in 1935. She was a finalist in the Canadian Amateur in 1927. She 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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## 1980 INDUCTEES



**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.

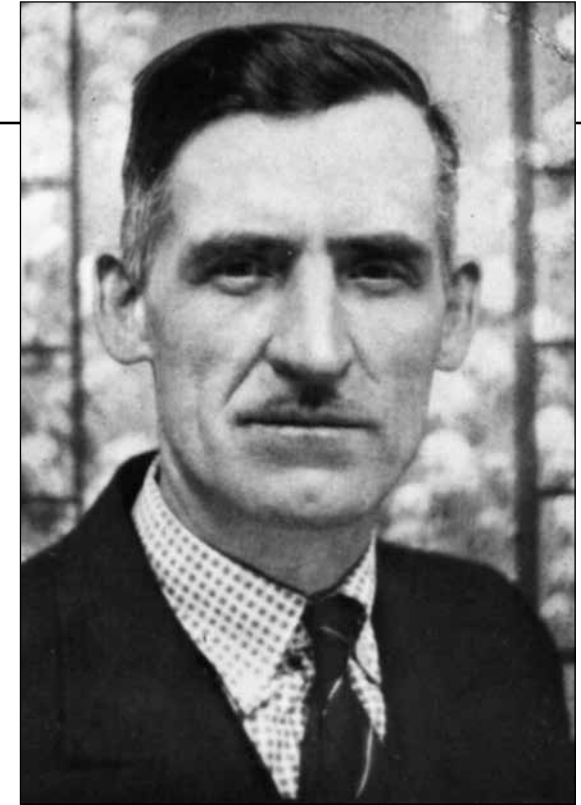


**George E. Stifel**

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**

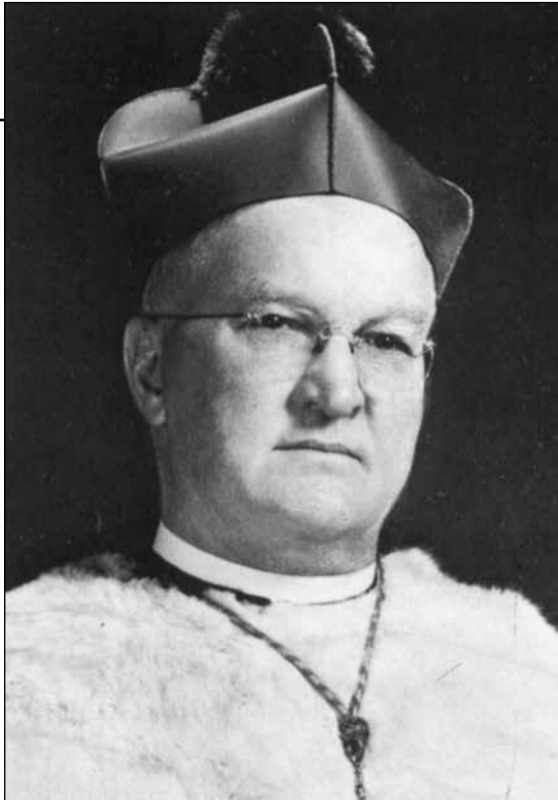
1894 - 1967

(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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## 1980 INDUCTEES



**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, INDUSTRY  
AND PROFESSIONS)

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.