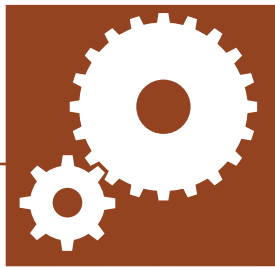




WHEELING

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2019

Induction

June 7

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 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 10 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, seven in 2011, five in 2013 and nine in 2015. The current group of nine honorees brings the total number of people enshrined in the Wheeling Hall of Fame to 132.

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 was the next elected chairman in 2009.

Robert DeFrancis currently serves as chairman, Jeanne Finstein is vice chairman and Philip Stahl is the secretary-treasurer.



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Wheeling Hall of Fame Board Officers

Chairman – Robert DeFrancis
Vice Chairman – Jeanne Finstein
Secretary-Treasurer – Philip Stahl

Wheeling Hall of Fame Board

Business, Industry and Professions – Jeanne Finstein, chairperson; Jon-Erik Gilot and Kim McCluskey

Education and Religion – Bob Willits, chairperson; Darrell Cummings and Dianna Vargo

Music and Fine Arts – Robert DeFrancis, chairperson; Chris Villamagna and Maureen Zambito

Philanthropy – F. Wayne Barte, chairperson; Ben Exley and C.J. Kaiser

Public Service – David Javersak, chairperson; Jay Frey and Philip Stahl

Sports and Athletics – R. Douglas Huff, chairperson; Richard L. Coury and George Frazier

Wheeling City Council Representative – Wendy Scatterday



2019 Induction Ceremony

June 7, 2019

William Burrus – Business, Industry and Professions

Sue Seibert Farnsworth – Public Service

Harriette Shull “Hydie” Friend – Public Service

Sister Joanne Gonter, VHM – Education and Religion

Everett Lee – Music and Fine Arts

Donald W. Mercer – Business, Industry and Professions

John Joseph “J.J.” Owens – Music and Fine Arts

Ronald G. Peyton – Sports and Athletics

Albert F. Schenk, III and Kathleen Hogan Schenk – Philanthropy

Rev. Willie F. Stinson – Education and Religion

Susan D. Vail – Sports and Athletics

➤ PROGRAM ➤

National Anthem – Adriana Schellhase, Central Catholic High School

Invocation – The Reverend Bob Willits

Master of Ceremonies – Robert DeFrancis, Chairman, Wheeling Hall of Fame Board

Official Welcome from the City of Wheeling – Mayor Glenn Elliott

Induction of Honorees into the Wheeling Hall of Fame – Hall of Fame Board Members

Responses – Hall of Fame Inductees or Their Representatives

Closing Remarks – Robert DeFrancis

Benediction – The Reverend Dr. Darrell Cummings



Wheeling City Council

Mayor.....	Glenn Elliott
First Ward Councilman.....	Chad Thalman
Second Ward Councilman.....	Ken Imer
Third Ward Councilwoman.....	Melinda Koslik
Fourth Ward Councilwoman.....	Wendy Scatterday
Fifth Ward Councilman.....	Ty Thorngate
Sixth Ward Councilman.....	Dave Palmer



William Burrus – *Business, Industry and Professions*

William “Bill” Burrus was born in Wheeling on December 13, 1936. He was a member of the Lincoln High School class of 1954, the school’s last graduating class and the last segregated class in the city, before attending West Virginia State College. From 1954-57 he served in the 101st Airborne Division and 4th Armored Tank Division in the United States Army. Upon his discharge in 1958, Burrus joined the United States Postal Service as a distribution clerk in Cleveland, Ohio.

Active in the 1970 postal strike, Burrus quickly rose to prominence in labor union matters, serving on a 1971 committee that merged five labor unions in the American Postal Workers Union (APWU). That same year he was elected director of Education and Research of the Ohio State APWU. The following year he gained national attention in joining the APWU’s Human Relations Committee. In 1980, he became national executive vice president of the APWU, the tenth largest union in the country with members in every city in America. He served in that capacity for 21 years, during which time the APWU was recognized as one of the most successful of all American labor unions at earning concessions for its membership.

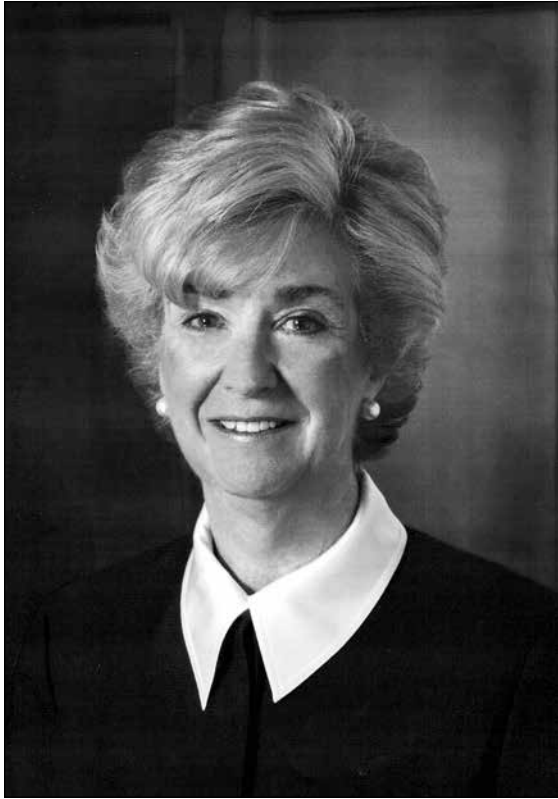
In 2001, Burrus was elected president of the APWU, receiving 53 per cent of votes cast in a three-way contest, thereby becoming the first African American to be elected president of any national union by direct balloting of its membership. His first months in the position were difficult, including testifying before a U.S. Senate committee to demand better working conditions for postal workers after the anthrax attacks that had killed several workers in the months following the September 11, 2001, attacks. Burrus later would advocate for workers’ rights amidst the Bush administration’s commission on postal service reform. In 2008, he led the APWU to become one of the very first labor unions to endorse the candidacy of Barack Obama for president. He retired in 2010 after a successful 53-year career. He

remained active in retirement, authoring an autobiography and a book on black history.

Among his accomplishments, Burrus led union negotiations of four collective bargaining agreements between the APWU and the USPS and was directly involved with every national negotiation between 1980 and 2006. Among his proudest achievements was leading a successful fight to reject a proposed 1978 collective bargaining agreement that would have capped COLA increases – in doing so Burrus protected the economic well-being of generations of postal workers. He likewise helped to create the Postal Employees Relief Fund, which provides financial aid to postal workers who are victims of natural disasters. His tireless work enhanced the rights, safety, and benefit of all APWU employees, who continue today to benefit from his leadership.

Not limited to the APWU, Burrus likewise served on the executive committee of the Union Network International, was a vice president of the Black Labor Union, vice president of the A. Philip Randolph Association, and a vice president of the AFL-CIO, among many other organizations. His achievements were recognized from the Ohio statehouse to Capitol Hill. In 1989, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Award from the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center, and for consecutive years was recognized by Ebony magazine as one of the 100 Most Influential Black Americans.

William Burrus died on May 19, 2018, survived by his wife Ethelda, four children, and more than 200,000 APWU members who continue to benefit from his half century of advocacy and service on their behalf.



Sue Seibert Farnsworth – *Public Service*

Sue Farnsworth is the daughter of the late George H. “Bud” Seibert, Jr. and Janice Boone Seibert. Born in Wheeling and educated in its public schools, she graduated from West Virginia University and its College of Law. Following in the footsteps of both parents and joined by her brother, she had a general practice of law in her hometown with an emphasis in the areas of wills and estates.

She holds memberships in the American Bar Association, the West Virginia State Bar Association, Ohio County Bar Association, American Bar Foundation, and the West Virginia Bar Foundation. She is a former member of the West Virginia Board of Law Examiners and the Estate Planning Council of the Upper Ohio Valley. Her law career has been recognized with the WVU College of Law’s Justitia Officium Award and the State Bar’s Kaufmann Award for her pro bono work. In 2017, the West Virginia Bar Association honored her with its Award of Merit.

Her public service to Wheeling and to West Virginia includes the following: Wheeling Park Commission, 1992 to present (vice president, 2009 to present), Oglebay Foundation Board of Directors, 1996 to present (secretary-treasurer, 1996 to 2017), Community Foundation for the Ohio Valley Board, 1997 to 2018 (president, 2013-14), Women’s Giving Circle charter member, Wheeling Symphony Board of Directors (president, 1993-94, life director), and former member of the Wheeling Hall of Fame Board.

Sue Farnsworth is committed to the improvement and enhancement of education in the Mountain State. She held a seat on the WV Board of Regents from 1977-83, and was its first lay chair in 1980-81. At WVU, she sat on the Foundation Board of Directors from 1995-2010 and chaired the Foundation from 1999-2001. From 1986-94, she was a member of the Board of Advisors and its chair in 1989-90. In 1999, her alma mater awarded her its highest honor, the Order of Vandalia Distinguished Service

Award; four years earlier WVU named her a Most Loyal Mountaineer. At home, she held a seat on The Linsly School Board of Trustees, and since 2014, enjoys emeritus status. From 1984-90, she served on the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. She was its chair in 1988-90 and earned its honorary award in 1991.

She has earned kudos from the WV Bar for her pro bono work and often worked “behind the scenes” to advance the work of other educators. She was especially helpful to President Clyde D. Campbell in establishing West Liberty University’s Foundation. In 2011, the YWCA of Wheeling honored her at its annual Tribute to Women ceremony.

In this life of public service, Sue finds the time to serve on the vestry of Lawrencefield Parish Church and on the Sandscrest Episcopal Conference and Retreat Center Board.

She was married to the late Carlyle Farnsworth for 44 years, and they have one son, Thomas, a daughter-in-law, CJ, and a grandson, Holden. In June 2018, she married John W. Kepner of Wheeling.

She joins a distinguished list of Wheeling natives in the Public Service category of the Wheeling Hall of Fame, including her father George Seibert, Jr. They are the Hall’s first father-daughter honorees.

Sue Farnsworth has spent her adult life working for the improvement of city and state, both as an attorney and a civic-minded Wheelingite. Her life stands as a testament of the good that one woman can accomplish.



Harriette Shull “Hydie” Friend – *Public Service*

The renaissance currently underway downtown has its roots in Wheeling 2000, the late Harry Hamm’s adaptation of Pittsburgh’s highly successful Strategy 21 revitalization plan. Hydie Friend was at the vanguard of the plan’s early efforts to use historic preservation as an economic development tool. Hired by the City of Wheeling Department of Development in 1983, Hydie secured funding and oversaw the renovation of the historic Centre Market Houses, which spurred private investment in the surrounding commercial properties and residences. As deputy director of development, she was responsible for the planning, zoning, and subdivision review for the City of Wheeling. Hydie also was responsible for the development of Wheeling’s bike trails and the Veterans Memorial Amphitheater. In addition, she co-founded the Wheeling Waterfront Wednesdays concert series.

In 2002, Hydie became executive director of the Wheeling National Heritage Area Corporation, serving in that role until 2011. During her tenure, Hydie guided early planning and implemented initiatives that led to the City of Wheeling’s official designation as a National Heritage Area by the United States Congress. Hydie also guided and managed the funding, design, construction, and operation of Wheeling Heritage Port. She oversaw the design and installation of interpretive signage on the Heritage Trail and in Wheeling’s neighborhoods. Hydie was involved in creating three interpretive exhibits, “Made in Wheeling” displayed at the Wheeling Artisan Center, “Crossroads of America” for the Intermodal Transportation Center, and “Born of the Civil War” at West Virginia Independence Hall.

Capping her career, Hydie led the effort to evaluate the purchase, renovation, operation, and management of the historic Capitol Theatre. In addition to other funding sources, she wrote the “Save America’s Treasures” grant proposal that secured federal funds for the theater’s façade renovation. She

has assisted in obtaining federal and state tax credits for major historic rehabilitation projects such as the Wheeling Stamping Building and the Stone Center. She has prepared nominations to the National Register of Historic Places for numerous local sites.

Hydie Friend’s leadership in every aspect of historic preservation and economic development continues to benefit Wheeling, contributing significantly to the community’s quality of life and positioning Wheeling for successful renewal. She has adroitly bridged the past as a pathway to the future, always with a smile and a positive “we can do this!” approach. In addition, Hydie has served in leadership roles in various non-profit organizations including the United Way of the Upper Ohio Valley; the American Red Cross; Elmhurst, the House of Friendship; the Wheeling Landscape Commission; the Centre Market Commission; the Wheeling-Ohio County Convention and Visitors Bureau; Friends of Wheeling; Preservation Alliance of West Virginia; the West Virginia Planning Association; and the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation. She was also a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, American Planning Association. In recognition of her contributions to the development of Oglebay Park, she was recently presented with the G. Randolph Worls Spirit of Oglebay award.

Hydie holds a bachelor of arts degree from Wilson College and a master’s of Urban and Regional Planning from the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh. She completed the Executive Leadership Program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. Hydie is a daughter of the late Sherman C. Shull and Harriette Hitchman and step-daughter of Brooks E. Wigginton. She is married to retired Judge L. Edward Friend II.



Sister Joanne Gonter, VHM – *Education and Religion*

Sister Joanne Gonter was born in 1934 and grew up in Wheeling. After graduating from Mount de Chantal Visitation Academy in 1952, she entered the Sisters of the Visitation there. In 1959 she graduated from Wheeling College (now Wheeling Jesuit University) and in 1968 received a master of science degree from Marshall University. She taught at Mount de Chantal for 49 years, served two terms as superior of the community and since 1975 has been the Mount's director of alumnae relations.

Academy enrollment declined, and in 2008 the eight remaining sisters voted to close its doors. With wisdom and grace Sister Joanne oversaw the process of informing students, parents, staff and alumnae and of determining the disposition of the buildings, property, and 160 years of accumulated treasures. In 2010 the sisters at the Mount, including Sister Joanne, moved to Georgetown Visitation Monastery in Washington, D.C., where she serves as a member of the board of directors and assistant superior of the community. The sisters have maintained their link to Wheeling and to the Mount de Chantal Alumnae Association. As a student at Saint Michael's grade school in Wheeling, where she took piano lessons from one of the Divine Providence Sisters at the school, she began a lifelong career as an accompanist for school productions, and now she is organist for daily Masses at Georgetown.

In August 1955 Sister Joanne enrolled in the first class at newly-founded Wheeling College as a chemistry major. Beginning her teaching career in the fall of 1959, classes she taught over the years included chemistry, logic, philosophy, physics and religious studies.

Changes in the Catholic Church after the Second Vatican Council led to significant changes for women religious. Direct involvement in activities of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston for Sister Joanne included membership in the Sisters Council and the seminary board of the Diocese of Wheeling-

Charleston. Civic memberships included the Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee and the board of the City of Wheeling Hall of Fame.

In 1975 Sister Joanne and other sisters worked with lay associates to form a board of directors for Mount de Chantal. As mentioned above, although this group was very supportive, circumstances in Wheeling and elsewhere led to the closing of the school, which had been established in 1848, before the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston (1850) and the state of West Virginia (1863).

In her distinguished career of teaching and service, Sister Joanne has received numerous awards. Named a West Virginia History Hero in 2006, she has received three awards from Wheeling Jesuit University: Distinguished Alumna in 1989, Rev. Clifford Lewis, SJ, Award in 1995, and the Ignatian Medal at the annual Gaudiosa celebration in 2016.

Sister Joanne Gonter continues to lead a life of service to God and others and through her many contributions and relationships has made Wheeling and the world a better place to live.



Everett Lee – *Music and Fine Arts*

Born in Wheeling on August 31, 1916, Everett Astor Lee was the first-born son of Everett Denver Lee and Mamie May Blue Lee, who lived on Eoff Street in East Wheeling. He is believed to be the first African American to conduct professional grand opera in this country.

Young Everett showed an early aptitude for playing violin. His violin teacher was Walter Rogers of South York Street on Wheeling Island. The family left Wheeling for Cleveland in 1927, but Lee continued studying violin while attending school.

After graduating from high school, Lee attended the Cleveland Institute of Music, studying violin. He put himself through school and worked at a hotel, where he met Arthur Rodzinski, conductor of the Cleveland Orchestra. He began attending the Cleveland Orchestra concerts every Saturday and told a reporter in 1948, “My early conducting aspirations were nurtured by him....Rodzinski helped me in many ways; he would go over scores with me and give me pointers.”

After graduating from the Cleveland Institute of Music, Lee enlisted in the military. He was sent to Tuskegee to train to be a pilot, but an injury ended his military career. He returned to Cleveland and got a call from a legendary New York producer on Broadway, Billy Rose, who asked him to come to New York and join his orchestra for a production of “Carmen Jones.” In the fall of 1943, the conductor for a performance was snowed in, and concertmaster Everett was handed the baton and told to conduct.

In June of 1943 Lee met Sylvia Olden, a voice coach in the classical music world. They married in early 1944 and had two children, Everett II and Eve. Following their divorce, Lee remarried in 1979. He and Christin had a son, Erik.

In 1944, Lee worked with Leonard Bernstein on an engagement of “On the Town,” closing out the show as its conductor. He continued working with Bernstein and went on to become a student at Julliard School of Music as well as at Tanglewood, an extension of Julliard. Following Tanglewood, Lee played first violin for the New York Symphony under Bernstein. Even with prominent connections, opportunities for a black conductor were limited, so in 1947, Lee formed the Cosmopolitan Symphony Society. With limited conducting opportunities, he and his wife both received Fulbright scholarships and left the United States in 1952, studying music in Rome for a year.

In 1953, Lee became the first African American to conduct a major symphony orchestra in the South when asked to conduct the Louisville Orchestra in Kentucky. Two years later, he conducted at the New York City Opera Company and is believed to be the first African American to conduct a major opera in the United States. The family moved to Germany in 1956 where Lee became the conductor of the Münchener Opernbühne, a traveling opera company. In 1962, he was appointed conductor of Norrköping Symphony Orchestra in Sweden, holding that position for 13 years. While Norrköping remained his permanent residence, Lee conducted the Symphony of the New World in New York, the Bogotá Philharmonic in Columbia, and Opera North in Philadelphia.

Lee has been the guest conductor at the symphony orchestras of many cities, including Atlanta, Baltimore, Barcelona, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Louisville, Nashville, St. Louis, and Hamburg, Germany; the philharmonics of Berlin, Buenos Aires, Lithuania, Madrid, New York, Paris, and Stockholm; the Opera Ebony, and operas in Bordeaux, Munich, and New York City, and Royal Swedish Operas; and the Boston Pops, among others.

Throughout his career, Lee conducted more than 1,000 orchestral, choral, and operatic works. He conducted his last orchestra on January 13, 2005, for the Louisville Orchestra. The City of Wheeling proclaimed August 31, 2017, Lee’s 101st birthday, as “Everett Lee Day.” Lee currently resides in Sweden and turned 102 in August of last year.



Dr. Donald Mercer – *Business, Industry and Professions*

The son of the late Dr. and Mrs. J. Loran Mercer, Donald W. Mercer grew up in Warwood and graduated from Warwood High School in 1956. He received a bachelor of science degree in chemistry from Wheeling College in 1960 as a member of the second graduating class. An outstanding tennis and basketball player, he was elected to the Wheeling Jesuit University Sports Hall of Fame in 1994. The son of a college band director (who was also a Hall of Fame inductee), he played the clarinet and helped establish the WJU symphonic and pep bands. He was named in 2015 to the WJU Hall of Honor and received a WJU Distinguished Alumni Award in 2002. Don married Beth Ann Wolfe in 1961, and they have three sons.

Don was awarded a scholarship to the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public Health and completed a master of science degree and a Ph.D. degree in biochemistry in 1963 and 1968, respectively. He became the chief biochemist at the pathology department of Montefiore Hospital in Pittsburgh and also held the title of assistant clinical professor at the Pathology Department in the University of Pittsburgh's Medical School. As such, he taught residents and medical technicians, performed research, evaluated new commercial clinical tests, and consulted with physicians and interns. Later, Mercer was promoted to associate clinical professor at University of Pittsburgh's Medical School Pathology Department and worked with the Pittsburgh Cancer Institute as a co-director in research on tumor markers. He also spent five years as the chief biochemist in the Pathology Department of Allegheny General Hospital.

One of Dr. Mercer's research projects included the study of circulating isoenzymes and tumor-associated antigens to monitor tissue activity. At the urging of Dr. Muray A. Varat, Montefiore's chief cardiologist, he began lab experiments to develop a reliable blood test to detect heart attacks. Previous heart tests such as an EKG were considered slow and often inaccurate. In 1975, Mercer introduced a rapid blood enzyme test for the early and precise identification of myocardial infarctions. The "CK-MB test" (cardiac isoenzyme of

creatine kinase test) resulted in nearly 100% accuracy and has become the global standard as a fast, accurate, and simple way to detect heart attacks. The test is also used to monitor the degree of heart damage and to detect secondary, smaller heart attacks. Use of the test has significantly shortened a patient's stay in the coronary care unit, thereby reducing hospital and patient costs.

Dr. Mercer published his research results in the *Journal of Clinical Chemistry* in 1974. News of his pioneering test spread quickly. Mercer was granted a patent in 1977, and Roche Diagnostics marketed the test. During the next few years, he toured the country speaking about his findings and received considerable media coverage and accolades from fellow scientists and medical professionals. He was a regular reviewer for "Clinical Chemistry" and has written numerous articles, book chapters, and abstracts. The 2006 book "Landmark Papers in Clinical Chemistry," published by Elsevier, cites Mercer's work as one of the top 40 developments of the 20th Century. A WJU colleague stated, "My medical practice was significantly influenced by the availability of the CK-MB test. Before this test was available, other unreliable tests were performed. Don's discovery saved lives and decreased the cost of medical care." Dr. Mercer's CK-MB test to this date (four decades later) is still considered the benchmark for detecting heart attacks worldwide.



John Joseph “J.J.” Owens – *Music and Fine Arts*

John Joseph Owens was born in Wheeling on May 15, 1887, the son of Thomas and Anna Owens, both natives of Ireland. He attended parochial grade school and graduated from Cathedral High School, now known as Central Catholic High School. He lived his early years at 92-14th Street, across from the Scottish Rite Cathedral. After high school, he went on to the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore for further training, completing a four-year course in painting and drawing.

Owens then returned to Wheeling and for a time was staff artist for what was then known as the Wheeling Register newspaper. He also opened his artist’s studio and grew his reputation for portrait painting both in Wheeling and in Baltimore.

At the outbreak of World War I, he joined the U.S. Army and served as a member of the medical service corps, performing the role of surgical illustrator. Overseas, he was stationed at the base hospital in Paris. His work of making anatomical drawings earned him the rank of sergeant, first class. Owens served his country with honor, and after Armistice Day, he remained in Paris for six months to study at the Académie de la Grande Chaumier under renowned artists and sculptors.

After he returned from Europe, he opened his professional studio in the Hawley Building and joined his two unmarried sisters, Rose and Margaret, at 106 Jefferson Avenue, where they made their home.

In 1926, he returned to Europe for more study. During this time, he accepted many art commissions, working in Spain, Italy, and France. He was written up in foreign publications and earned an international reputation.

On his return to Wheeling, Owens was active in the community in many ways including social clubs such as Rotary, the Blue Pencil Club, Wheeling’s Little Theatre and more. He also was an active member of St. Michael Parish.

He held art exhibitions at his studio and taught art to the public. He was founder of the Art Club of Wheeling in 1928 and served as treasurer. He taught and worked with Oglebay, specifically with the Art Colonies for Young People. He was a close friend of Wheeling Hall of Fame photographer George J. Kossuth.

Owens brought fame to the city of Wheeling by painting portraits of many influential leaders, both nationally and abroad. In addition to local clientele, he painted portraits for individuals and institutions in Baltimore; Washington, D.C.; Charleston; and Emmitsburg, Maryland.

At the time of his sudden death from appendicitis at age 44, Owens was working on an oil painting of the dean of Harvard University, which was completed by his brother Vincent, who was an artist and cartoonist at the Wheeling newspaper.

Owens is well-known for his paintings of all the presidents of the prestigious Fort Henry Club of Wheeling, created during his lifetime, along with many other Wheeling residents and landscapes. A collection of his paintings is housed at the Ohio County Public Library. He is buried at Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

According to the 1984 Spring/Summer edition of the Upper Ohio Valley Historical Review: “John Owens was known for his portraits of Wheeling’s most renowned dignitaries, yet he was himself one of Wheeling’s most famous people; he died at the peak of his career. During his lifetime, he painted all the leading citizens of Wheeling and many ordinary people. With his artist’s brush, John Owens created a ‘Hall of Fame’ of Wheeling in the era in which he lived.”



Ronald G. Peyton – *Sports and Athletics*

In the profession of physical therapy and sports medicine, few can match the accomplishments and recognition of this Wheeling native. Born November 24, 1942, to Robert and Nadine Spindler Peyton, he graduated from Triadelphia High School in 1960. He later earned post-graduate master's and doctor's degrees in physical therapy from Duke University.

Peyton founded the Dogwood Institute in Alpharetta, Georgia, in 1970 and served as president and chief executive officer until 2010. He also was in private practice from 1970-96 as president and chief executive officer of the Rehabilitation Service of Atlanta and was a director of The Sports Medicine Institute from 1970-1993. In academia, he was an adjunct professor in physical therapy at Duke University starting in 1980 and at Georgia State University from 1985-1990. He served as a clinical instructor for 250-plus students from 18 different universities from 1975-1999.

Peyton has been recognized with numerous honors and citations including the Catherine Worthingham Fellowship Award, the most prestigious and highest award a physical therapist can receive. In recognition of outstanding contributions to advancement of the physical therapy profession, he was presented the award in 2011 by the president of the American Physical Therapy Association before 4,000 professionals in Washington, D.C. In 1997, he was inducted into the West Virginia University College of Physical Activity and Sports Sciences Hall of Fame.

He has been involved with the United States Olympics program as physical therapist in charge of the 1968 Olympic Training Program at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. And, in 1996, he served as director of sports medicine services for the Olympic Village for the Olympic games in Atlanta, Georgia, while serving on the Atlanta Committee for the Games. He also gave a symposium at the 1976 Montreal Olympics.

From 1975-1977, he served as the only physical therapist on the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports and served as physical therapist to President Jimmy Carter in 1976. He was a founder of the Sports Physical Therapy Section of the American Physical Therapy Association and was the first winner of the award for outstanding sports physical therapists named in his honor: The Ronald G. Peyton Lecture Award.

He is a frequent speaker, author of countless articles, consultant at 75 sports medicine centers worldwide, educator, and patented inventor, and has appeared regionally and nationally on television and radio programs (CNN, NBC) to discuss physical therapy and sports-related issues. He has authored feature stories in more than 35 professional journals, magazines, and newspapers describing physical therapy today. He invented, and patented in 2005, a device for treatment of headaches in clinical practice used by many professional teams as well as the general public.

Peyton has presented more than 200 motivational speeches, mostly on sports medicine topics, and has served as a keynote speaker at the University of Florida (twice), Georgia State, and the Mayo Clinic, and was a graduation speaker at Duke University. He received the Barbara C. White Award twice from the University of Florida for outstanding accomplishments in physical therapy. In 2015, the Duke Medical School faculty started a yearly series of innovative lectures named in his honor – the Ronald G. Peyton Transformative Innovative Series.

Outside his profession, he developed a school of woodworking in 2003 and, in 2008, was awarded the distinction of "Master Woodworker" by the Georgia Woodworker Guild. One of his proudest accomplishments was the building and entering of his creation of a "Gentlemen's Toolchest" in competition in Atlanta which won first place in the Master Woodworker's Class, Best of Show, and People's Choice Awards.

Peyton, who has two children, Heather and Heath, resides in Frisco, Texas.



Albert F. Schenk, III and Kathleen Hogan Schenk - *Philanthropy*

Albert F. Schenk, III and Kathleen Hogan Schenk were both born in the City of Wheeling and lived there continuously until 1950, when they moved to Elm Knoll located along Big Wheeling Creek in Marshall County, West Virginia.

Albert was a nephew of Hall of Fame member Otto Schenk and continued the Schenk family tradition of giving generously to scores of primarily Wheeling-based charitable organizations. Most of his gifts were made anonymously, but he did allow his family name to be used for the construction of Schenk Lake as a memorial for his parents. Other gifts to support the Wheeling Park Commission and enhance Schenk Lake continued throughout his lifetime.

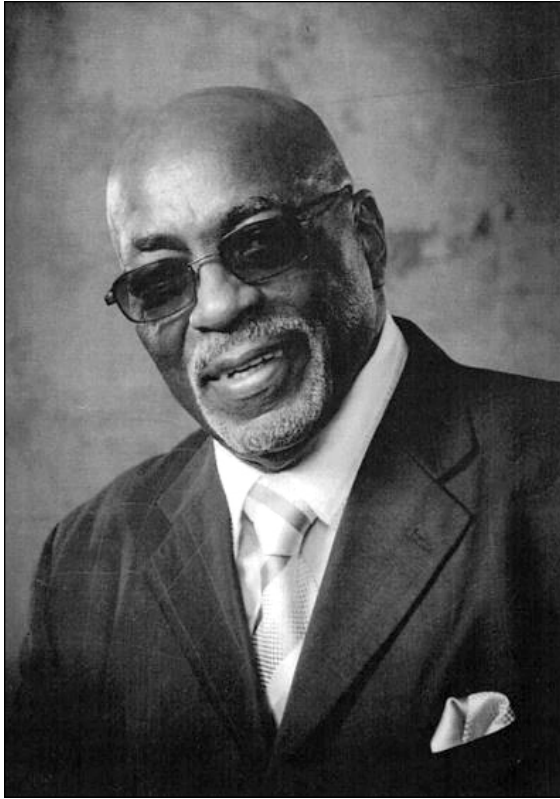
Kathleen Hogan Schenk began a lifetime of volunteer work with the Red Cross during World War II and in later years with the Girl Scouts, King's Daughters, Ohio Valley Medical Center, as a member of the Charter Guild of Wheeling Jesuit University, and serving on the board of directors of Wheeling Hospital, the Welty Home, Good Shepherd Nursing Home, and Mount de Chantel Visitation Academy. During her lifetime, she was a significant supporter of Mount de Chantel Visitation Academy, Wheeling Jesuit University, and Wheeling Hospital, again without public recognition.

The Schenk Charitable Trust was created upon the death of Albert F. Schenk, III in 1995 and substantially increased following the death of Kathleen Hogan Schenk in 2009. It is managed by the family of Albert and Kathleen Schenk. The Charitable Trust supports the annual Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration at Oglebay Park in honor of Albert Schenk, whose love of fireworks was well known. According to public filings, the Schenk Charitable Trust has more than \$8 million in assets and annually distributes hundreds of thousands of dollars for scholarships, capital improvements, and program assistance to educational and social service

agencies throughout the Wheeling area, greatly improving the lives of citizens of Wheeling.

Among the more significant recent grants in the area of health care are those to the Ohio Valley Medical Center Behavioral Health Center, Liza's Place, Reynolds Memorial Hospital, Wheeling Health Right, and Lazarus House. In the area of education are grants to Augusta Levy Learning Center, Bethany College, Wheeling Jesuit University, both Marshall County and Ohio County Schools, Wheeling Central Catholic High School, as well as Corpus Christi and St. Vincent de Paul elementary schools, and King's Daughters Child Care. In the area of social services are grants to Crittenton Services, Catholic Charities, Laughlin Chapel, Russell Nesbitt, Youth Services Systems, and the United Way. And in the area of quality of life are grants to Grow Ohio Valley, Oglebay Foundation, Oglebay Institute, Wheeling Symphony, and the City of Wheeling for the East Wheeling Chambers field.

No other private foundation in the Wheeling area comes close to the breadth and depth of grants made annually by the Schenk Charitable Trust.



Rev. Willie F. Stinson - *Education and Religion*

Rev. Willie F. Stinson was a man on a mission. Born in 1936 in Enterprise, Alabama, he grew up in Steubenville, Ohio, where he began laying the foundation for a lifetime of service. Excelling in sports as a student, he continued his football career with a stint playing for the Wheeling Ironmen semi-pro team in 1964 and 1965.

Continuing his education, Stinson graduated from the Oregon Institute of Technology and the Culinary Institute of America. In the U.S. Army, he served as an executive chef and chef instructor. After discharge, he worked as an executive chef for Waldorf Astoria Hotels and Resorts and as an instructor and regional director for the Culinary Institute of America. He later established the chef's apprentice program at the Community College of Allegheny County in Pittsburgh, where he served until he left to enter Christian ministry, answering God's call to change from feeding people's bodies to feeding their souls.

Rev. Stinson was licensed to preach in June 1986 and ordained as a minister of the gospel in June 1987. He earned a bachelor's degree in theology at Trinity College of the Bible, graduating in May 1990. Early in his ministry, he served churches in Washington, Pittsburgh, and Marianna, Pennsylvania. Moving to Wheeling in 1992, he and his wife, Evangelist Ruth Stinson, founded Agape Baptist Church, located at the corner of 14th and Jacob streets in East Wheeling. "Agape" is the Greek New Testament Bible word for God-like love. Stinson served as pastor there from February 1992 until his death in November 2018.

In his ministry at Agape, Rev. Stinson worked with young people at the church's youth center, counseled criminally challenged youth, and served as a mentor to both single and married adults and to other pastors. Under his leadership, the church completely renovated its building, established essential ministries, and reached out in mission to the neighborhood, community, and world.

Beyond the church walls, Rev. Stinson was a co-founder of the Black Ministerial Alliance in Wheeling in 1997, organized to foster cooperation among African-American clergy and their congregations. He also was instrumental in promoting changes that led the group to re-form in 2012 as the Upper Ohio Valley Ministerial Alliance, now open to all Christian clergy no matter what their race. Rev. Stinson played a key role in the process that led the City Council in 2014 to designate Stone Boulevard in Wheeling as Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, honoring the late civil rights hero.

In 2015, at the annual West Virginia Civil Rights Day ceremony in Charleston, Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin and the West Virginia Human Rights Commission honored Rev. Stinson for his work in helping to fulfill its stated mission of advancing civil rights through advocacy.

During his years as a Wheeling pastor, Rev. Stinson was an example to follow, an inspiration to all who knew him, a leader among people of faith, and a force for hope and progress in East Wheeling and the community at large. At his funeral on November 17, 2018, in his beloved Agape Baptist Church in Wheeling, a packed sanctuary, including black and white, rich and poor, prominent and unknown, a great variety of religious leaders and followers, elected officials, family, and friends from all over Wheeling, the Upper Ohio Valley and beyond, celebrated Rev. Willie Stinson's remarkable life with testimony after testimony to the influence he had on their individual lives and on the church and city he served.

Perhaps the late Rev. Stinson's own words sum up his life best: "All I have done and been through has made me truly a man on a mission for God, the youth, and my community through Agape Baptist Church – "The House that Faith Built."



Susan D. Vail - *Sports and Athletics*

Susan D. Vail was born in Wheeling May 11, 1941, the daughter of William F. and Shirley Nally Vail. As a youngster, her parents included Sue in their family activities, and it was apparent at an early age that she possessed the natural athletic ability to excel in golf, tennis, and swimming.

Sue continued to compete in both tennis and golf during her years at Triadelphia High School and later during her undergraduate years at West Virginia University. However, it was not until she graduated from West Virginia University in 1963 and Sue began teaching at the former Union High School in Marshall County that she elevated her golf game to a higher level of competition.

Sue's competitive career occurred during an era when women golfers did not have the opportunity to compete as professionals; however, Sue did compete nationally in United States Golf Association Women's amateur and senior play. She won the West Virginia Women's Amateur Championship eight times, in 1976, 1984, 1985, 1988, 1989, 1992, 1993, and 1998. Sue also won the West Virginia Senior Amateur seven times from 1991-97, for a total of 15 individual women's golf championships.

In recognition of her outstanding play throughout her career, Sue has been selected a total of 18 times to represent the Women's West Virginia Golf Association in the prestigious Virginias-Carolinas Team Matches where she was elected by the players as the team captain of the Virginias team in this classic team series.

Sue is a past member of the U.S. Girls' Championship Committee of the United States Golf Association and has served as secretary-treasurer of the Women's WV Golf Association.

The Upper Ohio Valley Dapper Dan Club honored Sue for her outstanding achievements, both on and off the golf course, and she was inducted into the Ohio Valley Legends of Golf. She was also recently named to the West Virginia Golf Hall of Fame.

Sue has a bachelor of science degree in English from West Virginia University and a master's of community education from Ball State University. Following graduation from WVU, she began a career in education where she taught for 37 years as a classroom teacher in both public schools as well as Department of Defense schools in Yokohama, Japan.

Upon retirement from the Ohio County Schools system, Sue was an adjunct faculty professor at Wheeling Jesuit University and an English teacher at Mount de Chantal Visitation Academy. It was during this period in her life when she decided to give back to women's golf, which had given so much to her, by starting the first women's golf team at Wheeling Jesuit University. Since that inaugural year of play, Sue has served as the head coach, a position she has held for the past 16 years. Under Coach Vail, the Cardinals women's golf team has won the WV Intercollegiate Athletic Conference women's golf crown twice and the Mountain East Conference crown four of the past seven years.

In 2016 Coach Vail was elected to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II Women's Golf Committee, representing the eastern region, where she was appointed by her peers to chair Division II women's golf among its national 302 member schools. Among her leadership responsibilities is to direct the eastern region NCAA Division II Women's National Collegiate Championship.

In addition to her accomplishments in the fairway Sue served as the charter chair of the Centre Market Commission, a member of the Wheeling Planning Commission, and as a director of the Wheeling Area Training Center for the Handicapped and the Children's Home of Wheeling.

HALL OF FAME

2017 INDUCTEES

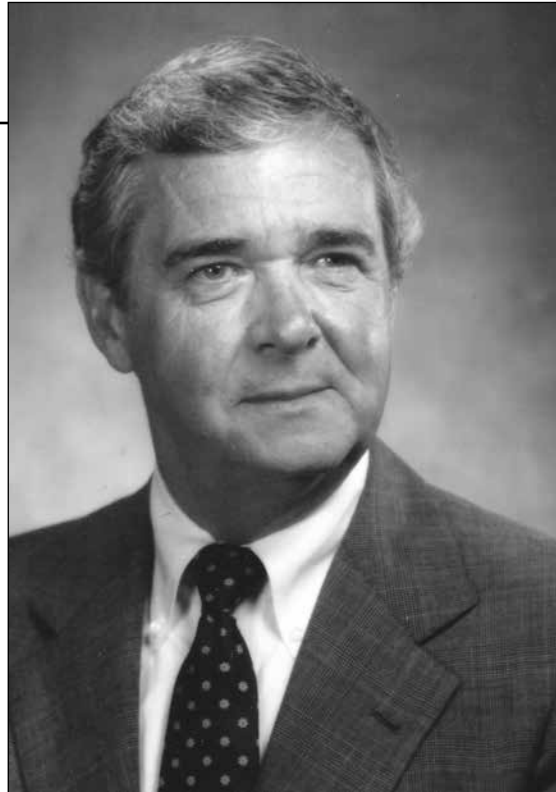


Margaret Ann "Peg" Brennan

1943 -

(EDUCATION AND RELIGION)

This consummate historian and archivist has brought Wheeling's history alive through formal and informal education. She was a 25-year member of the Sisters of St. Joseph and taught at her alma mater, Wheeling Central Catholic High School. With camera and notepad in hand, she has preserved local heritage and was the driving force in the creation of the Pierpont Statue and the reinstallation of the Civil War Statue – both at WV Independence Hall.

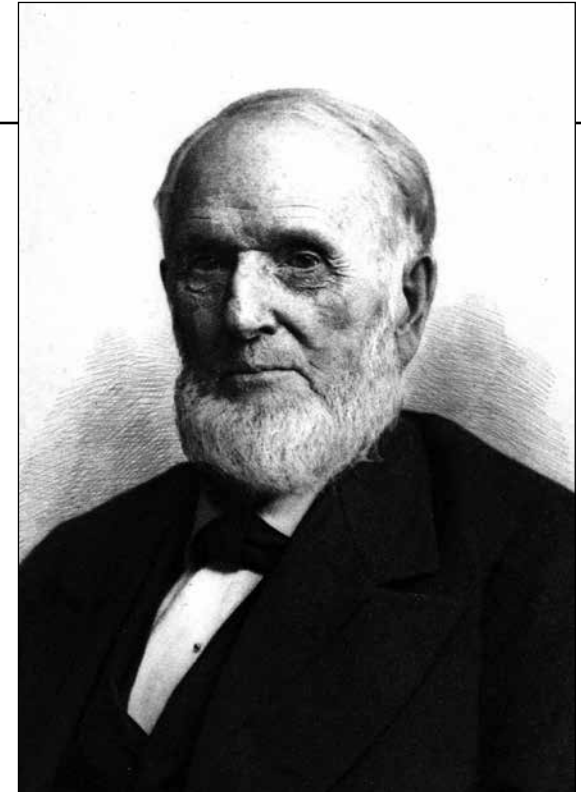


J. Ross Felton

1926 - 2017

(BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND PROFESSIONS)

This humble man's wide-ranging efforts led to the success of Jamboree USA, the creation of Jamboree in the Hills, the inspiration for the Festival of Lights, the founding of the Wheeling Convention and Visitors Bureau, the beginnings of Wheeling ice hockey from the Thunderbirds to the Nailers, and the formation of the Wheeling National Heritage Area Corporation – all leading to a more vibrant Wheeling community.



Dr. John Frissell

1810 - 1893

(BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND PROFESSIONS)

The state of medicine in 19th century Wheeling improved immensely with the 1836 arrival of Dr. John Frissell. He led his profession with innovative surgeries and cutting-edge techniques, such as the use of chloroform. As co-founder and medical superintendent of Wheeling Hospital, he treated military prisoners and soldiers during the Civil War. He also served as the first president of the State Medical Society of WV.

HALL OF FAME

2017 INDUCTEES



Betty Woods "Snookie" Nutting

1936 -

(PUBLIC SERVICE)

"Snookie" Nutting's work in historic preservation resulted in the renovation of 22 buildings in Wheeling and has inspired others locally, statewide, and nationally. She served as West Virginia's advisor to the National Trust for Historic Preservation, was a member of the state's Archives and History Commission, and was a founder of Friends of Wheeling, Preservation Alliance of WV, Vandalia Preservation Foundation, and the Victorian Landmarks Foundation.

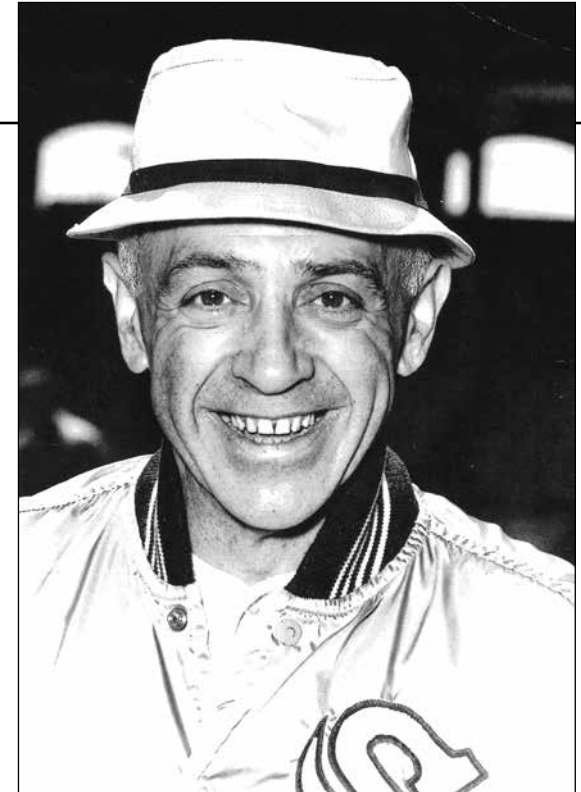


Mollie O'Brien

1952 -

(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

This Grammy Award winner is hailed as a folk, Americana, bluegrass, and R&B singer. First performing locally with her younger brother Tim (also a Grammy Award winner) and later with her husband Rich Moore, she has graced stages in the U.S., Europe, and South America, recorded several solo and duet albums, and often appeared on public broadcasting radio shows, typically focusing on the fading art of interpretation.



Charles P. Saad

1925 - 2014

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

As an athletic trainer, Charles Saad traveled the country with major and minor league baseball teams, major college athletic programs, and NBA basketball during a 30-year career that saw him with such professional teams as the Los Angeles Lakers, Chicago White Sox, Oakland A's, and California Angels and college teams at WVU, University of South Carolina, and West Point. After retiring, he continued a working relationship with the YMCA.

HALL OF FAME

2017 INDUCTEES

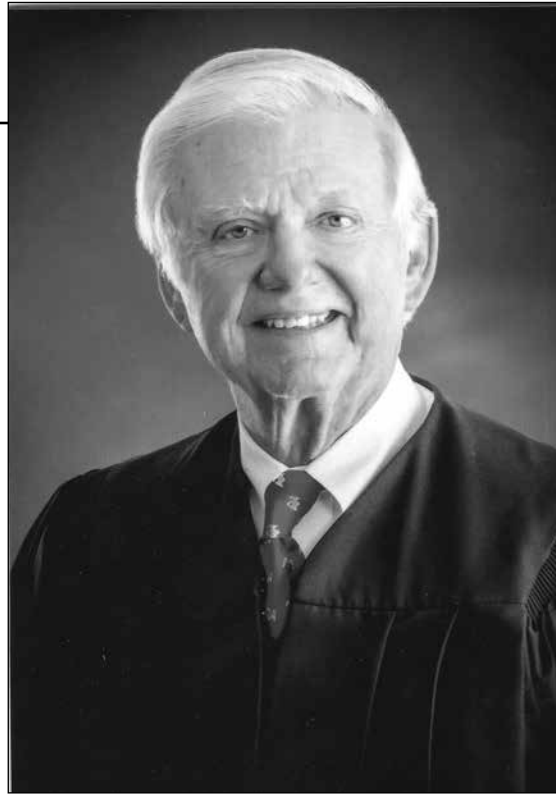


Harry S. & Helen Turner Sands

1867 - 1952 and 1865 - 1952

(PHILANTHROPY)

This couple established a trust of more than \$7 million to be used for public charitable and benevolent purposes in West Virginia. They also donated their farm, Sandscrest, to be devoted to educational, scientific, religious, charitable, or other public benevolent use. Their farm is now owned by the Sandscrest Foundation, Inc. and is used as a religious and spiritual retreat of the Episcopal Diocese for the state.

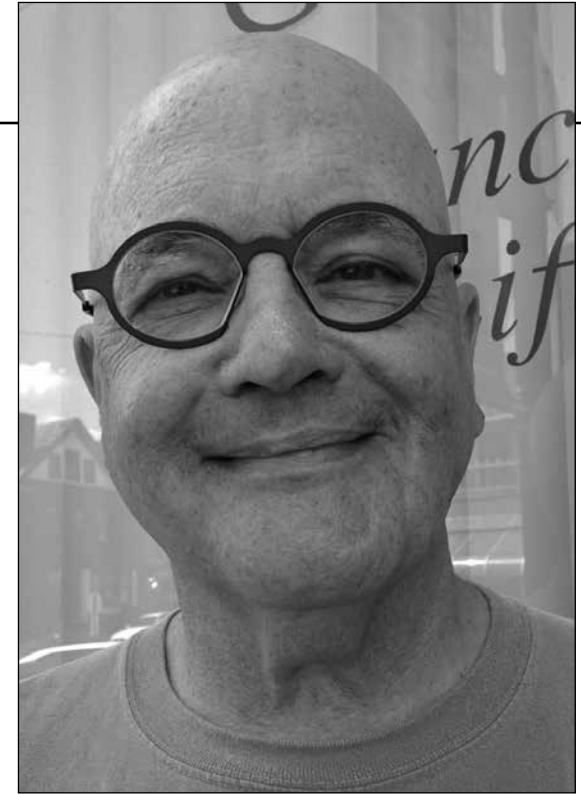


Judge Frederick P. Stamp, Jr.

1934 -

(PUBLIC SERVICE)

This judge of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of WV, beginning in 1990, served as chief judge of the district from 1994-2001. He also served in the state Legislature and the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws and as president of the state's Board of Regents and Bar Association. He developed the Judicial Scholars Program for high school youth and established the Stamp Public Law Fellowship at the University of Richmond School of Law.



Robert Villamagna

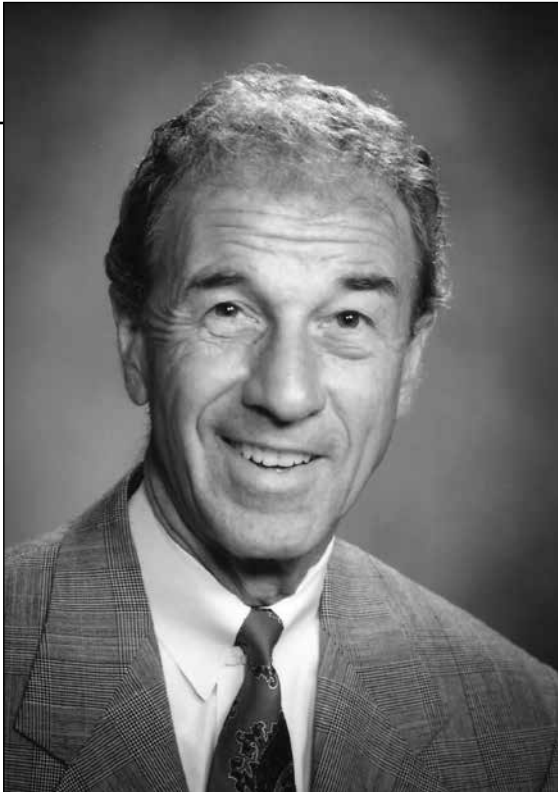
1948 -

(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

This 2016 WV Artist of the Year has had his iconic art selected for permanent museum collections and major juried art exhibitions. While serving as assistant professor at West Liberty University, he oversaw the Nutting Gallery exhibits. He also coordinated the creation of murals, public art installations, and beautification projects throughout the city, thus helping to strengthen Wheeling's image as a center for the arts in WV and the region.

HALL OF FAME

2015 INDUCTEES



Clyde D. Campbell

1930 -

(PUBLIC SERVICE)

Scientist, educator, wellness advocate, and civic activist, Clyde D. Campbell served as president of West Liberty State College, the Ohio County Board of Education, and the Ohio County Heart Association. He earned a doctorate in biochemistry at WVU and holds 31 national and international patents. His research explores the possible use of synthetic livestock feed as a solution to world hunger.



Allan Connolly

1944 -

(EDUCATION AND RELIGION)

Allan Connolly began his educational career in Ohio County Schools in 1965, teaching and coaching basketball at Clay Junior High. With the opening of Wheeling Park High School in 1976, he followed his students to teach and coach at Park. One year later, he was appointed assistant principal; he served in that capacity for the next 22 years, retiring in 1999.



Billy Cox

1941 -

(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

This legendary bass player has a permanent place in the history of rock 'n' roll, having performed with some of the most prominent blues and R&B acts of the 1960s, culminating with the Jimi Hendrix closing set on the storied stage at Woodstock. He was named to the Musicians Hall of Fame in Nashville and the WV Music Hall of Fame.

HALL OF FAME

2015 INDUCTEES



Mary Elizabeth Fassig (Keyser)

1905 - 1986

(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

This 20th Century Wheeling dance icon began on the national stage when vaudeville was king. She studied in New York and performed as a professional dancer and entertainer before returning to her hometown to establish the Fassig School of The Dance. Considered a demanding teacher, she was known for her discipline. Many of her students went on to become professional dancers.

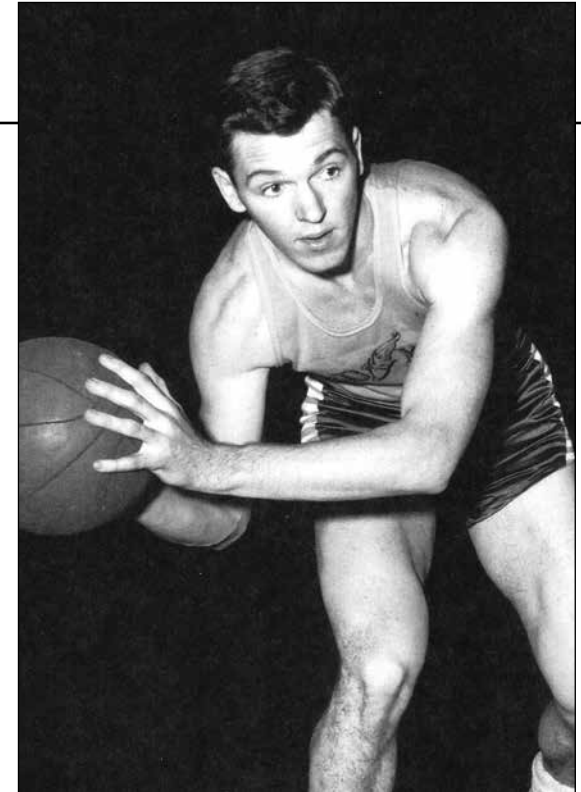


Frederick Faris

1870 - 1927

(BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND PROFESSIONS)

Called the dean of Wheeling's architecture, he studied art in Chicago and New York, then returned to Wheeling and began practice with partners Millard Giesey and Edward Bates Franzheim; he then worked alone for the last 20 years of his career. He designed the longest (Market Auditorium) and the tallest (Schmulbach Building) structures in the state at the time.



John B. "Jay" Handlan

1928 - 2013

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

This Triadelphia High graduate became one of the most prolific scorers in major college basketball history. Starting four seasons at Washington & Lee University, he earned Helms All-America honors as a junior and became the third major college player to score over 2,000 points. He scored a school and Southern Conference record 66 points in one game and led the nation in free throw shooting.

» HALL OF FAME «

2015 INDUCTEES



Susan Cox Hogan

1949 -

(PUBLIC SERVICE)

This social justice and arts champion at local, state, national, and international levels served in the Peace Corps in West Africa before becoming executive director of the Wheeling YWCA and then executive director of the Wheeling Symphony Orchestra. She was a Benedum Fellow, a delegate to the Conference on Women in Beijing, and a WV Commissioner for the Arts.

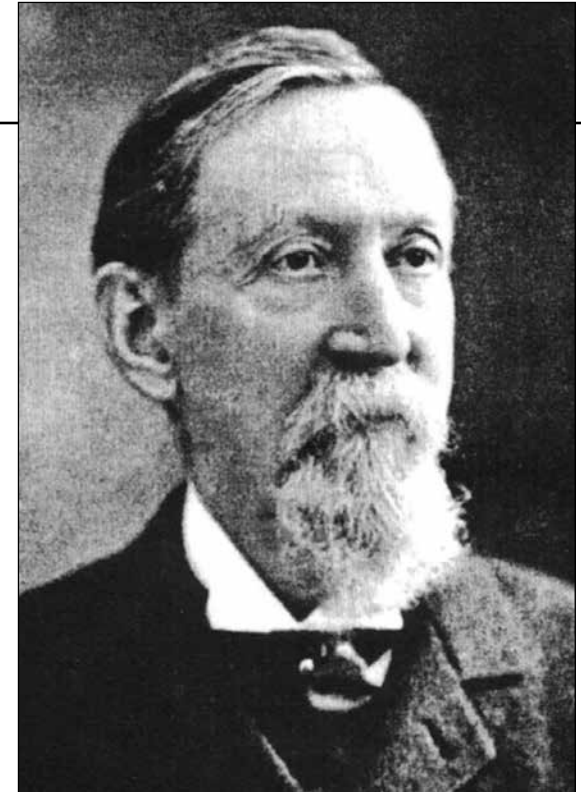


Dr. Arthur "Art" Rybeck

1923 - 2008

(PHILANTHROPY)

After graduation from Triadelphia High, Art attended WVU followed by military service in World War II and the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine on the G.I. Bill. In addition to private practice, he founded the Viewpoint Dental Clinic, working each Saturday with volunteer assistants to provide free dental services to those who otherwise could not afford them.



James Nelson Vance

1829 - 1913

(BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND PROFESSIONS)

Known as one of Wheeling's "Captains of Industry," J.N. Vance started in the iron and hardware business at age 24, then manufacturing railroad spikes and iron during the Civil War. Later, his company's innovations led to the birth of the steel industry in the state, with steel steam, gas, and water pipes sold to every civilized country in the world.

↻ HALL OF FAME ↻

2013 INDUCTEES



Rosemary Front

1940 - 2009

(PUBLIC SERVICE)

As someone who “sat taller in her wheelchair than many of us ever stood on two feet,” she built the small Wheeling Society for Crippled Children into a state-of-the-art rehabilitative service while also helping to ensure that adults with disabilities gained access to places and resources. She served as CEO of the Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center from 1969 to 1998.



Marc Harshman

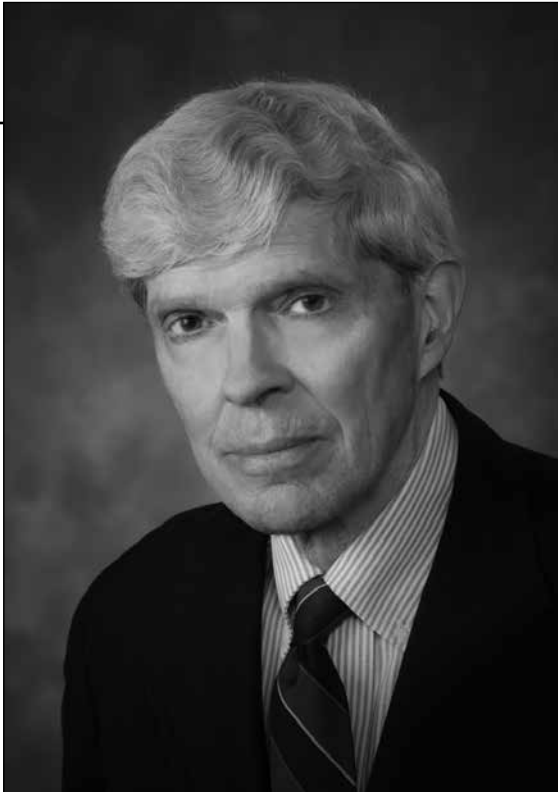
1950 -

(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

This poet, children’s book author, storyteller, and educator was named West Virginia’s seventh Poet Laureate in 2012, adding this honor to numerous other well-deserved awards and distinguished fellowships. His 11 books for children help teach life’s lessons; his poems have been published in hundreds of journals and anthologies; and his five books of poetry span 30 years of his work.

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2013 INDUCTEES

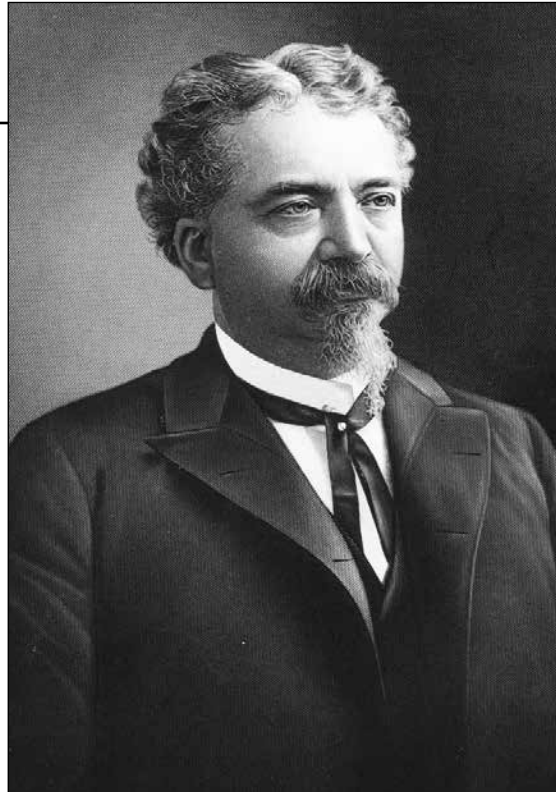


G. Ogden Nutting

1935 -

(BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND PROFESSIONS)

This newspaper publisher is the third generation of his family to direct the Ogden Newspapers. Under his leadership, the company has continued to expand to take advantage of opportunities in new markets in more than a dozen states, gaining him numerous awards of distinction. He is also a strong contributor to the community, serving on several boards and supporting scholarships and endowments.

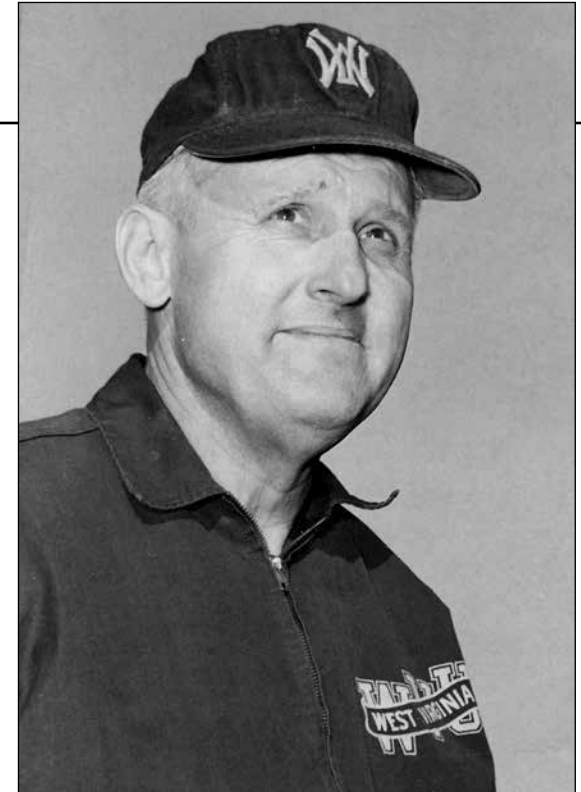


Augustus Pollack

1830 - 1906

(BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND PROFESSIONS)

With a motto of “work wins,” this German immigrant is best known for his Crown Stogies business, at one time the state’s largest cigar manufacturer. He valued his employees, paying them well and maintaining a progressive, open-door policy to address their concerns. He was memorialized in what is thought to be the only monument ever built by labor to honor a business owner.



Stanley Romanoski

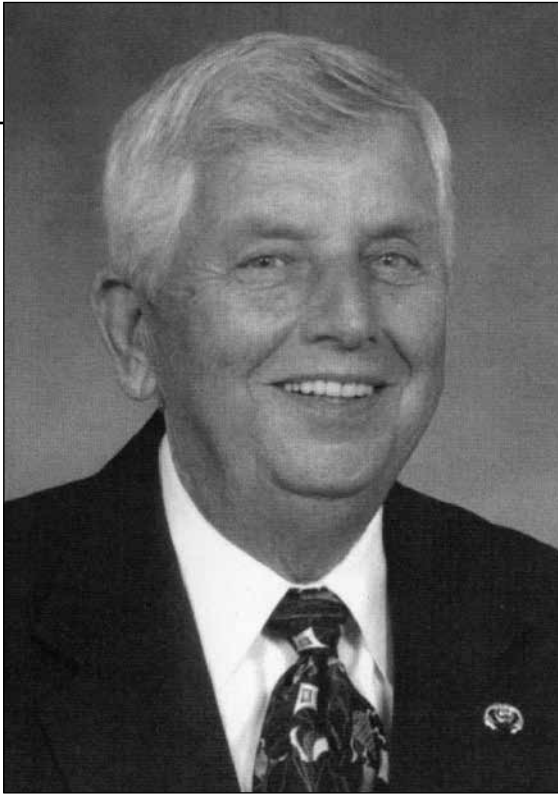
1918 - 2004

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

Called “Mr. Track and Cross Country,” this man’s coaching career spanned 40 years at the high school and college level, including 24 years at WVU. He was an ambassador and state pioneer for the sport and promoted running and track and field year-round. He successfully rebuilt two high school athletic programs and piloted more All-American trackmen than any other WVU coach.

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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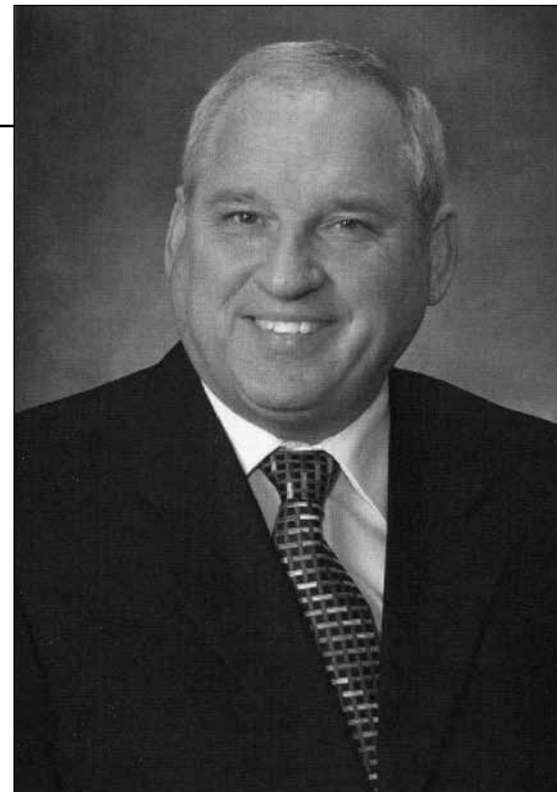


George W. Lutz

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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2011 INDUCTEES

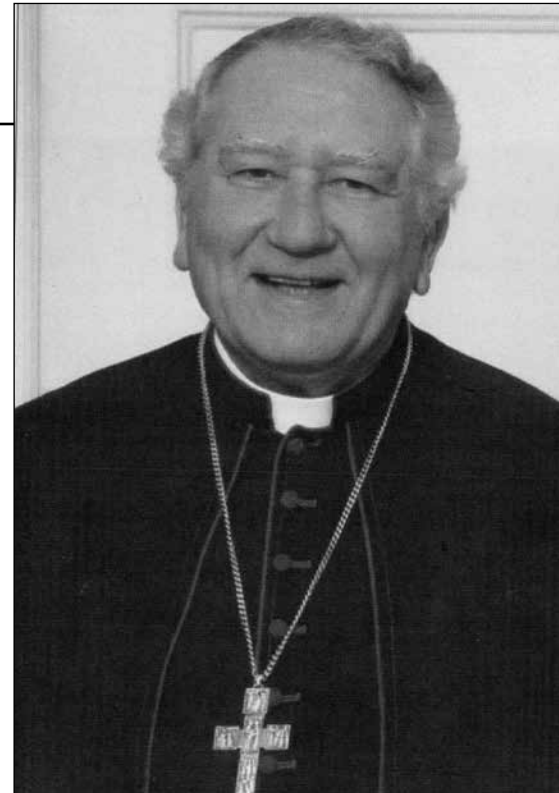


Dr. James Edmund Reeves

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.



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 16 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.

HALL OF FAME

2008 INDUCTEES



Stuart F. Bloch

1933 - 2017

(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 10 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

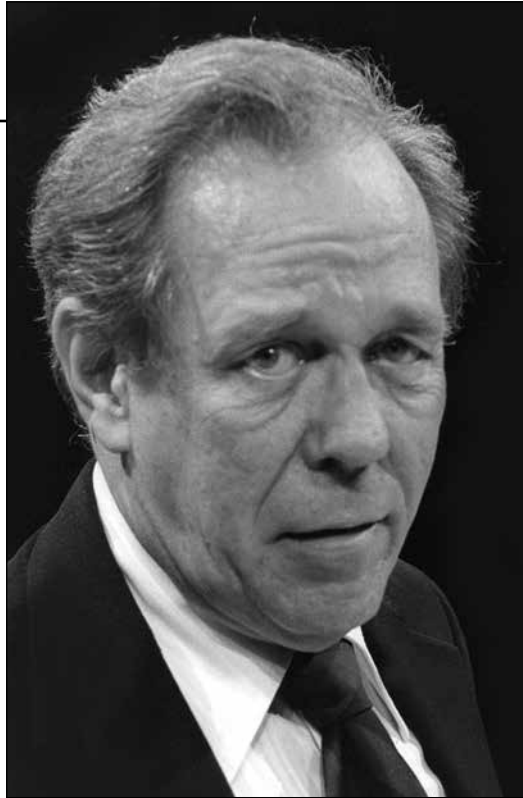
1941 -

(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.

HALL OF FAME

2008 INDUCTEES



Harold G. "Hal" O'Leary

1925 - 2018

(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

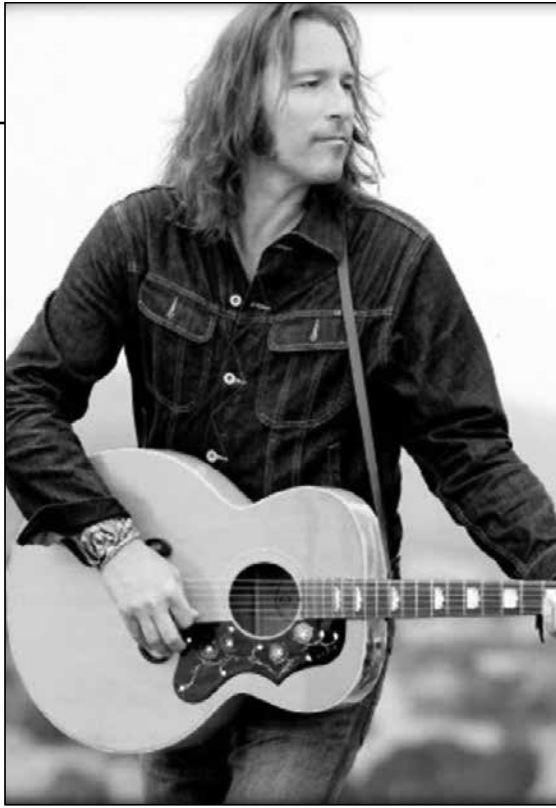
1937 -

(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 Rev. 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 eight years and Ohio County commissioner five 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.

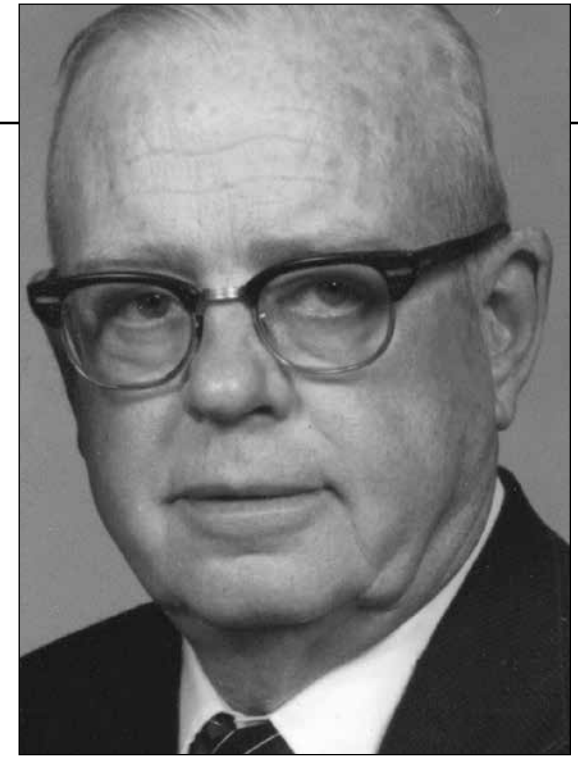


Rose M. Gacioch

1915 - 2004

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

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, INDUSTRY AND PROFESSIONS)

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 AND 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 AND 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.

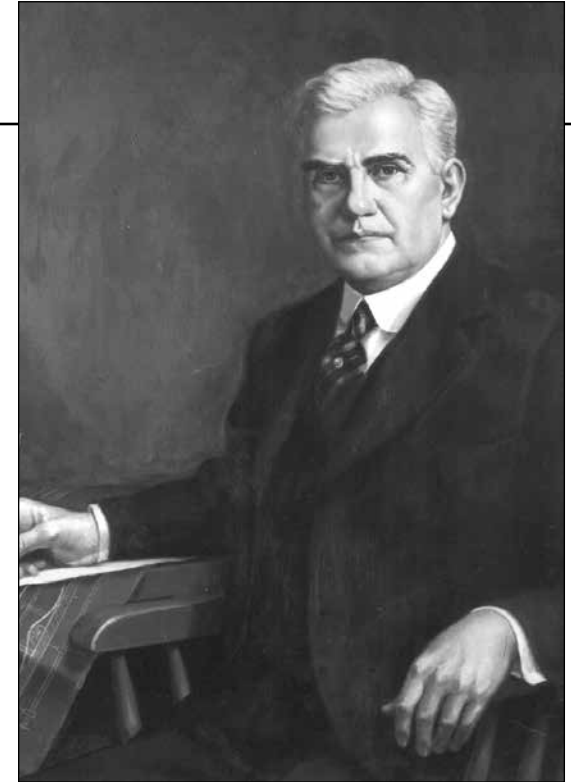


J. Loran Mercer

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

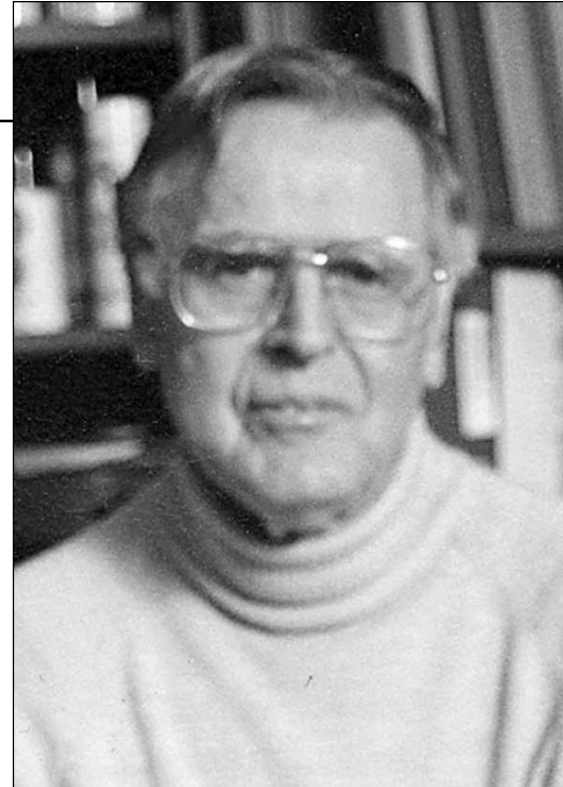


Bill Van Horne

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.

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2000 INDUCTEES

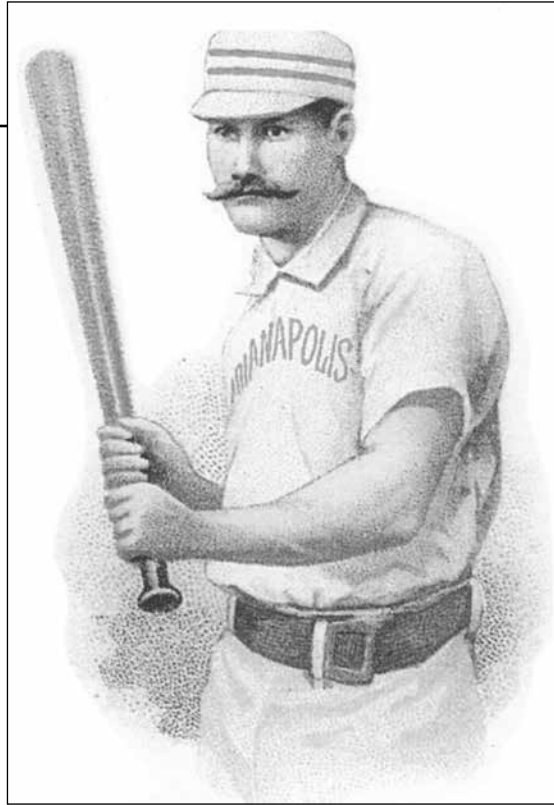


Helen B. Gaither

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 - 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

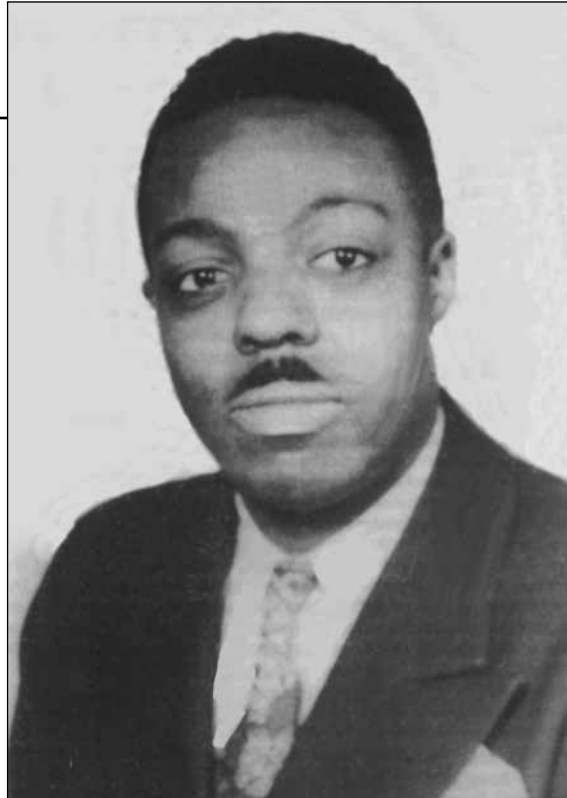
1911 - 1998

(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

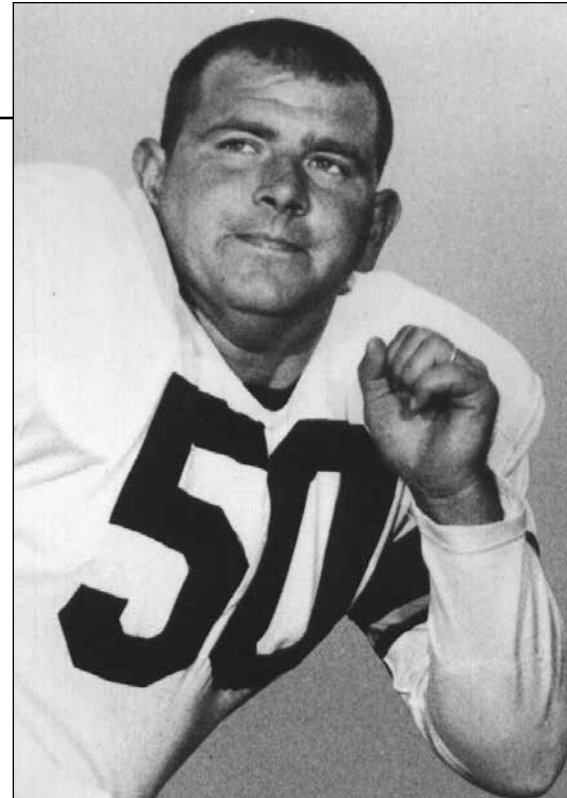


Phillip Nathaniel Reed

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 - 2013

(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.

↻ HALL OF FAME ↻

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

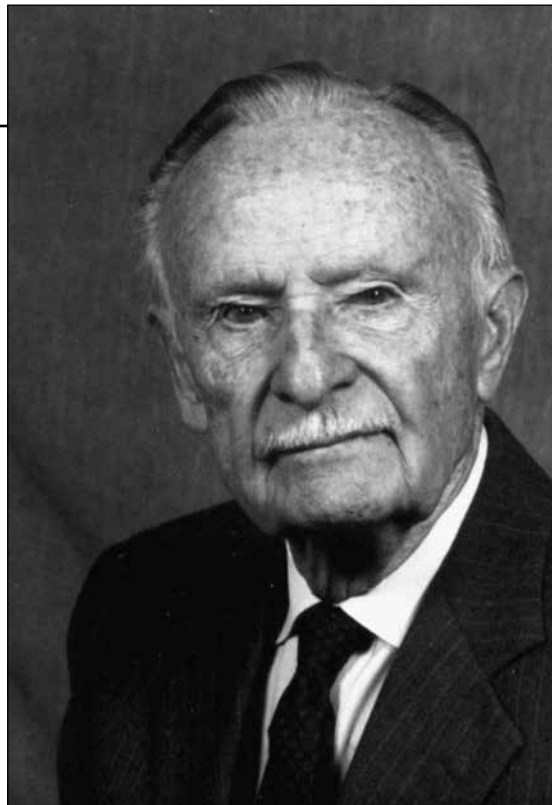


Sally Carroll

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.

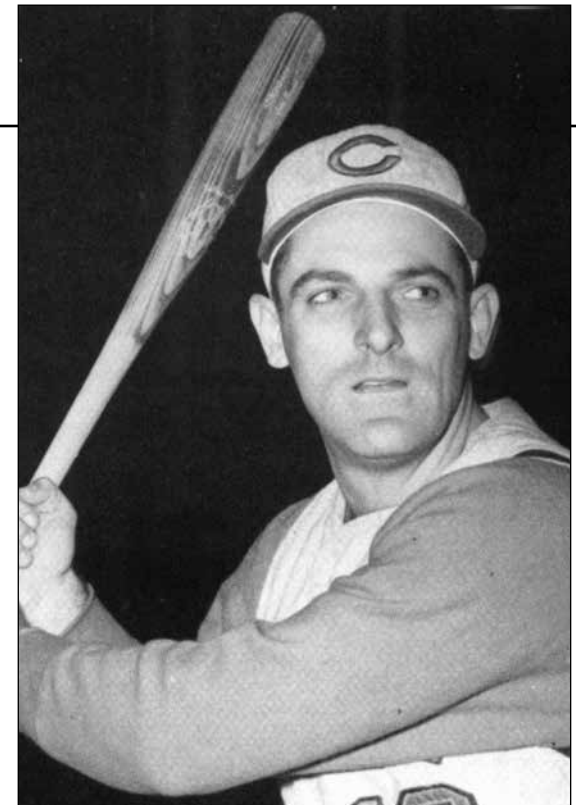


Ellis R. Dungan

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

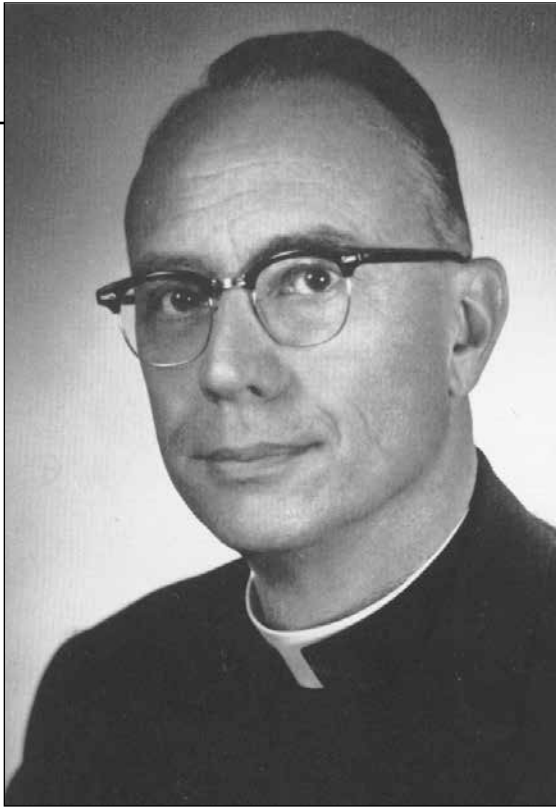
1934 - 2013

(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.

❖ HALL OF FAME ❖

1994 INDUCTEES

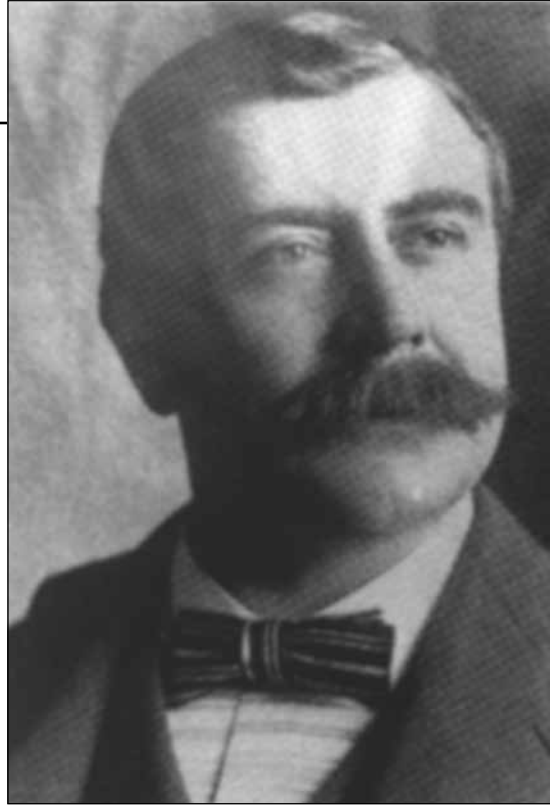


Rev. Clifford M. Lewis, S.J.

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.

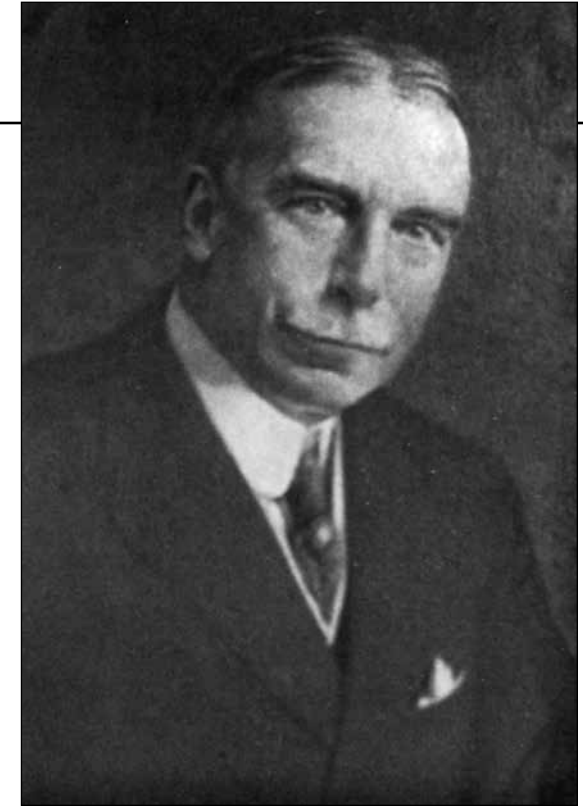


Harry C. Northwood

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

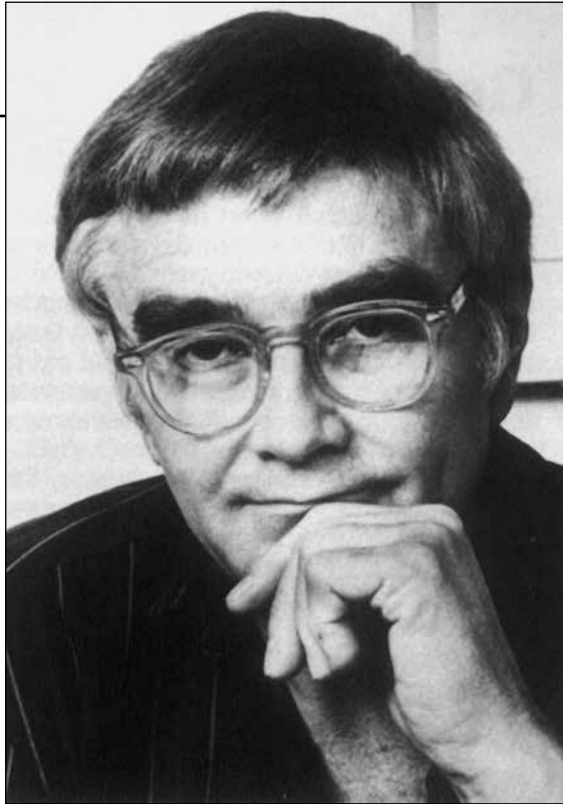
1851 - 1925

(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

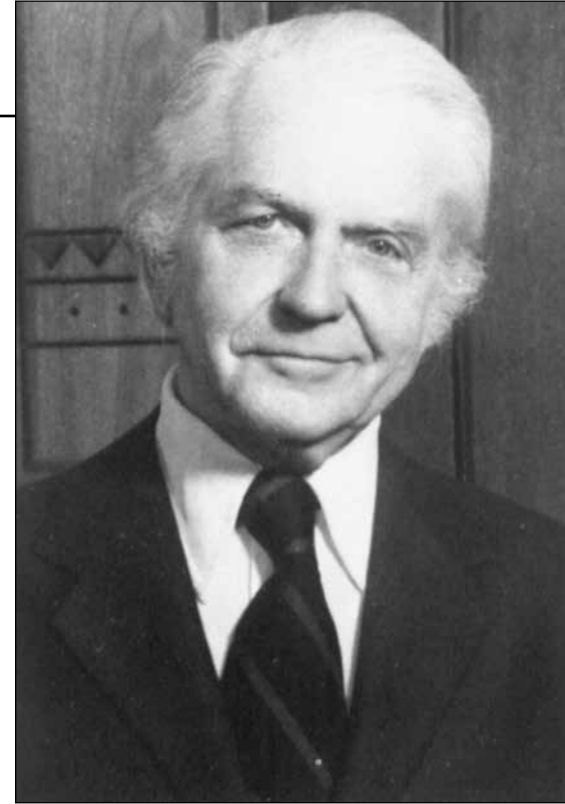


Budd Hopkins

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.

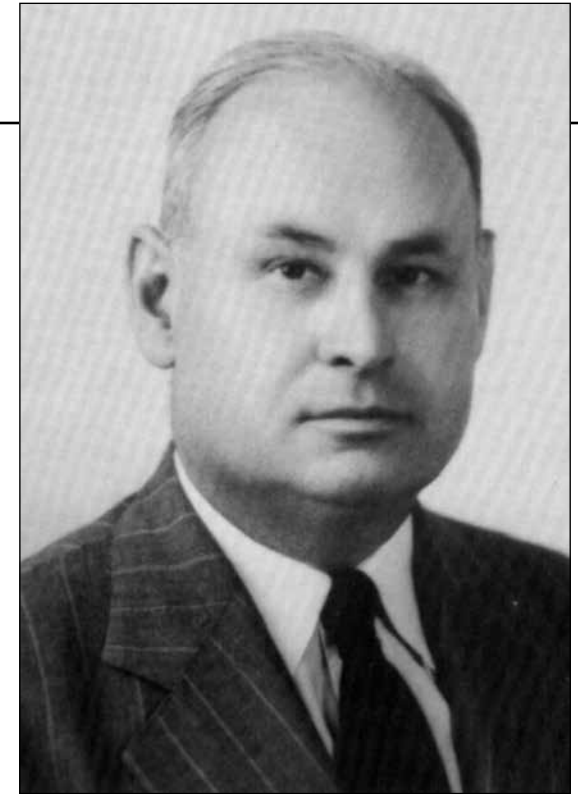


S. James Foti

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

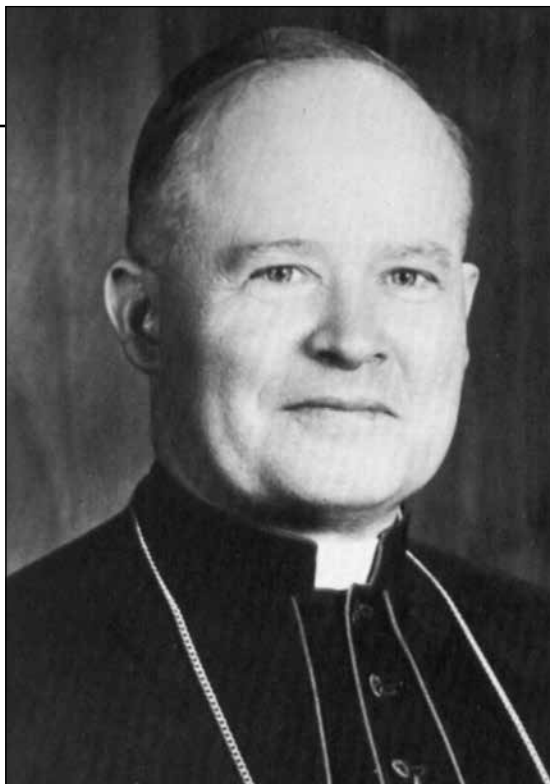


Chester R. Hubbard

1905 - 1984

(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.

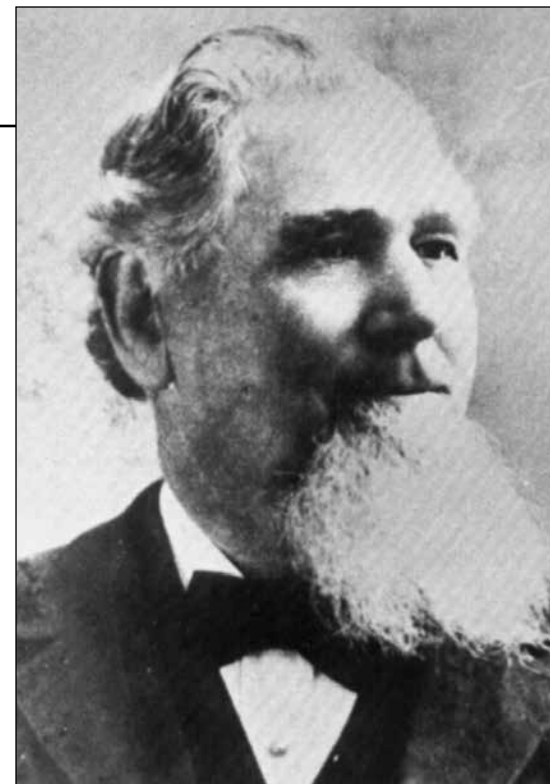


Bishop Joseph H. Hodges

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.

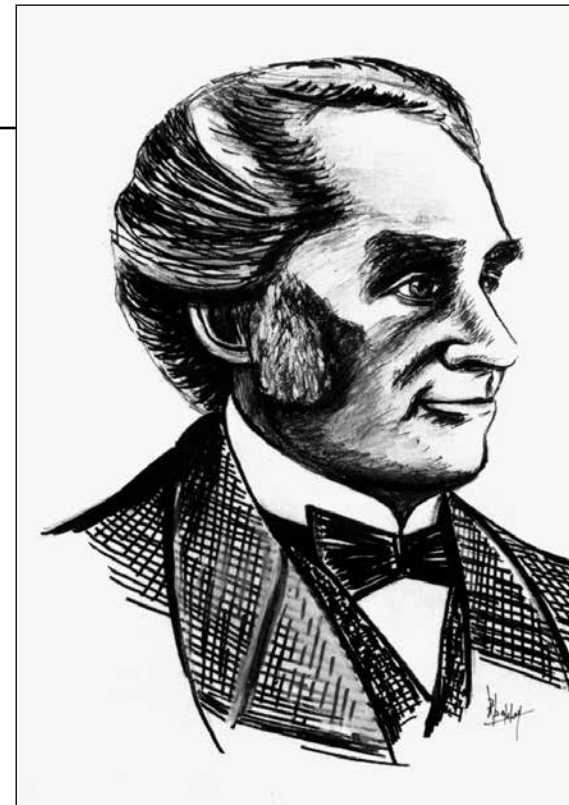


Dr. William S. Fulton

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 - 1989

(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

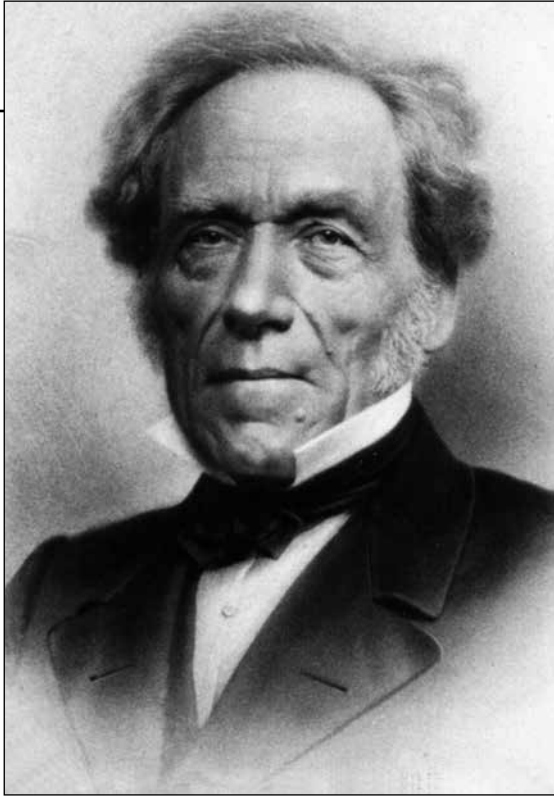
1863 - 1933

(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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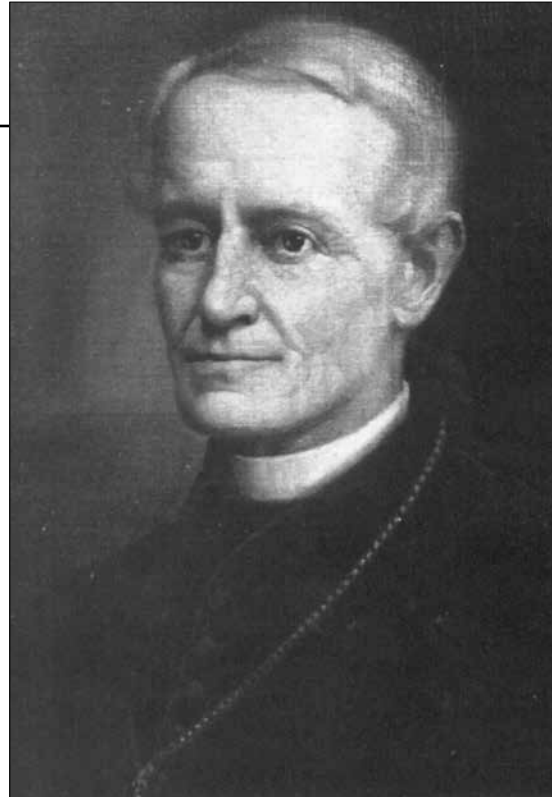


Wilbur E. Stone

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.

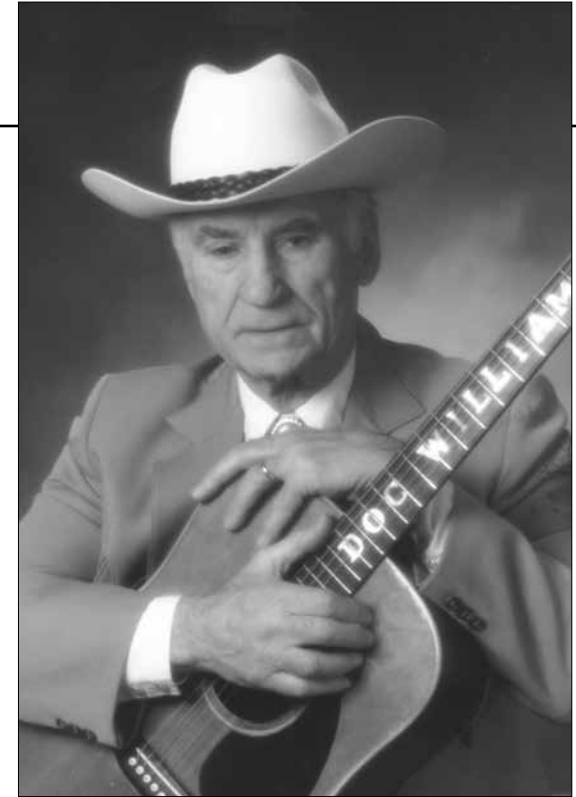


Bishop Richard V. Whelan

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, INDUSTRY AND PROFESSIONS)

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 1931) and two at Wheeling (1934 and 1937) – 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.

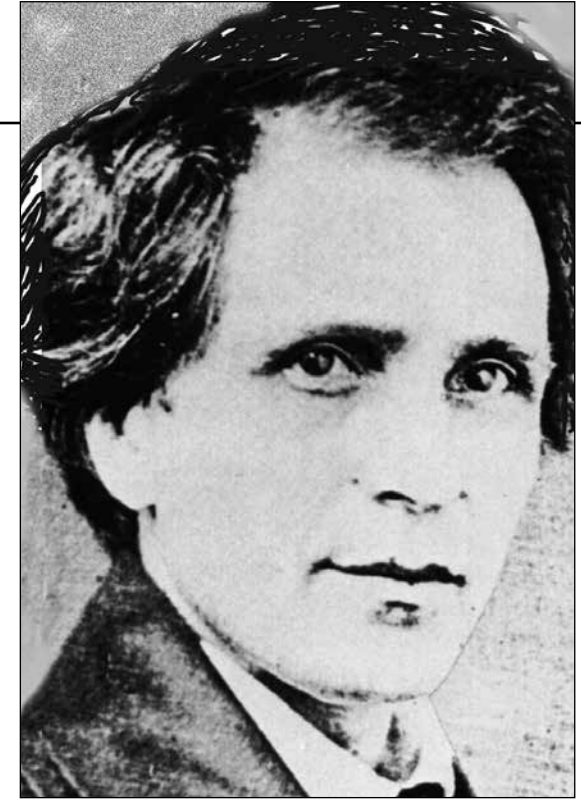


Harry C. Holbert Sr.

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.

HALL OF FAME

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.

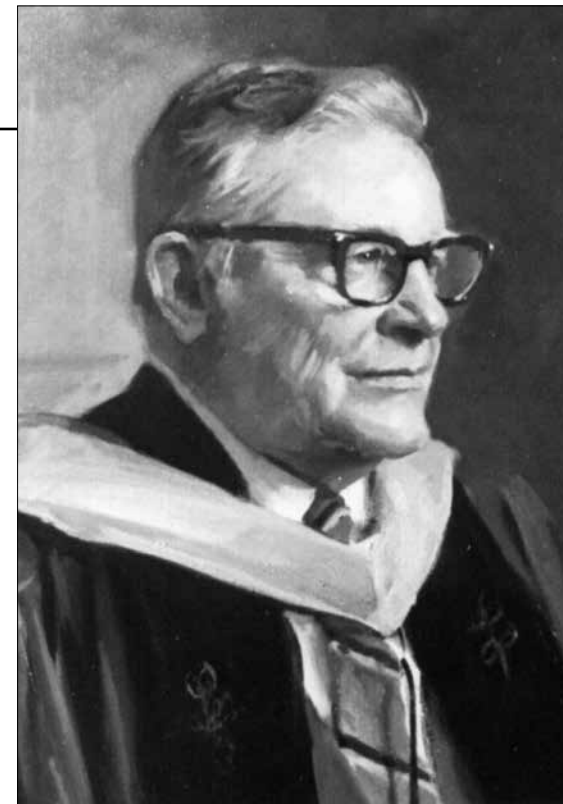


**Rt. Rev. Robert E. L.
Strider, D.D.**

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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1980 INDUCTEES

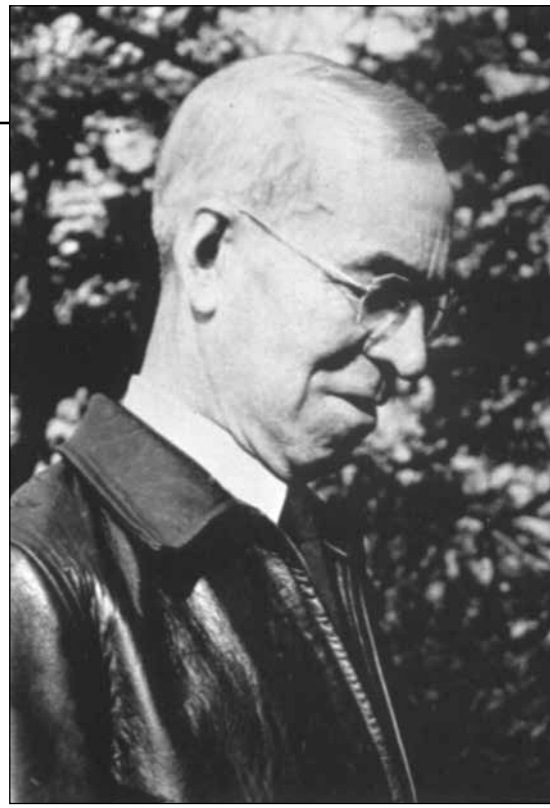


Levering C. Bonar

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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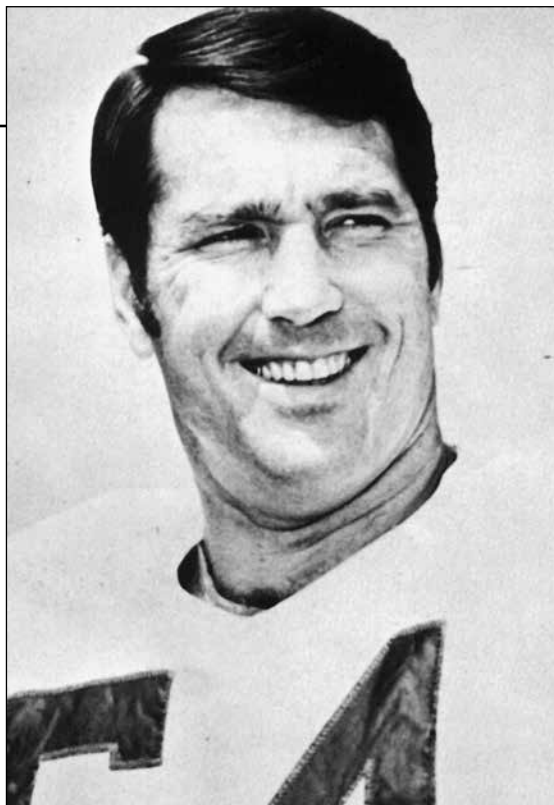


Alexander Glass

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.

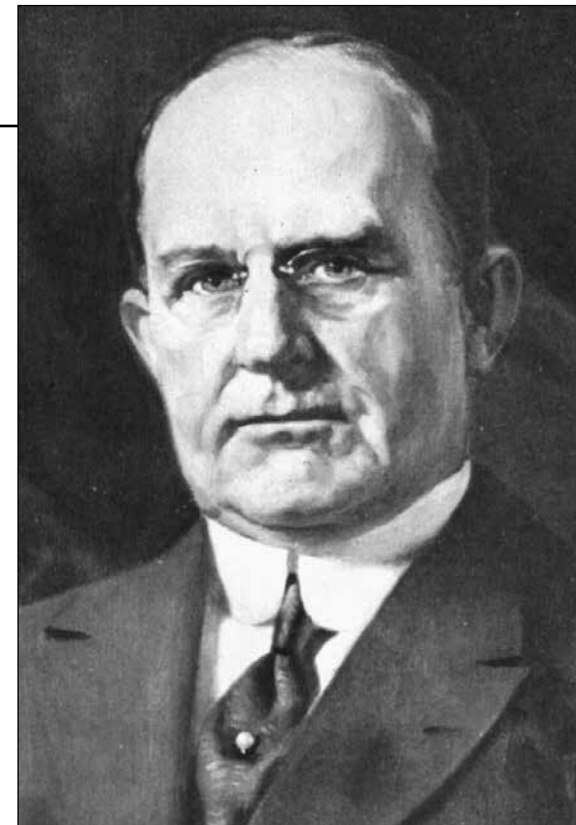


George J. Kossuth

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.

HALL OF FAME

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.

HALL OF FAME

1980 INDUCTEES



Eleanor Steber

1914 - 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.

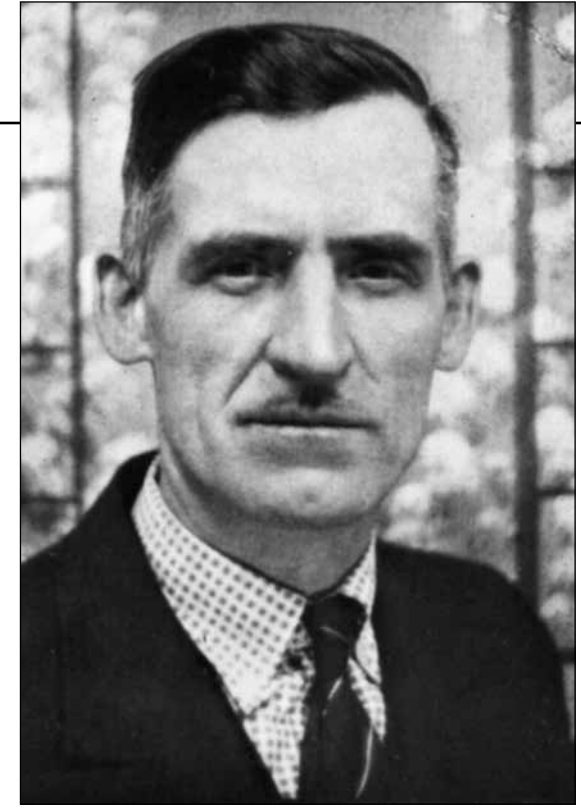


George E. Stifel

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

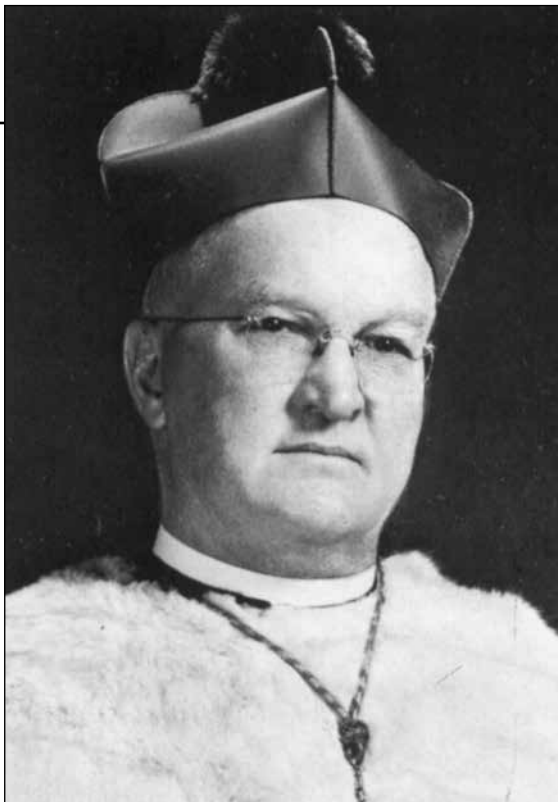
1894 - 1967

(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.

HALL OF FAME

1980 INDUCTEES



**Archbishop 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 50th 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 1930s 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.