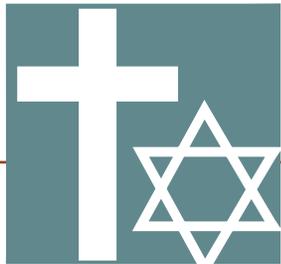


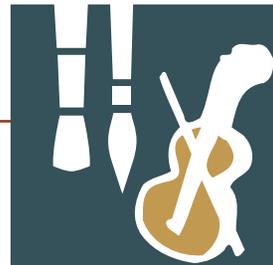


WHEELING

➤ HALL OF FAME ➤



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2015

Induction

May 30

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 15 years.

Three persons were named in each of the six categories. These 18 people were inducted into the Hall of Fame at a formal ceremony and dinner on April 13, 1980. The Hall of Fame Board later selected 12 additional people to be honored and these people were inducted on May 23, 1982. Ten more were inducted on May 20, 1984. Eight were officially added at ceremonies on October 26, 1986. Six inductees were enshrined on October 21, 1990. Five more were ushered into this distinguished company on November 29, 1992. Six people were inducted on November 20, 1994. Seven people were inducted into the Hall of Fame at ceremonies on September 20, 1998, eight on November 26, 2000, and five more on December 1, 2002. Six honorees were inducted in 2004, five in 2006, six in 2008, seven in 2011 and five in 2013. The current group of nine honorees brings the total number of people enshrined in the Wheeling Hall of Fame to 123.

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

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

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

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

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

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

In January 1996, James Seibert was elected chairman. James Haranzo was elected Secretary-Treasurer. In February 1999, S. J. “Dick” Dlesk was elected chairman, Patricia Pockl was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

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



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Wheeling Hall of Fame Board Officers

Chairman - Jim Squibb

Vice Chairman - Robert DeFrancis

Secretary-Treasurer - Patricia Pockl

Wheeling Hall of Fame Board

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

Education and Religion - Dianna Vargo, chairperson; Patricia Pockl and Bob Willits

Music and Fine Arts - Robert DeFrancis, chairperson; Bettie Steele and Maureen Zambito

Philanthropy - F. Wayne Barte, chairperson; Gary Sacco and C.J. Kaiser

Public Service - Jim Squibb, chairperson; Jay Frey and David Javersak

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

Wheeling City Council Representative - Don Atkinson



2015 Induction Ceremony **May 30, 2015**

Sports and Athletics - John B. (Jay) Handlan
Business, Industry and Professions - Frederick Faris
Philanthropy - Arthur Rybeck
Music and Fine Arts - Billy Cox
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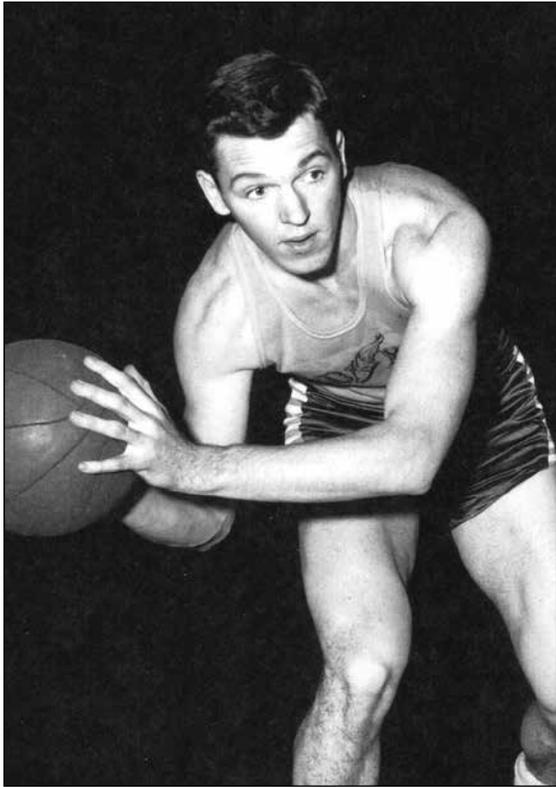
➤ PROGRAM ➤

National Anthem - *Jordan Crow*
Invocation - *The Reverend Bob Willits*
Master of Ceremonies - *Jim Squibb, Chairman, Wheeling Hall of Fame Board*
Official Welcome from the City of Wheeling
Induction of Honorees Into the Wheeling City Hall of Fame - *By Hall of Fame Board Members*
Responses - *By Hall of Fame Inductees or their Representatives*
Closing Remarks - *Jim Squibb*
God Bless America - *Adelaide Estep*
Benediction - *The Reverend Bob Willits*



Wheeling City Council

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



John B. “Jay” Handlan - *Sports and Athletics*

Jay Handlan left his mark in the sports world as one of the all-time most prolific basketball scorers in major college history.

The 1946 Triadelphia High School graduate became only the third major college player to score more than 2,000 career points. He capped his four-year, 94-game Washington & Lee career on March 1, 1952, by scoring 15 points against Southern Conference rival West Virginia in his final game to reach the 2,002 point mark. The 6-foot-2, 190-pound forward averaged 21.3 points a game for his career at the Lexington, Va., college.

Handlan's most productive year was as a junior when he averaged 26.2 points a game to nose out conference rival, All-American Mark Workman of West Virginia University, for second place nationally. He scored a school, and Southern Conference, record 66 points (49 in the first half) against Furman – then the third highest-ever mark by a major college player. In that game, he took 71 goal attempts (made 30), which remains the oldest NCAA Division 1 record. He also led the nation in free throw accuracy as a junior with an 86.0 per cent mark and set an NCAA record with a perfect 18-for-18 from the free throw line vs. Virginia.

Handlan's scoring marks for season and career average remain the records at Washington & Lee, while his total points are No. 2 in school history behind Dom Flora's 2,310. Handlan was ranked in the Top 16 in the nation in scoring all four seasons at W&L. He was twice featured for his scoring records in the nationally syndicated “Ripley's Believe It Or Not” newspaper feature.

Handlan earned Helms Foundation All-America second team honors as a junior and was three times an honorable mention All-American. He twice was All-Southern Conference and four times earned All-

Virginia college honors. He was team captain as a junior and senior and was inducted into the Washington & Lee Sports Hall of Fame in 1990.

As a college senior, he decided to become a multi-sport athlete and was a kicker-punter for the Generals. In the 1951 upset of unbeaten Virginia, he kicked all six extra points. He was offered a tryout as a kicker with the Cleveland Browns. He also lettered in track.

Handlan was drafted in 1952 by the Indianapolis Olympians of the National Basketball Association but opted to play in the National Industrial Basketball League for the Akron Goodyear Wingfoots. The NIBL attracted many college standouts since they provided full-time jobs in addition to the professional contracts for the athletes. Handlan played four years in the NIBL and earned league All-Star honors in 1954 when he led Akron in scoring with a 12.4 norm.

He was born February 2, 1928, in Wheeling, and the family resided in the Woodsdale and Highland Park areas. After attending Linsly Military Institute as a freshman, Handlan enrolled at Triadelphia for his final three years. He earned 12 varsity letters in four sports – three each in basketball, football and track; two in tennis; and one in swimming. In basketball, he earned All-City and All-OVAC honors and was honorable mention All-State. After high school, he served three years in the U.S. Army before enrolling at Washington & Lee.

After his athletic career ended, he eventually became president of one of the nation's largest technical service firms in Philadelphia while residing in Haddonfield, N.J. Handlan joined Day & Zimmerman in 1966 as an H.L. Yoh Co. division production manager. He remained with H.L. Yoh for 25 years and retired as the company president and board member of Day & Zimmerman in 1991. He passed away on January 10, 2013.



Frederick Faris – *Business, Industry and Professions*

Born in 1870 in St. Clairsville, Ohio, Frederick Faris was once called “the dean of Wheeling’s architects.” His father, J.A. Faris, was an artist, and he, too, was known for his portraits and landscapes including those of Ft. Henry and Oglebay Mansion.

Educated in Wheeling’s public schools, Faris had no formal training in architecture. His natural ability made him a master of the profession. He studied art in Chicago and New York, then returned to Wheeling where he became a draftsman with architect E.W. Wells. In 1902 he formed a partnership with noted Wheeling architects Edward Bates Franzheim and Millard Giesey, but spent the last 20 years of his career working alone.

After serving in the West Virginia Legislature from 1912 to 1914, Faris returned to Wheeling where he continued his public service by donating his talents for free to design public buildings, including Wheeling and Triadelphia high schools and Madison elementary school.

He was a 32nd degree mason and served the Scottish Rite Temple that he designed. He also was a Knight Templar and a member of the Elks Lodge No. 28 and the Osiris Temple of the Shrine.

Frederick Faris designed the longest (Market Auditorium) and the tallest (Schmulbach Building) buildings in the state at the time. Cranmer’s “History of Wheeling” said of him, “Mr. Faris is not only an artist in his work, but the construction and practical part is shown by some of the difficult work which he has constructed.”

Faris was listed in “Who’s Who in West Virginia in 1916” and “Progressive West Virginians” in both 1905 and 1923. An entire issue of “The Ohio Architect, Engineer, and Builder” was dedicated to his work in 1915.

His design work also included the Vineyard Hills Housing Project, the Laconia Building, Wheeling Country Club (now Stratford Springs), the Wagner Wholesale Grocery (now Main Street Bank), the YMCA (now Maxwell Center), the former Ohio County Public Library, the Children’s Home (no longer standing), the Wheeling Electric Company, the First National Bank of West Virginia, and the Wheeling Intelligencer building. Residences designed by him include the Howard Mansion and Apartments, the Cathedral residence, Mt. Carmel Monastery, and the homes of Otto Schenk and Charles Hancher. He also designed the Formosa Apartments, the entrance to the Schmulbach estate, the McLain Apartments, and the summer home of William Pfarr, whose estate is located along Millionaires Row near Oglebay Park.

Faris designed the North Wheeling Hospital (no longer standing), the Wheeling Water Pumping Station, the Central Union Building, the Brown Brothers Building, the Ohio County Airport terminal, and the Exposition Hall at the Wheeling Fairgrounds. His work also included Shotwell Hall at West Liberty University.

Frederick Faris died of complications of strep throat in 1927. After months of enduring the illness, but continuing his work, Faris was admitted to Ohio Valley General Hospital. When stricken with his illness, he had just completed plans for the Home for the Aged in Warwood. He was survived by his wife, Nellie Edgerter. They had no children.

The newspaper said of him, “Mr. Faris was a very public-spirited citizen and did much to further the advancement, both material and idealistic, of the city. The many beautiful buildings for which he drew the plans stand as a memorial to Mr. Faris who succeeded in each endeavor to add to the architectural beauty of the city.”



Dr. Arthur Rybeck - *Philanthropy*

Dr. S. Arthur “Art” Rybeck Jr. was born August 2, 1923, on Wheeling Island, the son of Samuel and Rosalind Rybeck. During his youth, Art and his family moved to a farm on Cherry Hill Road, where he developed his love for the outdoors, and spent his summers camping on Colonel Oglebay’s Waddington Farm, which would eventually become Oglebay Park. When Oglebay Institute was established, Art and his younger brother Walter enrolled as the Institute’s first youth members and became devoted students of Oglebay’s first naturalist, A.B. Brooks.

Following his graduation from Triadelphia High School in 1941, Art attended West Virginia University until 1943 and then served in the Army Signal Corps during World War II. During his military service, Art studied electronics at Philadelphia’s Drexel Institute followed by service in France, the Philippines, and finally the military occupation of Japan.

After his military service, in 1945 Corporal Rybeck returned to the United States and entered the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine on the GI Bill. After earning his Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree in 1950, Dr. Rybeck opened his first dental practice in the Laconia Building in downtown Wheeling and in 1981 entered into a practice with Dr. Donald Lough and co-founded Gentle Dental Care on Washington Avenue.

Throughout his career, Dr. Rybeck passionately studied, improved, and shared new approaches to community health and nutrition, especially as related to good dental health. In the early 1970s he co-invented dental equipment that he patented and distributed to dentists internationally. In the early 1980s, he was invited to China where he introduced flossing and preventative care at Chinese dental schools.

Given his philanthropic nature to give back to the community for which he cared so much, Dr. Rybeck founded the Viewpoint Dental Clinic at the lodge on his New Dawn Farm in Triadelphia. From its start in 1998 until his passing in 2008, on most Saturdays Dr. Rybeck, with the help of volunteer dental assistants, provided free dental services to anyone in need who arrived at the clinic.

The Viewpoint Dental Clinic was a complete dental facility with an open floor plan, looking out over the rolling hills of the Ohio Valley through a wall of glass. As horses brushed up against the clinic windows, Dr. Rybeck treated two patients at a time, pivoting between dental chairs that faced one another. If one patient needed to learn about flossing or some other good dental hygiene practice, Dr. Rybeck would invite other patients and anyone waiting to gather around for the lesson. That unconventional clinic scene became the subject of an award-winning 2002 documentary titled “Dental Farmer.”

Together with his wife of 57 years, Sivia Brody Rybeck, they raised five children in their home on Birch Avenue; Charles, Dan, Blanche, Abe, and Ted. Art was a lifetime congregant of Temple Shalom, an active supporter for all Oglebay Institute programs, the founder of a non-profit to reform West Virginia’s tax structure to make it more equitable, a 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason, and a member of the Chamber of Commerce and its Leadership Wheeling program, the WV Silver-haired Legislature, the Ohio Valley Peace Group, the Brooks Bird Club, and numerous health care and professional dental associations.

Active to the end, Dr. Rybeck was treating patients at the Viewpoint Dental Clinic until the day before he passed away on January 18, 2008.



Billy Cox - *Music and Fine Arts*

Billy Cox is synonymous with almost any reference to Jimi Hendrix and rock 'n' roll history. They truly can be described as legendary.

From their Army days together, Billy would have an extended friendship with Hendrix. The kindred spirits had a musical chemistry that was nurtured throughout the years, as both performed regularly as sidemen for the most prominent blues and R&B acts of the day. The bond between the two men would write a new chapter in music history, highlighted by their appearance at the music festival called The Woodstock Music & Art Fair or, simply, Woodstock.

During the August 1969 event, held on a dairy farm in New York, 32 acts performed outdoors before an audience of 400,000 young people. It is widely regarded as a pivotal moment in popular music history. Rolling Stone magazine listed it as one of the "50 Moments That Changed the History of Rock and Roll." And this Wheeling native was on that stage. In fact, he and Hendrix closed out the festival.

Billy Cox's father was a Baptist minister and teacher of mathematics, and his mother was a classical pianist. He was born in Wheeling on October 18, 1941. His official biography says he was blessed with the best of both worlds. One world revolved around the strong intellectual discipline of his father, and the other world revolved around the loving tenderness and sensitivity of his mother. He attended Wheeling's Lincoln School and says he has many good memories of his hometown.

Growing up in Wheeling, Cox enjoyed musical influences that included classical, gospel, and country via the WWVA Jamboree. During his early teen years, Billy's family moved to Pittsburgh. After high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division. It was there that Billy met and became friends with Jimi Hendrix. After both were discharged, Billy and Jimi played at local night spots in cities and towns in the South and Midwest. The two finally settled in Nashville and formed The King Kasuals Band.

Between 1962-68, Billy's bass playing was in high demand, and he played behind some of the greatest musicians of the time, including Sam Cooke, Charlie Daniels, Rufus Thomas, Lou Rawls, Etta James, Jackie Wilson, and Little Richard, in house bands, touring bands, or during recording sessions. During this period, Billy also played bass on half of all the black gospel music recorded in Nashville. He also played in sessions with country or folk musicians.

Cox played bass on the pioneering R&B television shows, Nashville's "Night Train" and then "The!!!! Beat" from Dallas. In 1969, Hendrix called his old friend Cox, who joined him in New York as his studio bassist. Their first job was at Woodstock. After the break-up of the Jimi Hendrix Experience, Cox became a member of Hendrix's experimental group, tentatively titled Gypsy Sun and Rainbows. Hendrix then formed another group with Cox and Buddy Miles, the Band of Gypsys. The Band of Gypsys was a power trio that fused blues and hard rock. Rolling Stone magazine in its 20th anniversary issue in 1987 cited the Band of Gypsys concert as one of the 10 greatest concerts of all time.

As of November 12, 2008, Cox was the only surviving member of both The Jimi Hendrix Experience and the Band of Gypsys. He currently plays with the Experience Hendrix, a touring Hendrix tribute band featuring top guitarists and former Hendrix collaborators. Billy's solo album, "Last Gypsy Standing," was released in 2009. He was inducted into the Musicians Hall of Fame in Nashville the same year.

Today, Billy Cox owns a video production company in Nashville. He has produced numerous blues and a myriad of gospel shows. He co-authored the books "Jimi Hendrix Sessions" and "Ultimate Hendrix." In 2011, Billy was inducted into the West Virginia Music Hall of Fame. That same year, Billy released his latest album, "Old School Blue Blues."



Allan Connolly - *Education and Religion*

Allan Connolly's career in education began with Ohio County Schools in 1965, teaching English and Social Studies at Clay Junior High School. He went on to become the department chairperson for both of those content subjects. He served as the assistant basketball coach and later as the head coach for 10 years while at Clay School, earning three freshman championships during that stint. In 1976, the first year of Wheeling Park High School, he moved to the new high school to teach Social Studies and assist with the basketball program, a year when the Wheeling Park High School team won the WV State Title. The following year, he was appointed assistant principal, where he would serve for the next 22 years. Allan formally ended his career with Ohio County Schools in 1999, completing 34 years of teaching, encouraging, and guiding students in the city. Even after his retirement, he continues to contribute to Ohio County Schools, serving as a substitute administrator from time to time.

Allan graduated from Bluefield State College in 1965 with a bachelor's degree in secondary education and received his master's degree in education administration from West Virginia University in 1969, later updating to a masters plus 30 additional hours. He has been involved in textbook committees, the Social Studies Curriculum Improvement Committee, and the pilot team teaching interdisciplinary projects.

A self-made man, Allan put himself through college working as a clerk and meat cutter at a small supermarket in Bluefield, W.Va. He served as a cadet teacher at Genoa Junior High School prior to graduation, teaching ninth grade Civics. In addition, he was heavily involved in social science clubs, the NEA student group, and the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, all while working to pay for and studying to obtain his undergraduate degree.

A career-long supporter of Wheeling Park High School, Allan was inducted into the Wheeling Park High School Athletic Hall of Fame with the Distinguished Patriot Award. One principal evaluator commented, "The only person who attends more athletic events to support our students is the athletic director himself." He supports all student athletes of both genders at home and away.

Allan was honored at the 1998-99 graduation ceremony as a Wheeling Park High School Scholar. His interest and concern for all students throughout his career is unsurpassed.

His recognition does not end with his affiliation with the Ohio County School system. Allan was inducted into the West Virginia All-Black Schools Sports Association Hall of Fame for Lifetime Achievement in 2011 for his 30 years of outstanding service as a professional educator.

Allan is on the Board of Trustees at Simpson Methodist Church and has served as the head of the Education Committee, which awards scholarships for deserving high school students. He serves on the NAACP Education Committee for Ohio County, determining student scholarships and providing input with advanced placement and honors programs, the afterschool program, and technology programs. In 2013 he received the Martin Luther King, Jr., award from the Upper Ohio Valley Clergy.

He also is a member of the Ohio County Retired Personnel Association. However, belonging to the organization is not enough; he is responsible for transporting members who would have no other way of attending were it not for his generosity.

Allan is the father of two adult children, Yvette and William, thus his life has been spent as an educator, coach, administrator, parent, friend, and citizen who is very deserving of being named to the Wheeling Hall of Fame.



Mary Elizabeth Fassig (Keyser) - *Music and Fine Arts*

Mary Elizabeth Fassig (Keyser) was a dance icon in Wheeling for much of the 20th century. But her fame began on the national stage when vaudeville was king.

Born March 11, 1905, to Wheeling residents Percival and Mary Ellen Altmeyer Fassig, she attended Ohio County public schools. Her mother and father died in 1934 and 1941, respectively. Her mother was the daughter of Luke and Mary Hartung Altmeyer. Her father was born in Columbus, Ohio, worked at Wheeling's Hazel Atlas Glass Co., and played the cello in the Wheeling Symphony.

Fassig loved dancing from an early age and trained under instructor Alma Schafer in Wheeling before begging her parents to let her go to New York City — while she was still in high school. She studied in New York with a Russian teacher before she got her big break and was cast in a vaudeville act.

She then was a professional dancer and entertainer, active on the vaudeville circuit in the 1920s. During this time, she performed in New York and all along the East Coast; she also danced professionally on cruise ships to the Caribbean and Cuba. She continued to train in New York during her professional years and enjoyed success until an illness brought her home to Wheeling, where she turned to teaching.

After her marriage to musician T. Kenneth Keyser, the couple lived at 31 Oak Park, near what was then known as Triadelphia High School. Ken played the piano for Miss Fassig in her dance studio for many years. She spent a number of years teaching dance at West Liberty State College and working with the theatre department, then under the direction of New York stage professional Stanley Harrison.

Her main studio was located in Wheeling's old Pythian Lodge building, until it was torn down to make way for the West Virginia Northern Community College plaza. She then relocated to the Central Union Building until her retirement just a few years before she died in 1986. She also maintained studios in Tyler, Wetzel and Belmont counties.

She had two children, a daughter Karen Sue (deceased) and a son Kurt, who resides in Virginia Beach, Va.,

after a 30-year career in the United States Navy.

Her students performed throughout the Ohio Valley, on television, in minstrels, at schools, hospitals, nursing homes, and more. Considered a demanding teacher, she was known for her discipline and insistence on perfection. But she loved her students and wanted to see them succeed. Many of them went on to professional success, including six who became NYC Rockettes. Some of these include: Willadean Skillcorn Harris (deceased) and Rosalie Hornyak of New Jersey.

This devoted artist taught and mentored performers for more than 60 years. Even Lou "The Toe" Groza, a famous kicker in the National Football League (NFL) Hall of Fame, who grew up in Martins Ferry, Ohio, learned skills from Fassig.

Fassig School of The Dance became known as the "school with a professional touch," according to her former student of 30 years, Janet Ciripompa Grubler of Wheeling. Gruber also recalls that in 1964, the Fassig School was invited to perform at the United States Pavilion of the World's Fair in New York City, on West Virginia Day.

Throughout the years, many of her students went on to perform professionally, including 2013 West Virginia Music Hall of Fame honoree Peter Marshall, the well-known game show host, who recalls taking tap dancing lessons from Fassig, then making his stage debut in 1934, at age nine, dancing and singing at the Capitol Theatre. Another student was Marshall's sister, actress Joanne Dru.

She trained thousands of young men and women not only in dance technique, but also in stage presence and poise. Considered the ultimate professional, Miss Fassig is truly Wheeling's "grand dame of dance."



Susan Cox Hogan - *Public Service*

Susan Cox Hogan's public service has been intertwined with her professional career and her active volunteer life, which continues to this day. In particular she has championed social justice, economic development, community revitalization, and the arts at local, state, national, and international levels.

Susan and her husband, William N. Hogan, Jr., volunteered with the Peace Corps in Benin, West Africa from 1987 to 1991. Upon their return, Susan became executive director of the YWCA of Wheeling, a position she held for seven years. During her tenure, the Wheeling YWCA was awarded the Racial Justice Award by the national YWCA in recognition of the programs that Susan designed as Executive Director. In 1997 Susan attended the Fourth Annual Conference on Women in Beijing, China, and in that same year she was selected by the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation as a Benedum Fellow to mentor the YWCAs in Clarksburg and Huntington during a two-year period. That same year Susan also served as a delegate to the historic Presidents' Summit in Philadelphia, convened by President Bill Clinton and former Presidents Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, Gerald R. Ford, and George H. W. Bush. Subsequently Susan was active with West Virginia's Promise delegation and Ohio County's Promise.

Reprising their previous international service in 1999, Susan and Bill spent four months volunteering in the mountains of Slovakia for ACDI/VOCA, an economic development organization that fosters broad-based economic growth, raises living standards, and creates vibrant communities. They worked in the villages of Horna and Dolna Marikova near the Czech border.

Long an advocate for civil rights and social justice, Susan was recognized in 2000 for her efforts with the Living the Dream Award by the West Virginia Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Commission. And for nine years Susan served on the Governor's Commission for National and Community Service by

appointment of West Virginia Governors Gaston Caperton and Cecil Underwood.

Susan presently serves on the board of West Virginia Public Broadcasting, of which she has been a member for 26 years. Appointed by Gov. Joe Manchin, she continues to serve as a Commissioner for the Arts of West Virginia's Department of Culture and History. She also has served on the board of Wheeling's Youth Services System for more than 25 years. An active member of the Rotary Club of Wheeling, Susan recently led the effort to restore the Madison Square Garden at Madison Elementary School in memory of D. Milton Gutman and continues with Rotary's Read Aloud program for the children of Madison School.

Susan is active on the Mayor's Arts and Cultural Commission, overseeing multiple arts projects including murals in downtown Wheeling and the creation of the Pocket Park, Wheeling's first art installation on Main Street. She serves as chair of the Design Committee of Reinvent Wheeling and leads efforts to install art and develop green space. In 2012 she was honored with the first Community Spirit Award by Mayor Andy McKenzie for her efforts to revitalize downtown Wheeling. Susan also has served on the board of directors of the West Liberty University Foundation. She is a charter member of the board of directors of Grow Ohio Valley, sharing its mission to strengthen Ohio Valley communities, families, and residents through growing organic food, sustainable living, and economic development. Also, she is a member of the board of the West Virginia Music Hall of Fame. Susan is the former executive director of the Wheeling Symphony Society Inc., where she served for 17 years.

Susan's immediate family includes her sister, Sally Cox Fields; her son Michael Nelson and his wife, Melissa, and their children Raina and Koa; her husband Bill and his children Peggy, Neil, Tina, Brady, Liza, Andy; and grandson Thomas Hogan.



James Nelson Vance - *Business Industry and Professions*

Lifelong Wheeling resident James Nelson Vance came to be known as one of Wheeling's "Captains of Industry." Born in 1829 to James and Mary Waddle Vance on his family's farm near the intersection of National Road and Bethany Pike, Vance attended public schools and then entered a long and productive business career.

In 1853, at age 24, Vance started in the retail iron and hardware business on Monroe Street (now 12th Street.) Seven years later he joined O.C. Dewey and W.H. Russell to form a new firm of Dewey, Vance, and Co. During the Civil War, the firm manufactured much-needed railroad spikes and iron, which led to several expansions of the Wheeling Iron and Spike Works, making it, at that time, the largest factory of its kind in the world. In this same time period, Vance served as Captain of Company D, Fourth Regiment, Wheeling Militia.

After the war ended, the company began construction of a nail mill on the corner of Main and 24th streets, naming it the Riverside Mill. Vance served as president of the company for a quarter century. When the mill went into operation in 1867, there were 48 machines and 22 furnaces. Within three years, another 42 machines were added; a second factory later added another 134 machines. The company's capacity at that point was an amazing 10,000 kegs of nails per week.

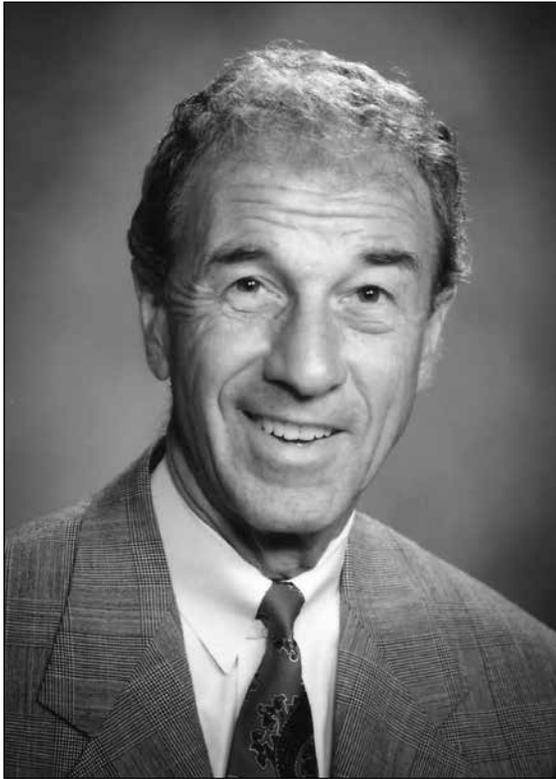
A plant was added in Benwood in 1872, and in 1875 the company's official name became the Riverside Iron Works Co., with J. N. Vance serving as president. On June 11, 1884, the state's first Bessemer converter began operation at the Wheeling plant, marking the birth of the steel industry in West Virginia and changing the local focus from iron products to steel. Another plant was added in Steubenville two years later. Total Riverside payroll at the time amounted to \$50,000 per month (the equivalent of more than \$1.25 million today), with some 6,000 employees. A September 1886 Wheeling

Daily Intelligencer article called the Riverside Iron Works "the leading manufactory of Wheeling and vicinity" with "two well-equipped blast furnaces of large capacity, a steel plant extensive enough to convert into steel the entire product of these furnaces, the largest nail factory in existence in the world, a complete bar iron mill, and the finest nail plant works in the country." The newspaper article adds that until shortly before 1886, "Wheeling and vicinity made considerably more than half the soft steel turned out in the country, and its production now (1886), including the Bellaire and Laughlin and Junction steel plants, fully half of that of the United States."

The tube works at Riverside manufactured steel steam, gas, and water pipes, with products reportedly sold to every civilized country in the world. The enlarged works became one of the most extensive and best equipped in the country, employing some 200 men. That portion of the works was sold to National Tube Co. in 1899 and was absorbed into United States Steel in 1901. Vance resigned as a director of the company at that time.

In addition to iron and steel interests, Vance was a founder or officer of several financial institutions and was involved in other business interests ranging from shoes to glass to insurance.

James Nelson Vance also was known for his philanthropy, in particular through major funding for construction of Wheeling's YMCA building and his support for the YWCA and Ohio Valley General Hospital. His name lives on as the benefactor of Vance Memorial Church, built in memory of his parents. He married Lillie Edgerton McClellan in 1863; the couple had four children who survived to adulthood – sons Henry Edgerton, James Nelson, and William, and daughter Lillie.



Clyde D. Campbell - *Public Service*

Scientist, educator, wellness advocate, and community booster, Clyde D. Campbell attended Ritchie and Webster schools before he graduated from Warwood High School in 1948. He earned undergraduate degrees (BS and AB) in chemistry from West Liberty State College, where his classmates honored him with the distinction of Mr. Hilltopper, the student body's most prestigious award. He received advanced degrees from North Carolina State (MS) and West Virginia University (PhD) in biological and organic chemistry. In the early 1960s he worked at Mobay Chemical as Senior Research Chemist, and, in 1967, he returned to West Liberty as chair of the School of Natural Sciences.

Subsequently, he held the posts of dean of administration and academics, and from 1984 to 1995, he served as West Liberty's president. In the 1999-2000 academic year, he was interim president of Jefferson Community College and created its development office.

Dr. Campbell is a member of various scientific societies, including the American Chemical Society and the West Virginia Academy of Science, and chaired the advisory board of the Northern Regional Consortium for Science, Mathematics, and Technology. He holds 31 national and foreign patents, most involving research in plastics, plant pigments, and ruminant metabolism. He continues to work on synthetic livestock feeds as one solution to ending world hunger.

His commitment to education manifested itself in his service on the Ohio County Board of Education in the late 1960s, when he also served as its president. During his tenure on that board, Ohio County took its first steps to modernization of its physical facilities and the consolidation of its high schools, reforms that were realized in the mid 1970s.

During the late 1970s, he became an advocate and spokesperson for wellness, especially heart health.

For a decade he chaired the Ohio County Heart Association, during which time the organization was recognized by the national association for its outstanding service to the community. As college president, he spearheaded the move to establish and to accredit a baccalaureate degree in nursing and, under his leadership, the school's programs in medical technology and dental hygiene were enhanced and updated. All of these programs now are housed in Campbell Hall, the newest building on the West Liberty University campus.

A scientist of the first rank, Dr. Campbell also is a man of deep religious faith: for 56 years he taught the adult Sunday school class at Warwood's United Methodist Church, and, on more than 100 occasions, he served as a guest pastor in area Presbyterian and Methodist churches.

He remains true to his Wheeling roots: past member of the board of directors of the Oglebay Institute, a member of Rotary, member of the Habitat for Humanity board, emeritus member of the Blue Pencil Club, past president of the West Liberty Alumni Association, founder of the Warwood High School Alumni Association, and co-chair of the Garden Park Improvement Association of Warwood.

Part of Dr. Campbell's service to his community, known and admired by his closest friends and colleagues, is not so well known publicly: he has served as mentor, advisor, and confidant for many young people, and those folks now are orthodontists, doctors, teachers, patent-holding scientists, and civic and political leaders.

Dr. Campbell is married to the former Joan Luhan, a West Liberty alumna and former fourth grade teacher at Warwood Elementary. The couple has one adult daughter, Leslie Ann, and three grandchildren. Love for family and his faith are the only things he holds more valuable than his devotion to public service.

↻ 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

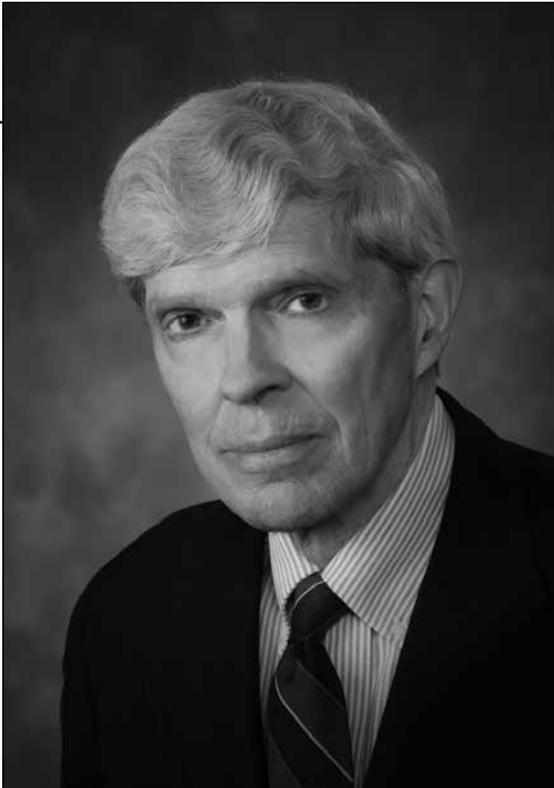
1950 -

(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 eleven 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

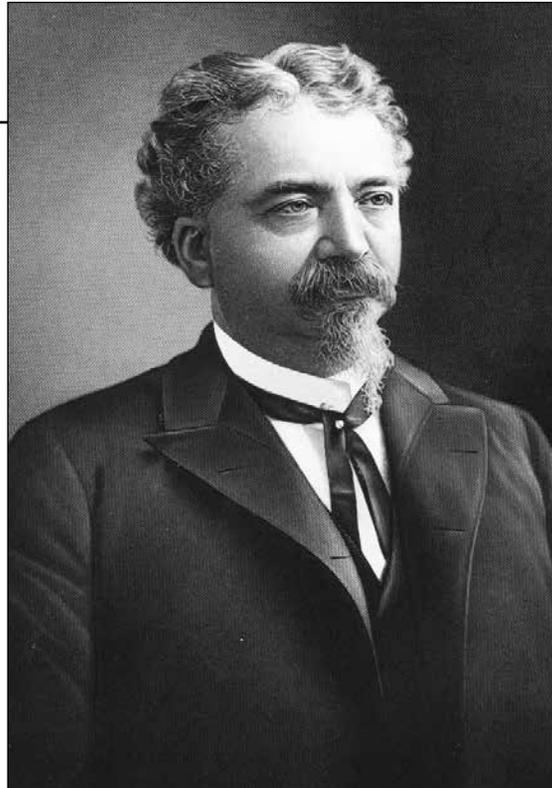


G. Ogden Nutting

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.

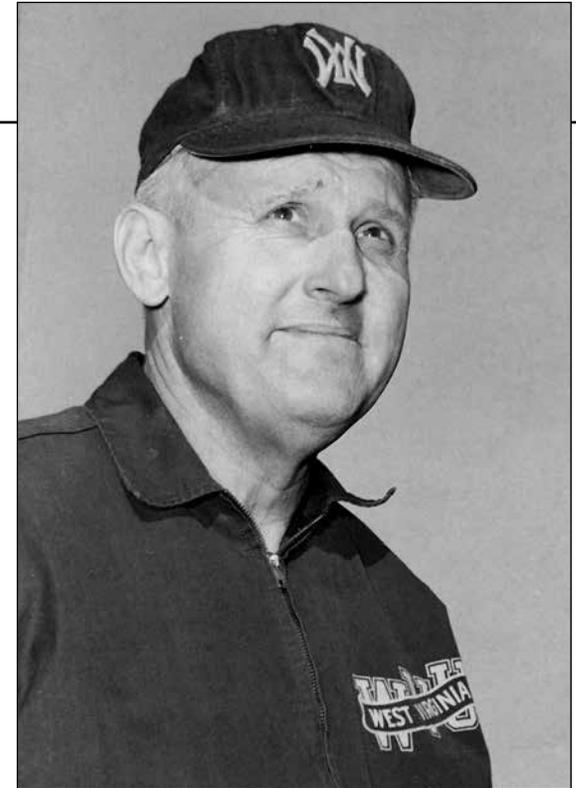


Augustus Pollack

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

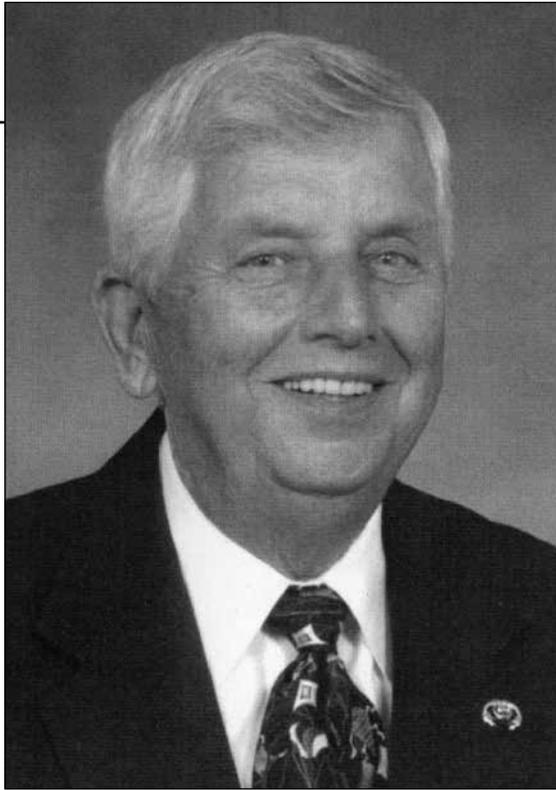
1918 – 2004

(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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2011 INDUCTEES

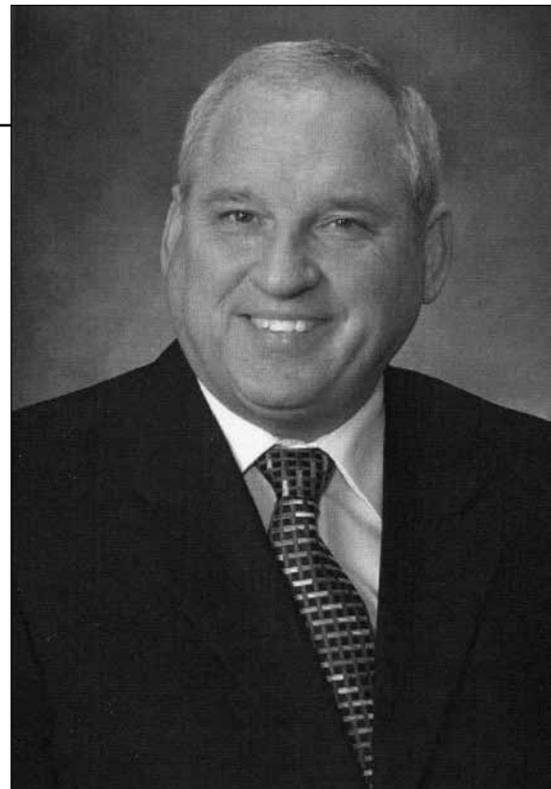


George W. Lutz

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

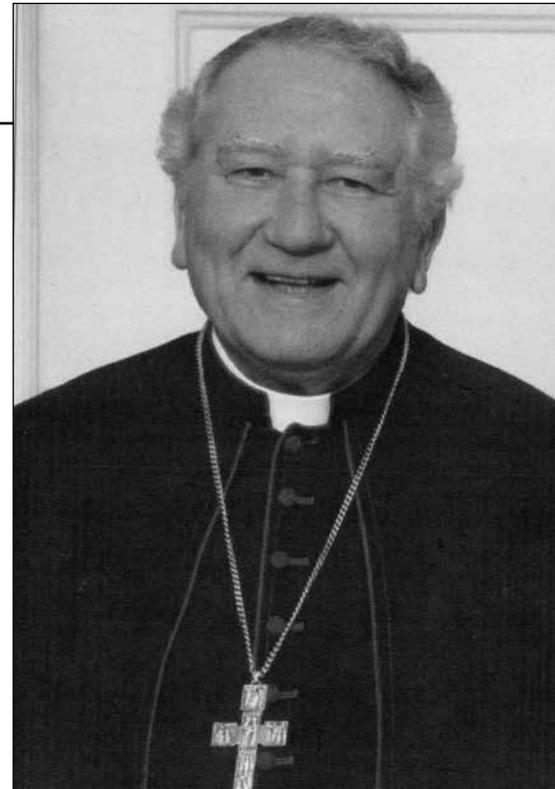


Dr. James Edmund Reeves

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.



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

1928 - 2011

(EDUCATION AND RELIGION)

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

HALL OF FAME

2008 INDUCTEES



Stuart F. Bloch

1933 -

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

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



Stefano R. Ceo

1899 - 1964

(EDUCATION AND RELIGION)

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



J. William Grimes

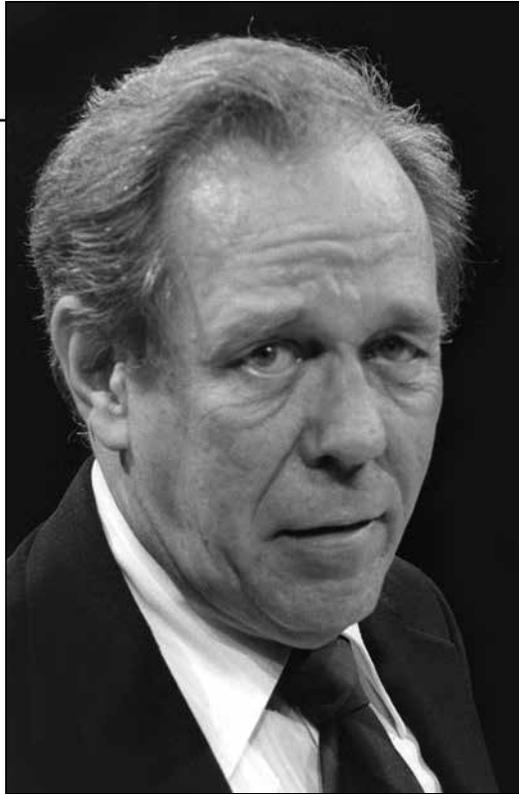
1941 -

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

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

» HALL OF FAME «

2008 INDUCTEES



Harold G. "Hal" O'Leary

1925 -

(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

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

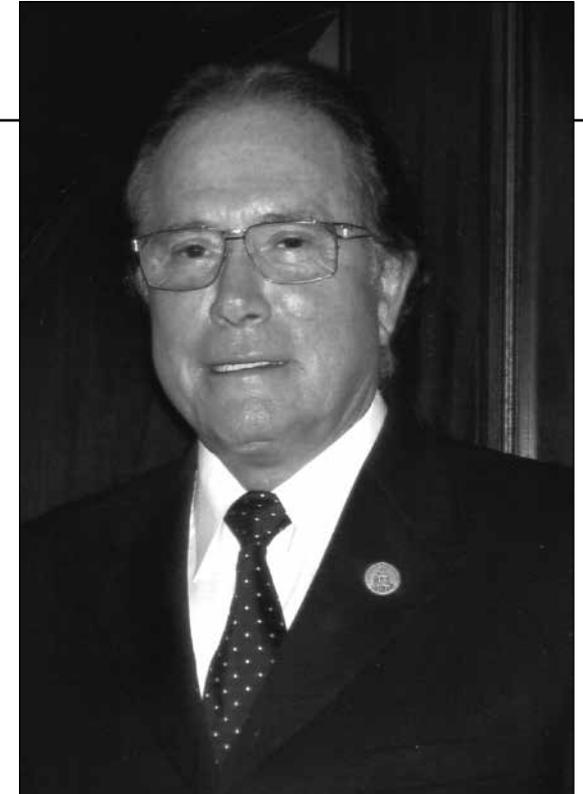


Anton Reymann

1837 - 1924

(PHILANTHROPY)

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



Gary E. West

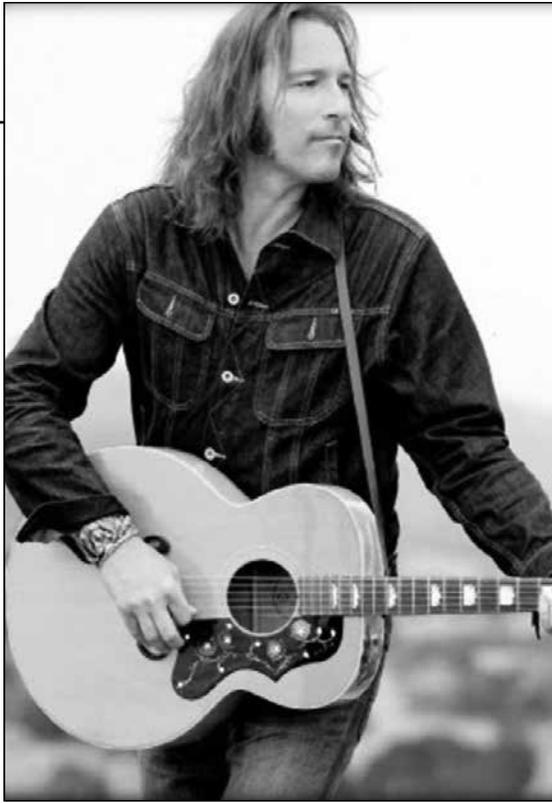
1937 -

(BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND PROFESSIONS)

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

» HALL OF FAME «

2006 INDUCTEES



John Corbett

1961 -

(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

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



Mary Louise Snider Efron

1926 - 1967

(BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND
PROFESSIONS)

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



Tim O'Brien

1954 -

(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

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

← HALL OF FAME →

2006 INDUCTEES



The Reverend Margaret Bird Caldwell Phillimore

1915 - 2004

(EDUCATION AND RELIGION)

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



Warren Pugh

1902 - 1983

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

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

HALL OF FAME

2004 INDUCTEES



Annie Sinclair Cunningham

1832 - 1897

(EDUCATION AND RELIGION)

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

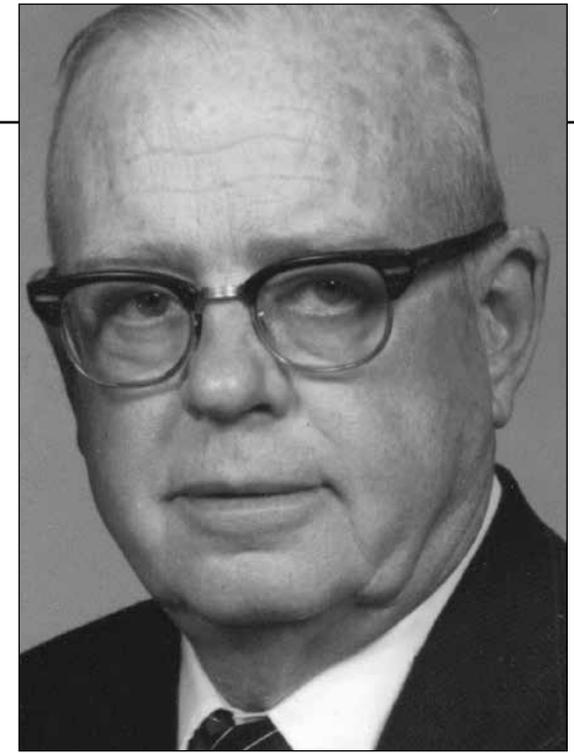


Rose M. Gacioch

1915 - 2004

(SPORTS)

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



Robert C. Hazlett

1910 - 1996

(BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY)

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

HALL OF FAME

2004 INDUCTEES



Keith Lee Maillard

1942 -

(MUSIC & FINE ARTS)

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



Thomas B. Miller

1929 - 2008

(PUBLIC SERVICE)

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



Earl Summers, Jr.

1916 - 2004

(MUSIC & FINE ARTS)

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

HALL OF FAME

2002 INDUCTEES



Irene Doretta Meagel

1900 - 1999

(PHILANTHROPY)

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

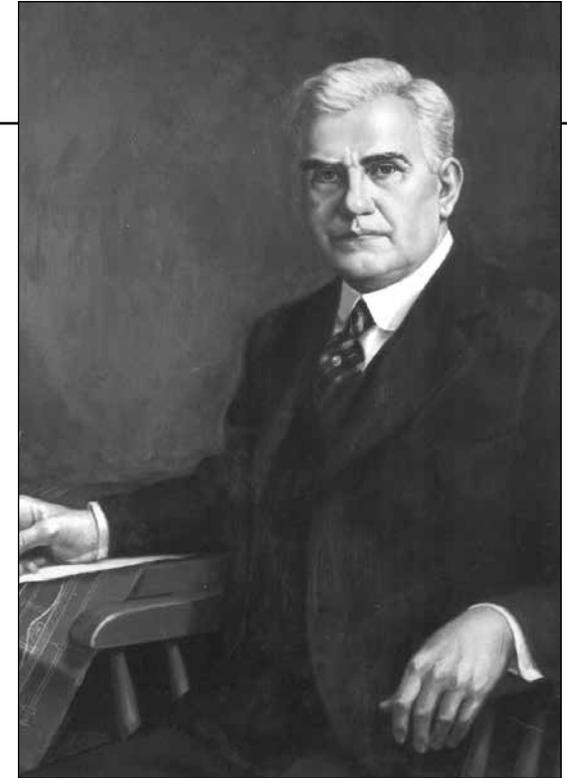


J. Loran Mercer

1913 - 1983

(EDUCATION AND RELIGION)

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



Michael Joseph Owens

1859 - 1923

(BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND PROFESSIONS)

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

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2002 INDUCTEES

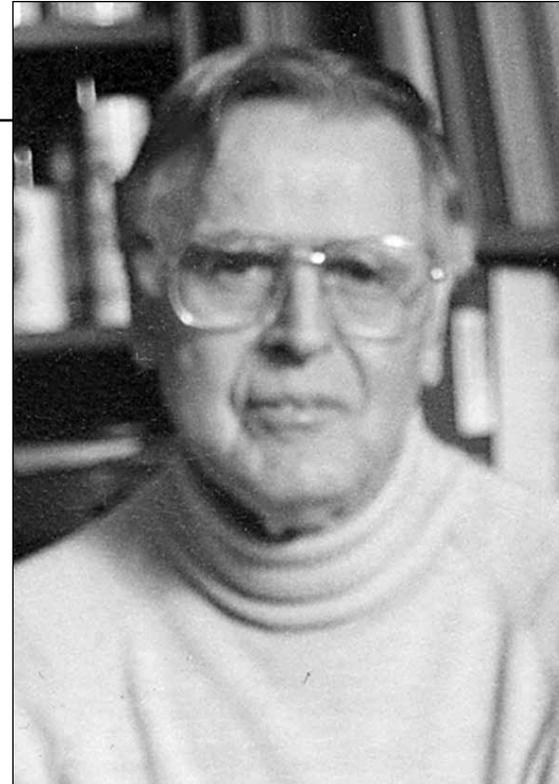


Bill Van Horne

1921 - 1995

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

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



WESLEY J. WAGNER

1917 - 2006

(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

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

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2000 INDUCTEES

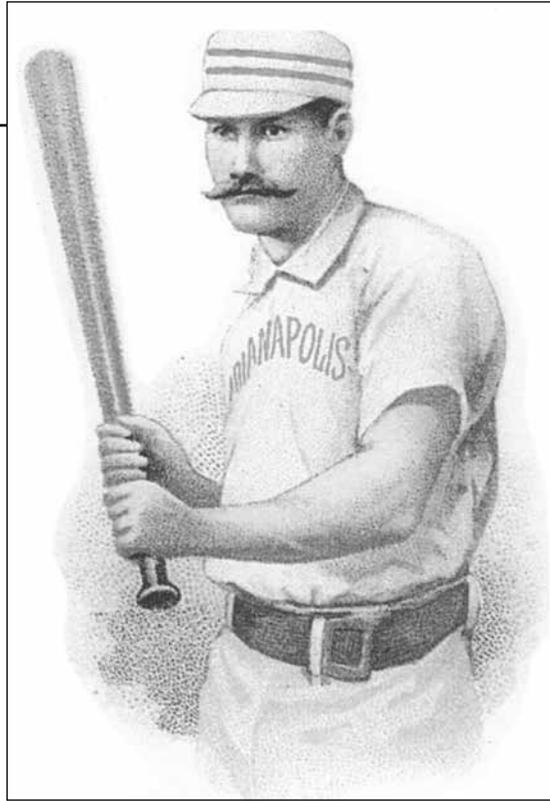


Helen B. Gaither

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

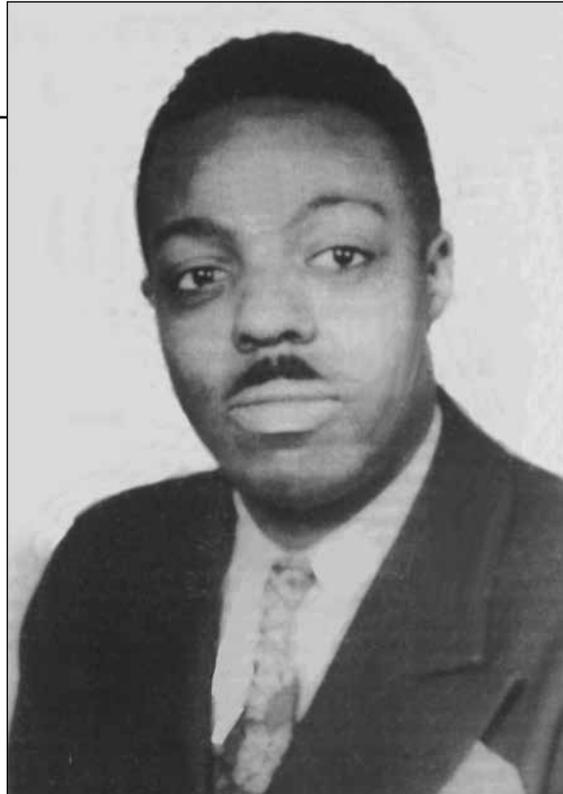
1911 - 1998

(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

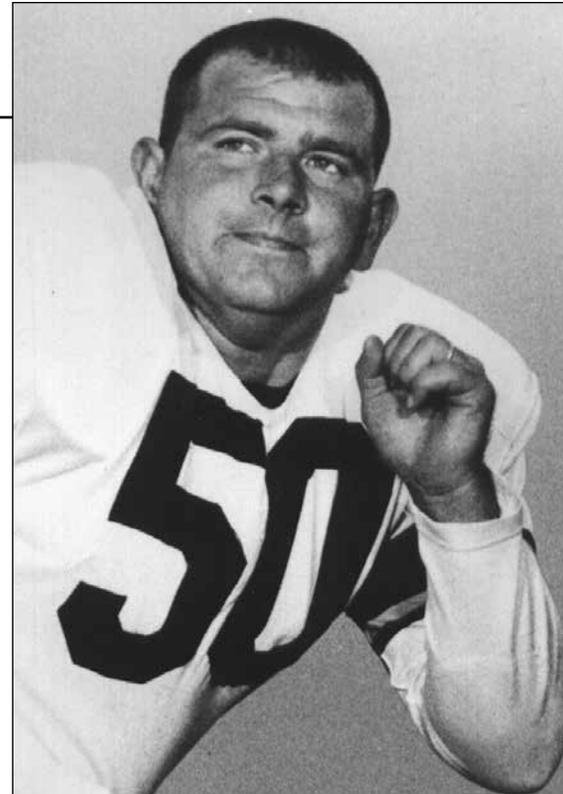


Phillip Nathaniel Reed

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

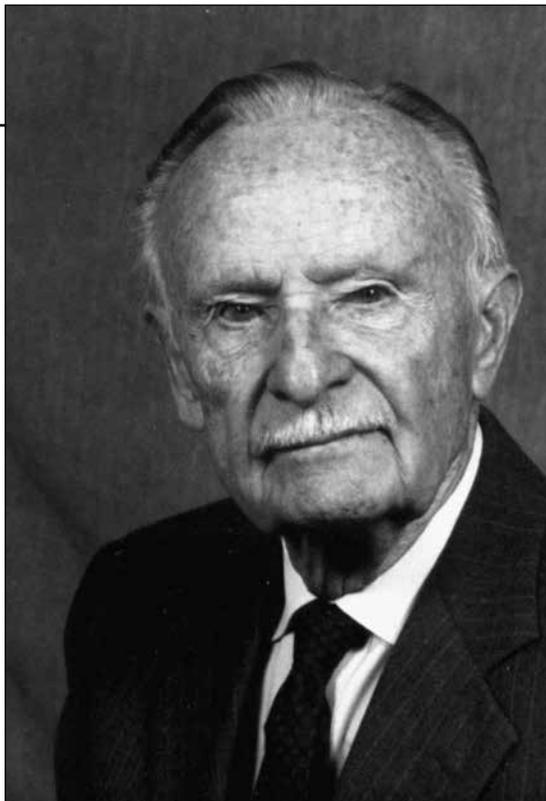


Sally Carroll

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.

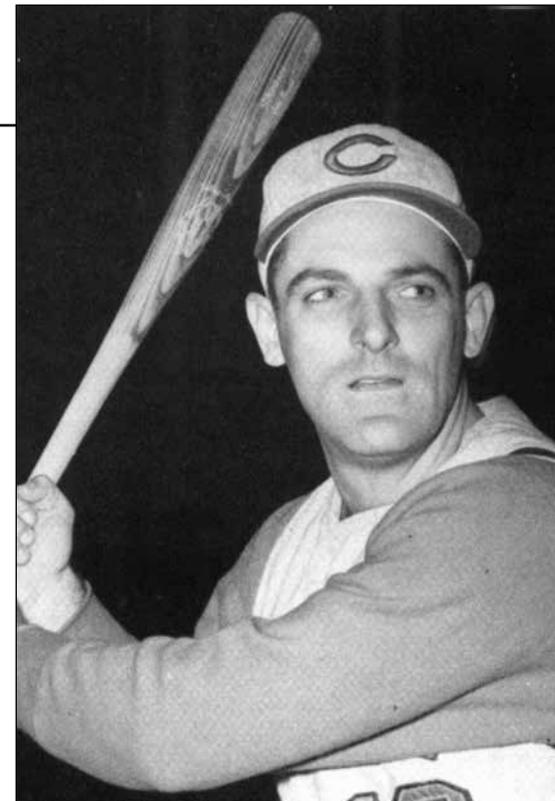


Ellis R. Dungan

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

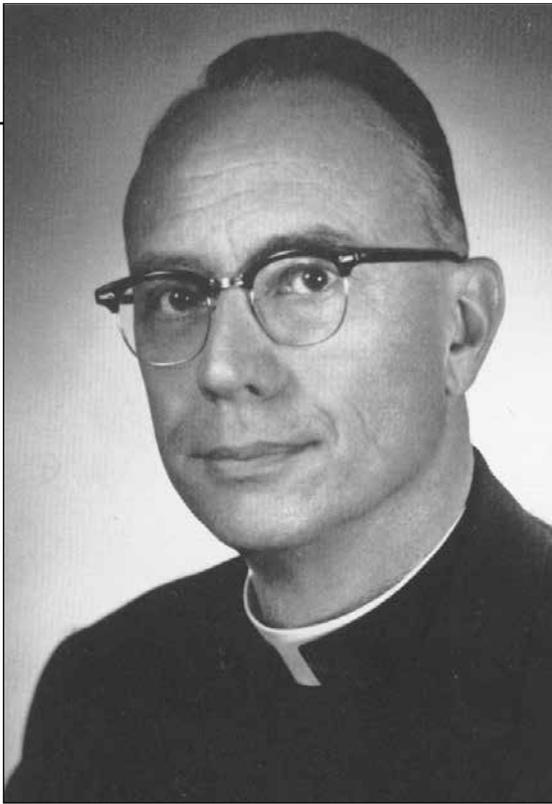
1934 - 2013

(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.

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1994 INDUCTEES

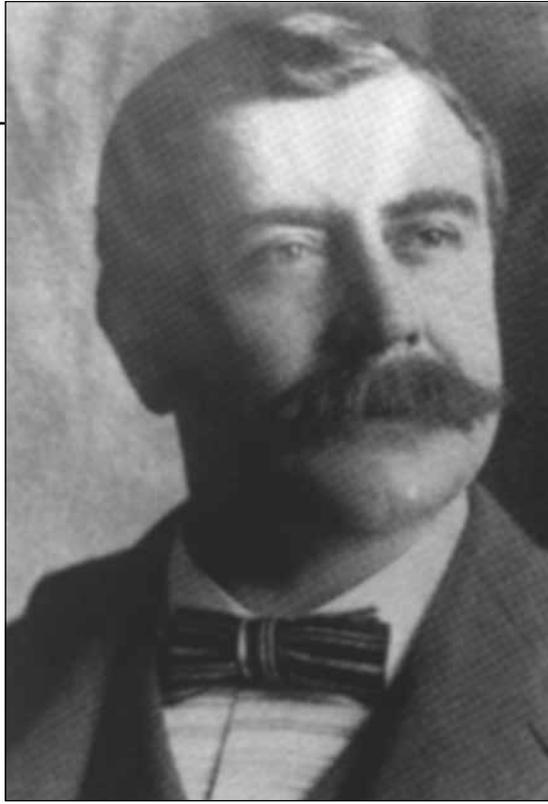


**Rev. Father Clifford M.
Lewis, S.J.**

1911 - 1983

(EDUCATION AND RELIGION)

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

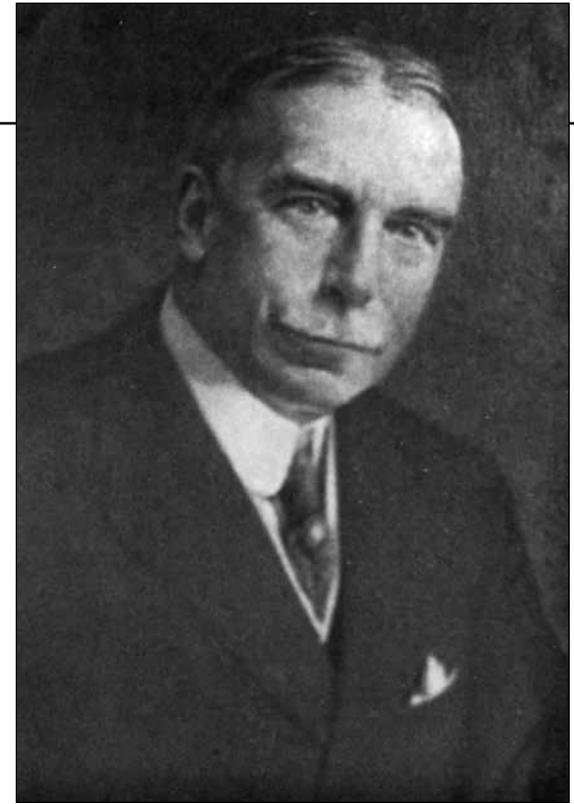


Harry C. Northwood

1860 - 1919

(BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND
PROFESSIONS)

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



B. Walker Peterson

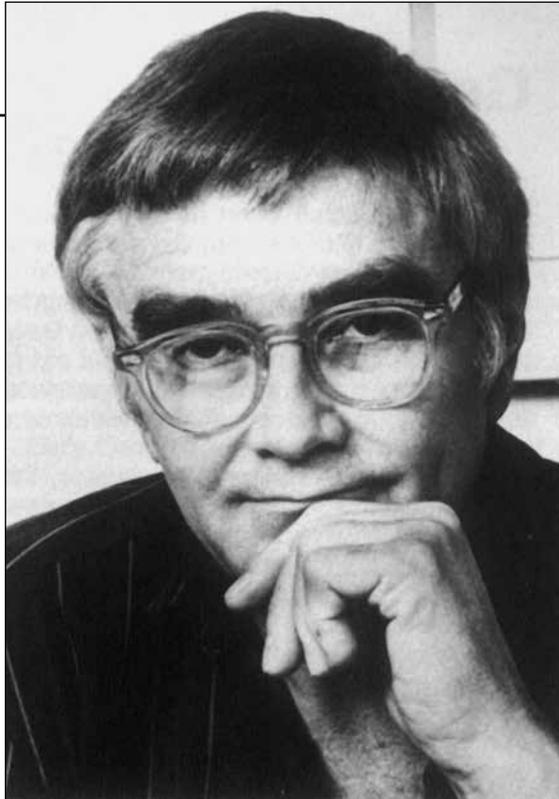
1851 - 1925

(PHILANTHROPY)

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

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1992 INDUCTEES

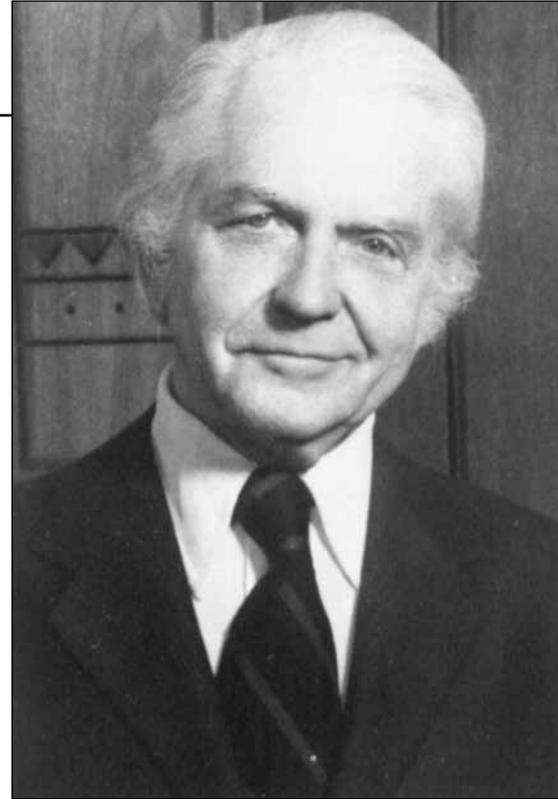


Budd Hopkins

1931 - 2011

(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

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



Charles L. Ihlenfeld

1908 - 1989

(PUBLIC SERVICE)

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

HALL OF FAME

1992 INDUCTEES



Dr. Forrest H. Kirkpatrick

1905 - 1998

(EDUCATION AND RELIGION)

Esteemed educator, industrialist and community leader. Member of the faculty at Bethany College, as professor and dean, for 25 years. Officer and director of Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corporation.

A board member of numerous corporations, his expertise was sought by international, national, state and local educational, business, industrial and civic organizations.



Howard Long

1934 -

(BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND PROFESSIONS)

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



Bernard Mehen

1918 - 2007

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

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

HALL OF FAME

1990 INDUCTEES



Phyllis A. Beneke

1929 - 1988

(PHILANTHROPY)

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

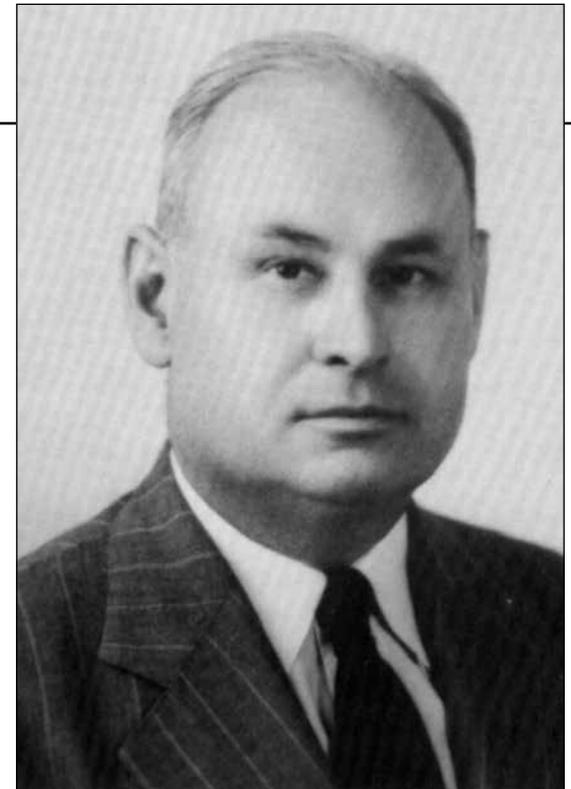


S. James Foti

1910 - 2004

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

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



Russell B. Goodwin

1893 - 1968

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

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

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1990 INDUCTEES

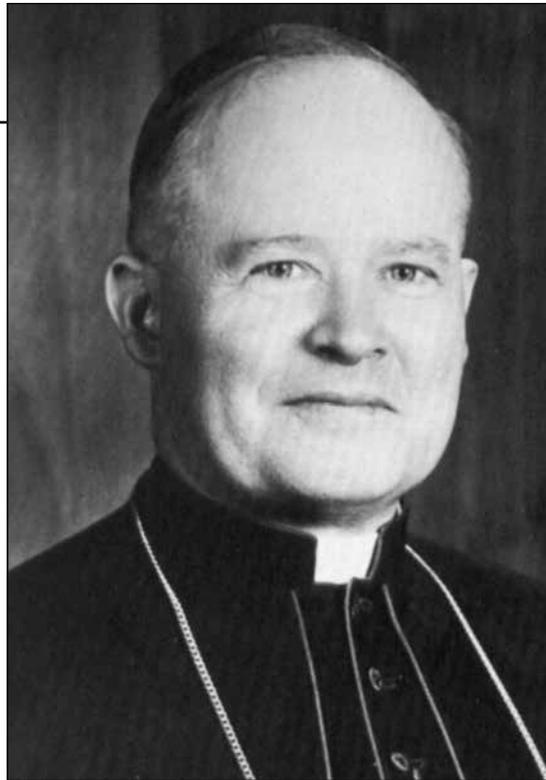


Chester R. Hubbard

1905 - 1984

(PHILANTHROPY)

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

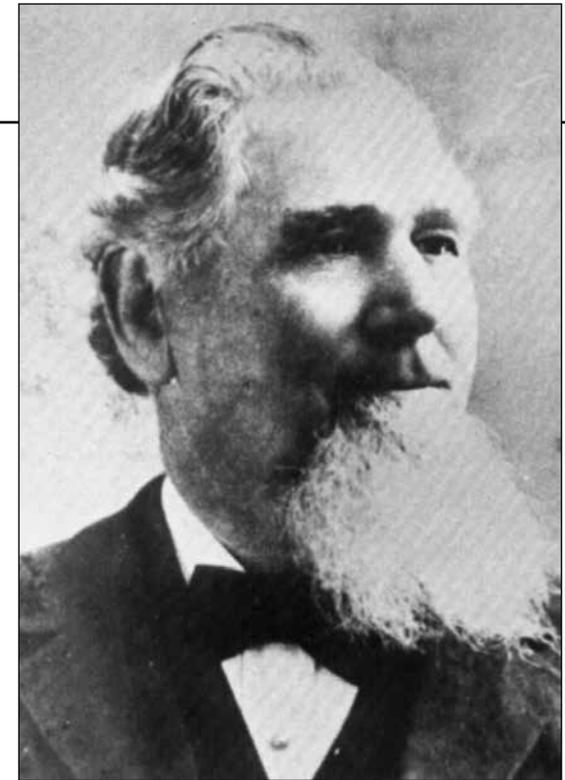


**Most Rev. Joseph H.
Hodges D.D.**

1911 - 1985

(EDUCATION AND RELIGION)

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



Mifflin M. Marsh

1818 - 1901

(BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND
PROFESSIONS)

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

HALL OF FAME

1986 INDUCTEES



Leland S. Devore

1889 - 1939

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

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

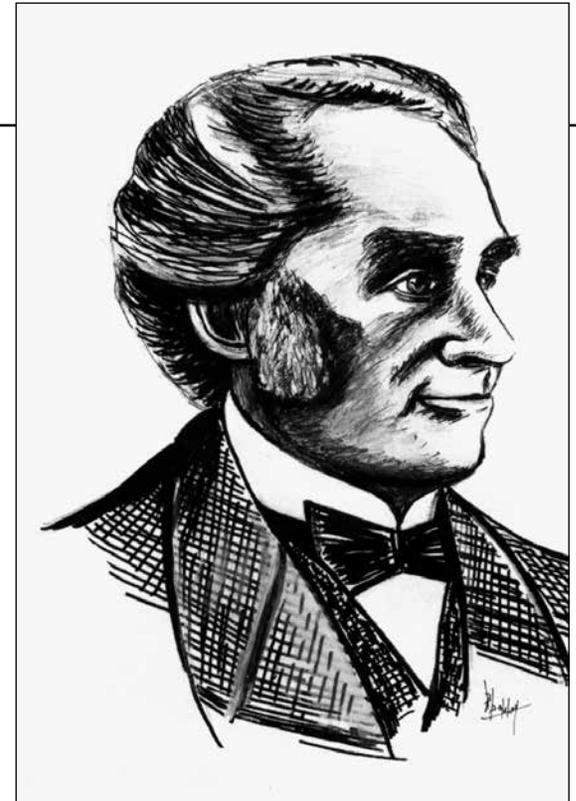


Dr. William S. Fulton

1873 - 1938

(BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND
PROFESSIONS)

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



Noah Linsly

1774 - 1814

(EDUCATION AND RELIGION)

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

↻ HALL OF FAME ↻

1986 INDUCTEES



Mary L. Butler Reed

1861 - 1939

(EDUCATION AND RELIGION)

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



Dr. Jacob Schwinn

1854 - 1941

(PUBLIC SERVICE)

Physician, surgeon, and humanitarian who ministered to the needs of the people in the Wheeling area for 55 years. Born in Switzerland and educated in Europe, he came to Wheeling in 1886. Dean of the staff of Ohio Valley General Hospital and head of the research department, he was known for his work with crippled children.

HALL OF FAME

1986 INDUCTEES



Andrew J. Sweeney

1829 - 1893

(BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND
PROFESSIONS)

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

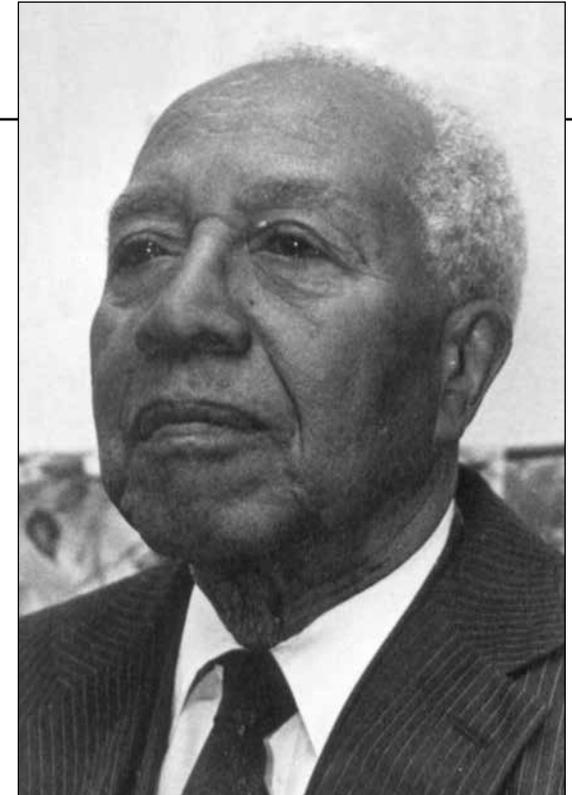


Michael J. Valan

1910 - 1986

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

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



James S. White

1901 - 1988

(PUBLIC SERVICE)

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

↻ HALL OF FAME ↻

1984 INDUCTEES



Robert E. "Bob" Biery

1901 - 1991

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

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



Rebecca Harding Davis

1831 - 1910

(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

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

HALL OF FAME

1984 INDUCTEES



Judith A. Herndon

1941 - 1980

(PUBLIC SERVICE)

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



Robert "Bob" Roe

1908 - 1984

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

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



Otto Schenk

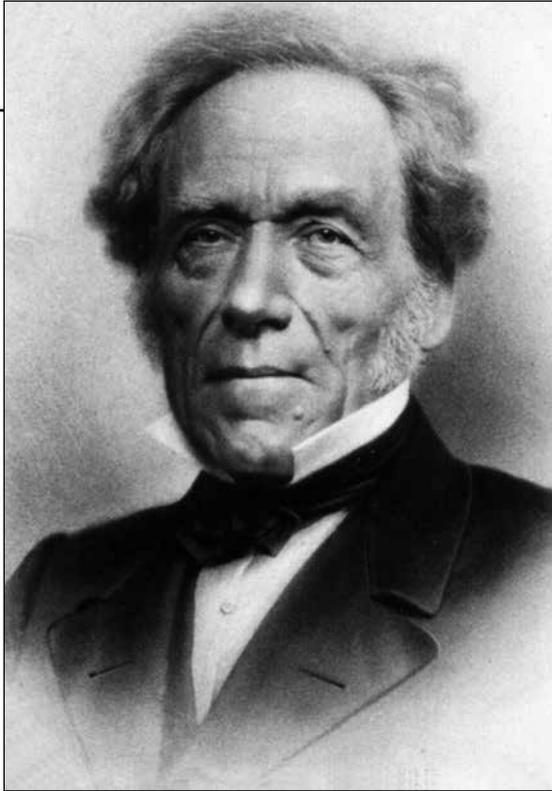
1863 - 1933

(PHILANTHROPY)

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

↻ HALL OF FAME ↻

1984 INDUCTEES



Johann Ludwig Stifel

1807 - 1881

(BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND
PROFESSIONS)

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



Ellsworth Milton Statler

1863 - 1928

(BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND
PROFESSIONS)

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

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1984 INDUCTEES

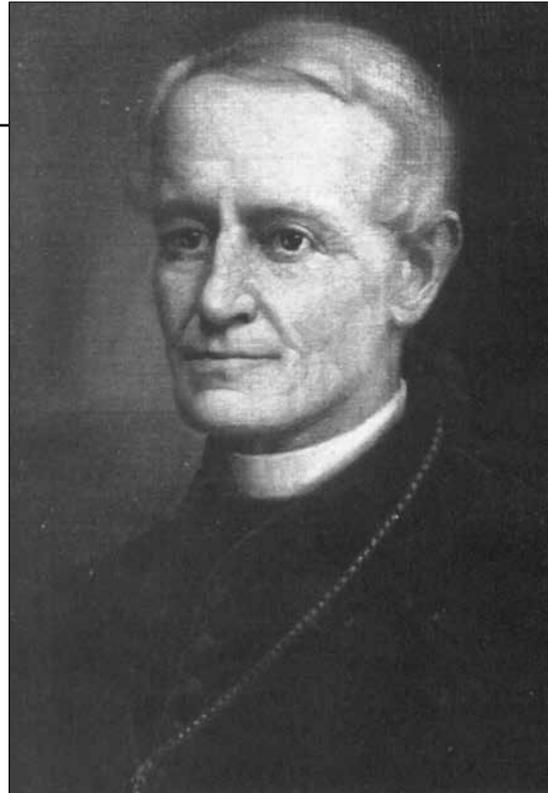


Wilbur E. Stone

1863 - 1938

(PHILANTHROPY)

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

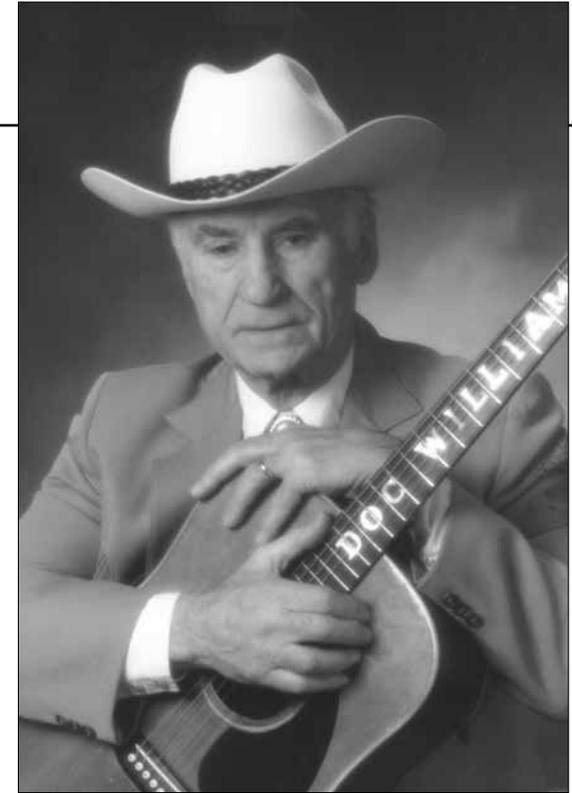


**Rev. Richard V.
Whelan**

1809 - 1874

(EDUCATION AND RELIGION)

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



Doc Williams

1914 - 2011

(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

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

HALL OF FAME

1982 INDUCTEES



Samuel S. Bloch

1850 - 1937

(BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY)

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



V. Everett Brinkman

1902 - 1972

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

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



Jesse Cail Burkett

1868 - 1953

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

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

↻ HALL OF FAME ↻

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.

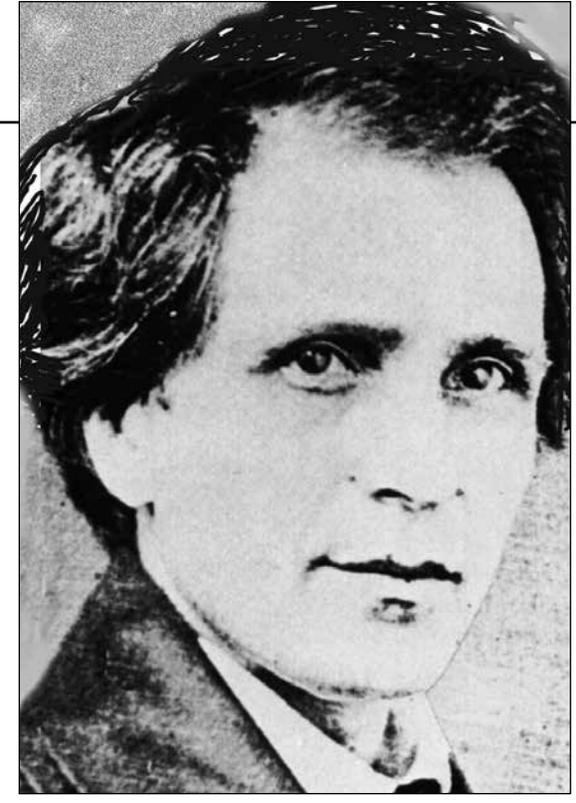


Harry C. Holbert Sr.

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.

HALL OF FAME

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.

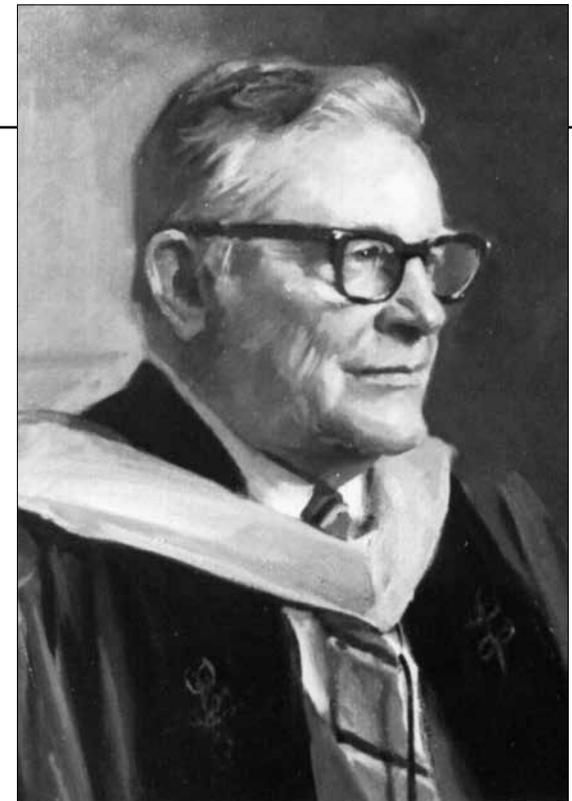


**Rt. Rev. Robert E. L.
Strider, D.D.**

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

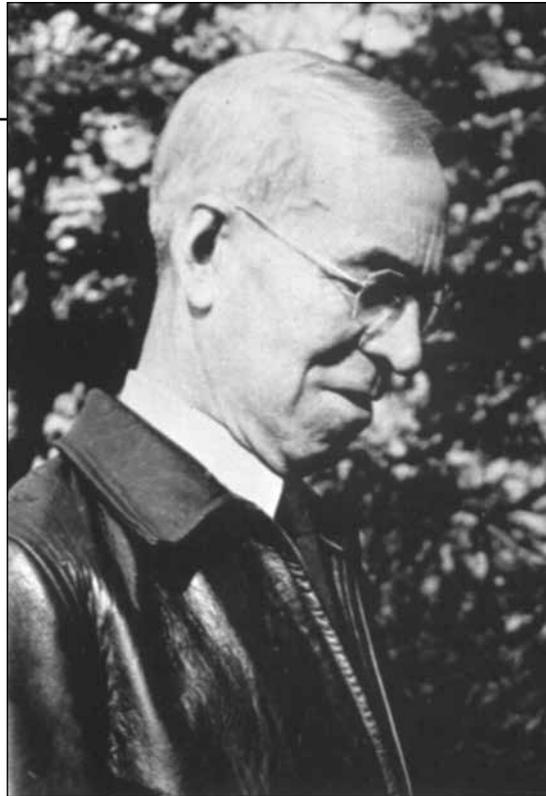


Levering C. Bonar

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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1980 INDUCTEES

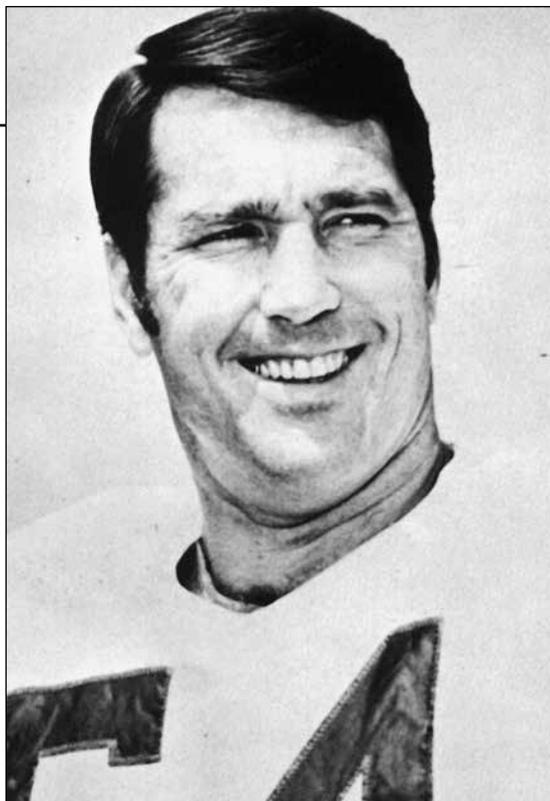


Alexander Glass

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.

↻ HALL OF FAME ↻

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.

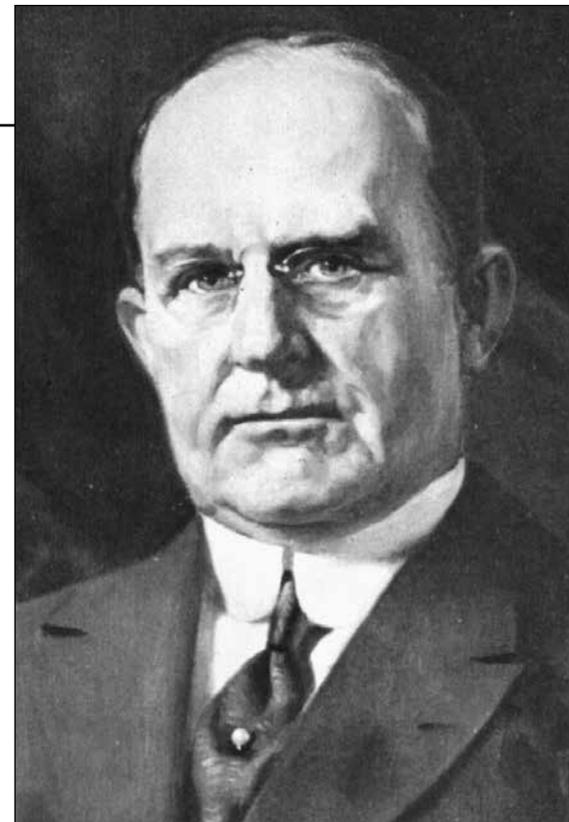


George J. Kossuth

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.

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1980 INDUCTEES



Eleanor Steber

1916 - 1990

(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

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

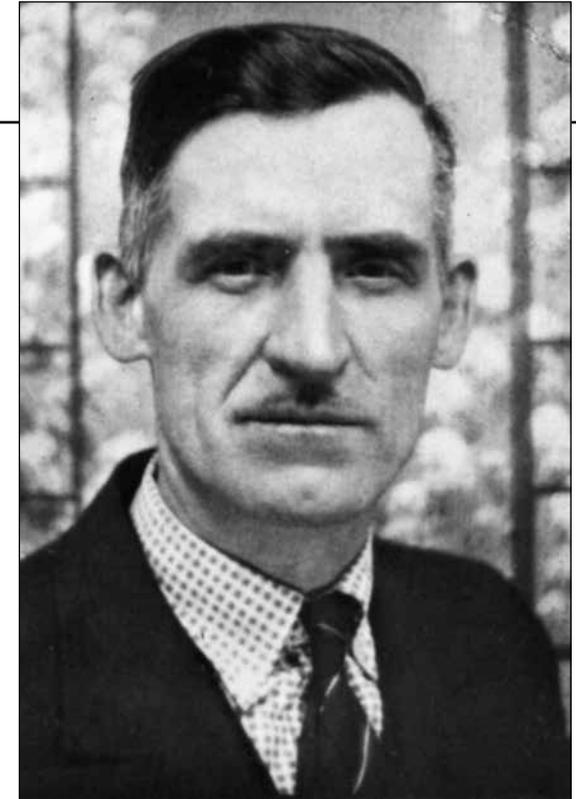


George E. Stifel

1849 - 1931

(PHILANTHROPY)

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



Patrick J. Sullivan

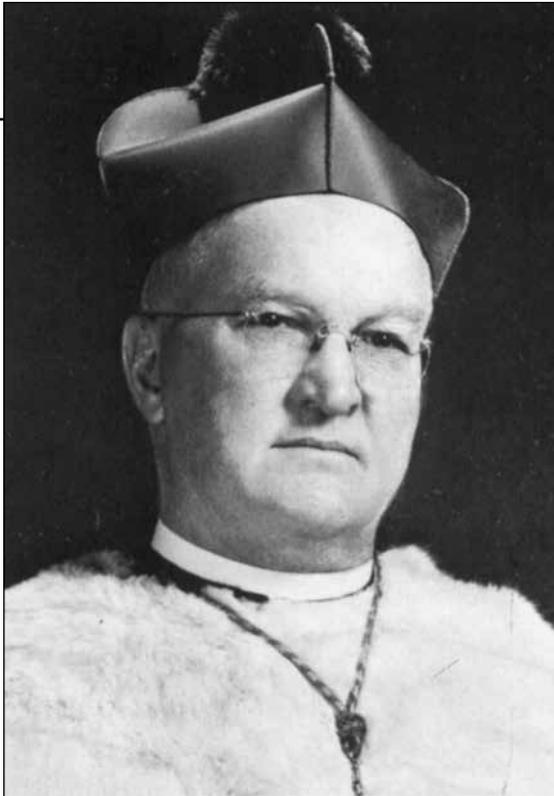
1894 - 1967

(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

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

HALL OF FAME

1980 INDUCTEES



**Most Rev. John J.
Swint, D.D.**

1879 - 1962

(EDUCATION AND RELIGION)

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



William E. Weiss

1879 - 1942

(BUSINESS, INDUSTRY
AND PROFESSIONS)

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



Clara M. Welty

1879 - 1960

(PHILANTHROPY)

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