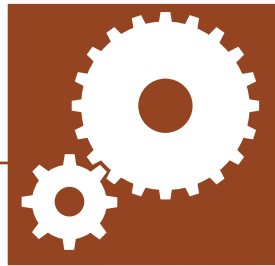




WHEELING

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2017

Induction

June 3

Wheeling Hall of Fame Board

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

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

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

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

The Board set up specific procedures for the selection of nominees and proceeded to select the first 18 people to be named to the Hall of Fame. Those considered had to have achieved distinction in one of six categories and had to have lived in Wheeling at least 10 years.

Three persons were named in each of the six categories. These 18 people were inducted into the Hall of Fame at a formal ceremony and dinner on April 13, 1980. The Hall of Fame Board later selected 12 additional people to be honored and these people were inducted on May 23, 1982. Ten more were inducted on May 20, 1984. Eight were officially added at ceremonies on October 26, 1986. Six inductees were enshrined on October 21, 1990. Five more were ushered into this distinguished company on November 29, 1992. Six people were inducted on November 20, 1994. Seven people were inducted into the Hall of Fame at ceremonies on September 20, 1998, eight on November 26, 2000, and five more on December 1, 2002. Six honorees were inducted in 2004, five in 2006, six in 2008, seven in 2011, five in 2013 and nine in 2015. The current group of nine honorees brings the total number of people enshrined in the Wheeling Hall of Fame to 132.

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

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

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

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

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

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

In January 1996, James Seibert was elected chairman. James Haranzo was elected Secretary-Treasurer. In February 1999, S. J. “Dick” Dlesk was elected chairman, Patricia Pockl was elected Secretary-Treasurer. Jim Squibb was the next elected chairman in 2009.

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



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Wheeling Hall of Fame Board Officers

Chairman – Robert DeFrancis

Vice Chairman – Jeanne Finstein

Secretary-Treasurer – Patricia Pockl

Wheeling Hall of Fame Board

Business, Industry and Professions – Jeanne Finstein, chairperson; Jon-Erik Gilot and David McKinley

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

Music and Fine Arts – Robert DeFrancis, chairperson; Cheryl Harshman and Maureen Zambito

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

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

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

Wheeling City Council Representative – Wendy Scatterday



2017 Induction Ceremony June 3, 2017

Education and Religion – Margaret Brennan
Business, Industry and Professions – J. Ross Felton
Business, Industry and Professions – Dr. John Frissell
Public Service – Betty Woods Nutting
Music and Fine Arts – Mollie O'Brien
Sports and Athletics – Charles P. Saad
Philanthropy – Harry S. and Helen Turner Sands
Public Service – Judge Frederick P. Stamp
Music and Fine Arts – Robert Villamagna

➤ PROGRAM ➤

National Anthem

Invocation – The Reverend Bob Willits

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

Official Welcome from the City of Wheeling – Mayor Glenn Elliott

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

Responses – Hall of Fame Inductees or Their Representatives

Closing Remarks – Robert DeFrancis

West Virginia, My Home



Wheeling City Council

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



Margaret Ann “Peg” Brennan – *Education and Religion*

Born in 1943, Margaret Brennan grew up in South Wheeling and attended Wheeling Central Catholic High School. After graduation she joined the Congregation of St. Joseph and was a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph for 25 years. She earned a bachelor’s degree from Wheeling College (now Wheeling Jesuit University) in 1967 and a master’s degree in history from West Virginia University in 1977. Furthering her education, Margaret earned a Certificate of Public History from WVU in 1987 and has attended numerous national archival education workshops. After college she returned to her high school alma mater where she taught history from 1968-1979.

Margaret left her mark as a schoolteacher, but it has been outside the classroom where she has made – and continues to make – her most significant impact, educating the public about the history of our nation, state, and community and their institutions and organizations. She served as the first-ever archivist for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston from 1979-1985, following which she worked on historical projects for the former Mount de Chantal Visitation Academy and Florence Crittenton Services. In 1981 Margaret was part of an ad hoc committee of the Wheeling City Council that erected four historic murals, one of which depicted Betty Zane’s “gunpowder run” during the 1782 second battle of Fort Henry. All four murals are displayed inside the WesBanco Arena. Margaret has been instrumental in producing multiple historical projects in Wheeling, involving among others East Ohio Regional Hospital, Wheeling Hospital, the Wheeling Symphony, First Presbyterian Church, and Browne Brothers Tailors.

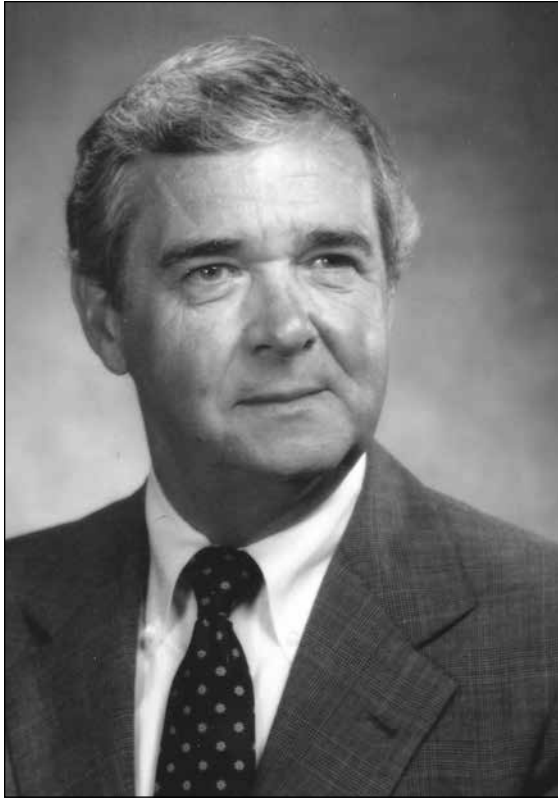
Proud of her Irish parents and ancestry, Margaret played a key role in erecting the Celtic cross at Wheeling’s Heritage Port and participated in establishing the annual Wheeling Celtic Celebration. In 2013 during West

Virginia’s 150th birthday, Margaret played a pivotal role in the project to honor West Virginia’s founding father and first governor, Francis Pierpont, with a large bronze statue constructed and placed on the street corner outside West Virginia Independence Hall.

A published author, Margaret has had works printed in *Goldenseal* magazine and various scholarly publications along with “Remember When” articles in the Wheeling News-Register. She has served on numerous boards, groups and committees including: the Wheeling Area Genealogical Society, Martins Ferry Historical Society, Marshall County Historical Society, Ohio Valley Civil War Roundtable, West Virginia Historical Society, Wheeling Hall of Fame Board, Wheeling Historic Landmarks Commission, West Virginia Independence Hall Foundation Board, West Virginia Archives and History Commission, and the Friends of Wheeling. It’s no wonder that in 1998 Margaret was named a West Virginia History Hero by the West Virginia Division of Culture and History.

Always the consummate historian, with camera and steno pad in hand, Margaret can often be found researching and working to promote and preserve our local heritage, sharing her knowledge through her writing and public lectures, educating the people of today and inspiring us to value and learn from our yesterdays.

Perhaps this says it best: Margaret Brennan takes history out of the classroom and moves it to the streets of Wheeling – and beyond.



J. Ross Felton – *Business, Industry and Professions*

In 1965 Fairmont native J. Ross Felton was hired to be part of the management team of WWVA. Country music was changing, and WWVA owners were bent on keeping the station and its programming at the forefront of this change. Four years later, WWVA and the Jamboree moved from the Exhibition Hall on Wheeling Island to the Capitol Theatre. The theatre became home to the Jamboree, Broadway shows, the radio station, and executive and management offices. The theatre's reopening on Dec. 13, 1969, set the tone for a golden era in our community's history, with performers such as Merle Haggard, Tanya Tucker, Loretta Lynn, Tom T. Hall, Charley Pride, Glen Campbell, Marty Robbins, Tammy Wynette, and Johnny Cash. This entire transformation took place under the watchful eye of one J. Ross Felton and led to tour bus packages and the bus-lined streets that so many of our residents fondly recall.

The success of Jamboree USA led to the creation of another country music tradition of which Ross was a co-founder – Jamboree in the Hills. This event grew throughout the 1980s and '90s to become the Superbowl of Country Music. It still flourishes.

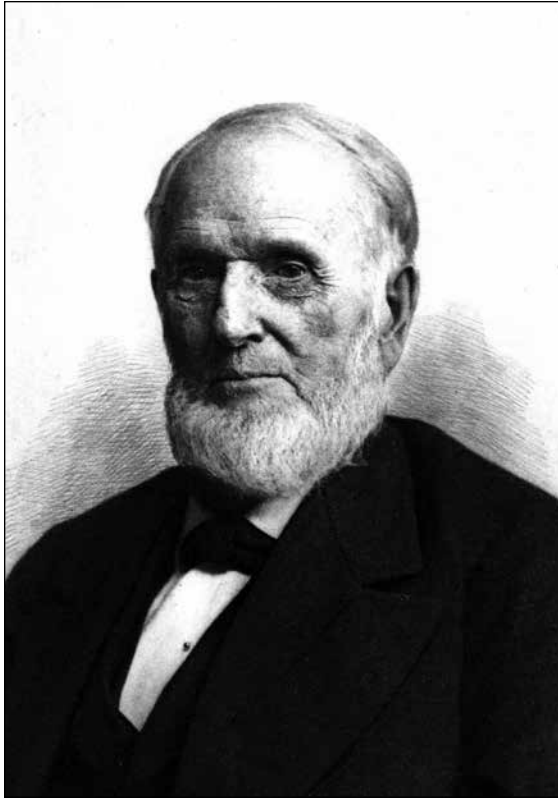
Fast forward a few years to December 1984, when Ross and his wife were found dining with Randy Worls and his wife, discussing Wheeling's lagging tourism industry. That discussion resulted in the founding of the Festival of Lights – an idea that transformed not just Oglebay Park but the entire community during the holiday season.

Around that same time, Ross and his friend Randy were also working on another project, laying the groundwork for elevating Wheeling's economic and historic preservation capacity by founding the Wheeling Convention and Visitors Bureau. Since its birth, the Bureau has grown into a highly effective promoter of our community and is arguably the most innovative of West Virginia's CVBs.

When the Winston-Salem Thunderbirds expressed an interest in coming to Wheeling in 1991, Ross took the lead and worked tirelessly to arrange the advertising commitments that would woo the Thunderbird owners. Several years later, Ross was again leading the effort to assemble a group of local partners who would become the owners of the Wheeling Nailers – continuing a Wheeling sports tradition and a driver of downtown economic revenue.

Ross could never take on just one project at a time. So, while he was bringing professional hockey to Wheeling, he was also involved with the Wheeling Heritage Project, a burgeoning effort to root Wheeling's economic development in the preservation of its historic resources. In 1994, he was one of four incorporators of the Wheeling National Heritage Area Corporation and served on both the corporation and foundation boards for more than 18 years, helping guide decisions that would revitalize our waterfront, create our city's first façade loan program, and see the financial investment that resulted in Orrick, Herrington and Sutcliffe relocating to the Wheeling Stamping building. Towards the end of his 18-year tenure with Wheeling Heritage, the purchase of the Capitol Theatre was being planned. In simple terms, without Ross the theatre would be sitting dark and vacant.

Humble, soft-spoken and ever so kind, Ross Felton is never one to boast of his accomplishments. There are few people who have had more influence in charting the course of modern-day Wheeling than Ross. He is one of the people responsible for Wheeling's resiliency, helping to keep the ship steady when the economics of the region wanted to turn her on her side. His lifelong efforts have laid the groundwork for our city's 21st century reinvention, a reinvention that is taking place today on the streets of Wheeling. Quietly through his leadership he has created a path we can follow into the future, a path grounded in tourism, high-quality entertainment, and historic preservation.



Dr. John Frissell – *Business, Industry and Professions*

Dr. John Frissell was born in Peru, Massachusetts, on March 8, 1810, the son of Amasa and Sabra Wilcox Frissell. He worked on his father's farm and attended common schools until entering Williams College, graduating in 1831. He began the study of medicine that fall, graduating with his medical doctorate from Berkshire College in 1834.

Dr. Frissell arrived in Wheeling, Virginia, on June 3, 1836, and established his medical practice while also teaching botany in Wheeling's schools and lecturing on such topics as temperance, phrenology, physiology.

Soon after arriving in Wheeling, Frissell became noted for his surgical skill. In 1838 he performed the first operation to repair a hare-lip and deformed upper jaw, while the following year he operated on a club-foot. In 1841 Frissell completed an operation for strabismus (crossed eyes) and in 1846 the first operation for kidney stones. In 1853 he became the first surgeon in the state to use chloroform for surgical purposes.

Frissell was instrumental in the development of three hospital institutions in the city of Wheeling. The first – the Wheeling Dispensary – was established in 1845 by Frissell and three other Wheeling doctors. Later that year, Frissell and Dr. Simon Hullihen opened the Infirmary, which accommodated private patients. In March 1850, Bishop Richard V. Whelan chartered Wheeling Hospital – the first Catholic hospital in the state – with Frissell and Hullihen as surgeons and the Sisters of St. Joseph as attendants. The hospital soon outgrew its home on 15th Street in East Wheeling, at which point Whelan purchased the Michael Sweeney mansion in North Wheeling to accommodate up to 150 patients. After Hullihen's death in 1857, Frissell was given sole charge of the hospital.

With Frissell's association with Wheeling Hospital and the Diocese of Wheeling, he likewise served as the attending physician for the Sisters of St. Joseph and the Sisters of the Visitation at Mount de Chantal, as well as the students under their care.

Frissell was the attending surgeon for Union Colonel Benjamin Franklin Kelley, who had been grievously wounded at the battle of Philippi on June 3, 1861. Kelley's wound was considered mortal, but Frissell carefully nursed him back to health, with Kelley living another 30 years and receiving a promotion to Brigadier General. Soon after, Frissell received an appointment as Medical Superintendent of the military prisoners and sick soldiers in the Athenaeum Prison and Wheeling Hospital. He was also named Assistant Surgeon by the Surgeon General of the United States and served as a member of the State Board of Examiners for Surgeons entering military service during the war. He served as Marine Surgeon for the city up to the time of his death.

Frissell was a member of the Ohio County Medical Society, first president of the State Medical Society of West Virginia, and member of the American Medical Association and the International Medical Congress of 1876. In December 1850 he married Elizabeth Ann Thompson of Moundsville, with whom he had two children, Charles M. Frissell, who followed in his father's footsteps as a surgeon, and Walker I. Frissell, who was a scientist and chemist at the Wheeling Steel plant at Benwood.

Dr. John Frissell died at age 83 on Nov. 16, 1893, at his home at 54 – 14th Street and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery.



Betty Woods Nutting - *Public Service*

For her groundbreaking leadership in the preservation of Wheeling's architectural heritage, Betty Woods "Snookie" Nutting is being recognized for her outstanding Public Service. A Wheeling native, Snookie was born Feb. 2, 1936, daughter of Robert McLain Woods and Betty Shirk Woods. She was educated at Mary Washington College, now the University of Mary Washington, where she says her eyes were first opened to the beauty of Victorian architecture. She graduated from Wheaton College in Massachusetts. She was married in 1960 to G. Ogden Nutting, a member of the Wheeling Hall of Fame. She is the mother of two adult sons, William Ogden Nutting and Robert McLain Nutting, and the grandmother of six.

As a founding member of the Friends of Wheeling she initiated the effort to preserve the city's unique sense of place. Snookie personally rescued important architectural gems that would otherwise have been lost. Throughout a period of 40 years she has been involved in saving 22 buildings in Wheeling. There is not a quadrant of the city where her efforts have not made an enduring impact.

Snookie led the effort to rescue the historic district officially designated as Monroe Street East. This block of 12th Street was slated for demolition by the City's urban renewal authority. The important structures that survive today because of her efforts are the Mendel House, home of a furniture manufacturer; the Frank House, residence of a clothier and merchant tailor; and the Pendleton House, post-Civil War home of a Confederate soldier, politician, and Wheeling attorney.

The genesis of the Chapline Street Row National Register designation was Snookie's restoration of 2305 Chapline Street. Today this block is described as the "best example of a series of high style Victorian structures in West Virginia." In East Wheeling, Snookie restored 118 and 120 Fourteenth Street, which contribute to the character of the neighborhood.

Snookie formed a partnership with the Vandalia Heritage Foundation resulting in restoration of 823 Main Street, built by Henry List; 811 Main Street, built by Benjamin Exley, but more commonly known as the home of tailor Christian Hess; the Stifel-Kossuth House, built by dry goods merchant George Stifel and later the home of famed photographer George Kossuth; 753 Main Street, now Uncle Pete's Restaurant; the Thomas Hughes House at 751 Main Street; and the 1870s house at 834 Main Street. She also worked with the late Beverly Fluty and others to restore the Wheeling Suspension Bridge.

Snookie served as West Virginia's advisor to the National Trust for Historic Preservation and continues as an advisor emerita. She was appointed by Gov. Jay Rockefeller to the West Virginia Archives and History Commission and was reappointed by his successors. She served as the first president of Preservation Alliance, was a member of the board of directors of the Vandalia Preservation Foundation, and was president of the Victorian Landmarks Foundation.

Wheeling National Heritage Area Corporation honored Snookie's efforts with their Friend of Heritage Award. Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin named her recipient of the Distinguished West Virginian Award for her "passion for not only Wheeling and Ohio County, but all of West Virginia." She received the Dr. Emory Kemp Lifetime Achievement Award from the Preservation Alliance of West Virginia. In 2016, the 50th anniversary year of the National Historic Preservation Act, Snookie was honored with a special award and a lecture series for Exemplary Service to Historic Preservation by Randall Reid-Smith, Commissioner of the West Virginia Division of Culture and History. He said of Snookie, "No one better exemplifies the face of historic preservation in West Virginia than Snookie Nutting. She is an inspiration to anyone who aspires to protect, preserve, and restore our historic sites."



Mollie O'Brien - *Music and Fine Arts*

Her name is well known in her hometown and by music fans around the world: Grammy Award winner and singer Mollie O'Brien is a West Virginia celebrity. Hailed as a folk, Americana, bluegrass, and R&B singer, she currently makes her home in Denver, Colorado. Her latest release, "Daughters," is a collaboration with her husband, Rich Moore, and their two daughters, Brigid and Lucy Moore.

Making her 18th appearance on West Virginia Public Broadcasting's Mountain Stage in December 2013, O'Brien was described by host Larry Groce as one of the most talented artists to appear on the show's stage — ever. "Of the nearly 2,000 guests who have appeared on the show, O'Brien is perhaps the best singer we've ever had," he said. She also was a regular on the nationally syndicated radio show, "A Prairie Home Companion," from 2001 through 2005.

The fourth of five children of attorney Frank and Amy O'Brien, she was born in 1952 and grew up in Wheeling. Mollie graduated from Mount de Chantal Visitation Academy and studied at West Virginia University and Bethany College. Many local residents recall her performances at church, coffeehouses, concerts, and other Wheeling venues as a teenager with her younger brother Tim, also a Hall of Fame member. Together they won a trophy at the Oglebay Institute Folk Festival in 1969.

She moved to New York City in 1972 with the dream of making it big, and four years later she returned to Wheeling before finally settling in Colorado in 1980, where she met her husband and married in 1983. She continued to record and perform while raising her two daughters.

In 1987, she released her debut solo LP, "I Never Move Too Soon," and later "Everynight In The Week," in 1990. In 1988 she and her brother Tim recorded their debut duet album "Take Me Back," which was dubbed a masterpiece. Mollie and Tim then began performing together again as an Americana duo, eventually releasing two more albums.

Mollie received a Grammy Award for Best Bluegrass Album in 1997 for her contribution to "True Life Blues: The Songs Of Bill Monroe." Her 1998 solo album "Big Red Sun," showcased classic Americana takes on songs by artists such as Memphis Minnie, Randy Newman, and Chuck Berry. Rolling Stone wrote she "steers clear of corn in stories about gambling men, love, loss and sexual politics in the rustic South. There's a heartfelt intelligence in this roots-without-whine music and it's unselfconsciously sophisticated." Her 2000 LP "Things I Gave Away" was in a similar vein to her previous Americana releases.

In 2006 she and her husband Rich began performing as a duo. They released a live CD "900 Baseline" in June 2007 and in 2010 their first studio album, "Saints and Sinners." 2012 saw the release of "Reincarnation" (a collaboration with her own family, brother Tim and his sons), followed by "Love Runner" in 2013 and "Daughters" in 2016.

She's performed at major music festivals and venues in the United States, Europe, and South America. She's also taken part in the Celtic Connections festival in Glasgow, Scotland, in 2010 and 2011 and toured with the first Transatlantic Sessions UK tour in 2010.

A true artist, O'Brien has primarily focused her efforts on the fading art of interpretation, and the end result is a singer at the very top of her game who is not afraid to take risks both vocally and in the material she chooses. In consideration of her decades of performance and excellence in the field of American music, and in recognition for her national and international fame that she's brought to her hometown, Mollie O'Brien is a perfect addition to the Wheeling Hall of Fame in the category of Music and Fine Arts.



Charles P. Saad - *Sports and Athletics*

This lifelong Wheeling resident reached the heights of his chosen profession of athletic training. Born June 14, 1925, to parents Thomas and Malenia Khoury Saad, he attended grade school at St. Alphonsus and was a 1943 graduate of Central Catholic High School. He traveled the country with major and minor league baseball teams, and an NBA professional basketball league team plus major college athletic programs during a 30-year career that lasted from 1951 to 1981.

Following his graduation from high school, Saad took summer chemistry classes at Duquesne University before serving a short stint with the Medical Corp in the U.S. Army during World War II. He then attended West Virginia University where he became an assistant trainer for all sports under state Hall of Famer A. C. (Whitey) Gwynne through 1951. During the next 15 years, he worked both in minor league baseball and as an all-sports trainer on major college campuses. He was an assistant trainer for the Class A Columbia, South Carolina, Gems and the Class AA Memphis, Tennessee, Chicks. He became Head Trainer from 1959-67 for the Class AAA Indianapolis, Indiana, Indians. During the off-season, he worked all sports at WVU, the University of South Carolina, and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York. His minor league career included stints with teams that won five league championships.

In 1965, he started a five-year tenure with the Los Angeles Lakers of the National Basketball Association, which was coached by former WVU coach Fred Schaus. Saad served as the Lakers trainer for their Eastern schedule and also doubled as an equipment manager and ticket handler when the team left the West Coast for games. He later declined a Lakers offer to become Head Trainer for the entire country and concentrated on baseball, his favorite sport.

From 1967-78, he reached major league baseball by becoming Head Trainer for the Chicago White Sox. He worked with manager Chuck Tanner for four years, leading to a lifelong friendship with the future Pittsburgh Pirates manager. While in the Steel City, Tanner would visit Saad in Wheeling. From 1979-81, Saad worked as Head Trainer of the Oakland A's as well as the California Angels during their spring training camps before retiring. He was a proud member of the Major League Alumni Association. Saad is believed to be the only West Virginian to have been employed both by professional sports teams in the major leagues and the National Basketball Association.

Returning home to Wheeling, Saad continued a 33-year working relationship with the YMCA. He made numerous friendships with professional athletes, club owners, and coaches, which made him popular with local sports fans. Some of those associations included Tanner, Schaus, Jerry West, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Elgin Baylor, Gene Autry, Tom Hawkins, Eddie Stankey, Bob Lemon, Luke Appling, and Bobby Bonds.

Saad passed away on Nov. 21, 2014, at his home in center Wheeling. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Thomas J. Saad, and his sister, Agnes M. Saad. He was a member, parishioner, supporter, and altar server for St. Alphonsus Catholic Church for more than 30 years.



Harry S. Sands and Helen Turner Sands - *Philanthropy*

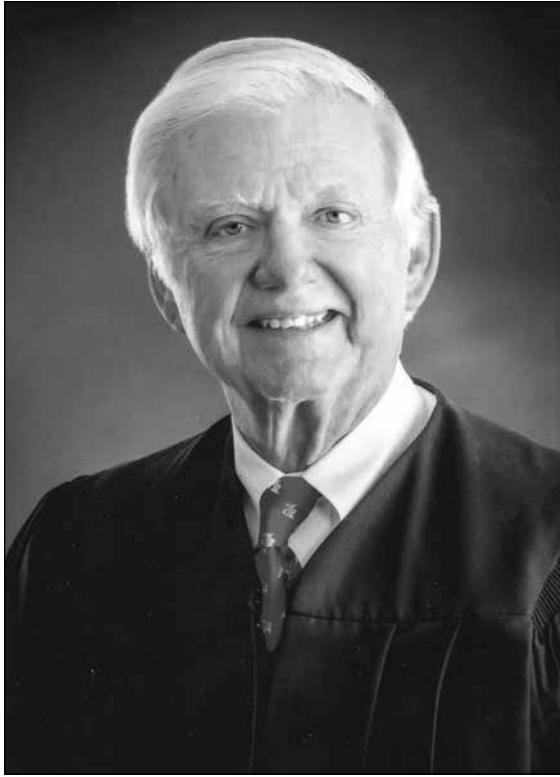
Harry S. Sands and Helen Turner Sands by the terms of their Last Wills and Testaments established a charitable trust to be used in West Virginia for public charitable and benevolent purposes as determined from time to time by their trustee, then Security Trust Company. A separate provision of Mr. Sands' Will required that their farm, Sandscrest, be devoted to some educational, scientific, religious, charitable or other public benevolent use. Today, the Sandscrest farm is owned by the Sandscrest Foundation, Inc., which was created after their deaths by the Episcopal Diocese of the State of West Virginia as a memorial to Harry S. and Helen Turner Sands and to fulfill their wishes. The Sandscrest farm is used as a religious and spiritual retreat under the direction of the Episcopal Diocese of the State of West Virginia. Other parts of the Sandscrest farm were conveyed to the Ohio River Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Through the years more than \$7 million has been given to West Virginia charitable organizations in the Wheeling area, including the Sandscrest Foundation, Inc. for the support of Sandscrest.

Harry S. Sands was born in Fairmont, West Virginia, and educated at the Fairmont Normal School (now Fairmont State College) and Cornell University where he received a degree in electrical engineering, Class of 1892, less than 10 years after the degree was first established at Cornell. In 1893 Harry S. Sands married Helen Virginia Turner from Baltimore and in 1894 moved to Wheeling where his older brother, Lawrence, was then a banker. Harry S. Sands was a pioneer in the electrical business in Wheeling and involved in establishing the city's first electric power company. In 1896 Harry S. Sands founded Sands Electric and

Manufacturing Co. and set about electrifying coal mines and industrial plants in the Wheeling area. His entrepreneurial spirit led him into many endeavors including becoming involved with bringing the first X-ray machine to the area and manufacturing and distributing other electrical devices for consumer and residential uses. In addition to being the owner of Sands Electric, he was vice president and director of Security Trust Company of Wheeling, treasurer of Penn Mold & Manufacturing Company (a manufacturer of ingot molds and iron castings), president of the Carle Electric Construction Company of Akron, Ohio, and vice president of the Engineering & Equipment Company of Wheeling (dealer for Cadillac and LaSalle cars).

Harry S. Sands and Helen Turner Sands lived at 209 South Front Street on Wheeling Island and were very active at St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church, with Harry serving on the Vestry for many years. They had no children. Harry S. and Helen Turner Sands also directed in their Wills that annual gifts be made for 20 years following their deaths to each of St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church in Wheeling, St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal Church in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, and Christ Protestant Episcopal Church in Fairmont, West Virginia.

Beginning in 1919 Harry S. Sands acquired from Alexander McColloch, a member of the pioneer McColloch family that first emigrated from the South Branch of the Potomac River to settle the Wheeling area in 1770, a farm that would grow to more than 300 acres. For the next 30 years this "model" farm, which they named "Sandscrest", was electrified, modernized and expanded. Harry S. and Helen Turner Sands spent the rest of their lives at Sandscrest, where they raised prized Holstein dairy cattle and conducted other noted farming endeavors.



Judge Frederick P. Stamp, Jr. - *Public Service*

A life-long resident of Wheeling, Frederick P. Stamp, Jr. earned the BA, with honors, at Washington & Lee University, studied law at the University of Virginia, and graduated from the University of Richmond with the LLB in 1959. In 2006, that university also conferred an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

After completing active service with the United States Army, he returned to his hometown in 1960 and, for the next 30 years, maintained a practice with Schrader, Byrd, Byrum, and Companion and its predecessor firms. In 1990, President George H. W. Bush appointed him to the U. S. District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia. For seven years (1994-2001), he served as Chief Judge, and in 2006 he assumed “senior status,” although he continues to carry a full case load. By establishing his court in Wheeling, rather than Elkins where it was prior to his appointment, Judge Stamp, in the words of a noted local attorney, “re-invigorated the federal legal practice in Wheeling and directly led to the construction of the courthouse addition.”

Judge Stamp’s distinguished judicial service has been recognized by his undergraduate university and his law school: honors include Washington & Lee’s Order of the Coif and its 250th Anniversary Award, as well as the University of Richmond’s Award for Distinguished Service and the William Green Award for Professional Excellence. Locally, the BPOE Lodge 28 named him its Citizen of the Year in 2010.

Before joining the federal judiciary, Judge Stamp made significant contributions to educational organizations in Wheeling and in the State of West Virginia. From 1970 to 1977, he held an appointment to the West Virginia Board of Regents and served as its chair in the 1973-74 academic year. He also sat on and chaired the West Virginia Commission on Higher Education. Additionally, he held memberships on the boards of trustees at Wheeling Jesuit University, Davis & Elkins College, and The Linsly School. At

West Virginia University, he was on the College of Law National Council and Visiting Committee and the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center Advisory Board.

He and his family are parishioners at St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church in Wheeling, where he was a trustee for 20 years and served on the church’s Vestry. He has been a member of Security National Bank’s Board of Directors and Executive Committee, as well as Spectrum Corporation’s Board and Executive Committee. He has given his time and his expertise to the YMCA, Youth Foundation of Greater Wheeling, and the Salvation Army, and he had a director’s position with Stone & Thomas Department Stores. From 1966 to 1970, he represented Ohio County in the West Virginia House of Delegates, while also holding various posts in the Republican Party of West Virginia.

Professionally, Judge Stamp has been President of the West Virginia Bar Association, a Fellow of the American Bar Association, Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, and member and president of the Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia. Other memberships include District Judges’ Association of the Fourth Circuit, National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, Federal Judges Association, Judicial Conference of the United States, and the American Inns of Court.

In 1999, Judge Stamp and the federal and state judges in the Northern Panhandle established the Judicial Scholars Program, a series of educational experiences for select high school juniors and seniors who are interested in law and law enforcement. He also assisted in the establishment of a regular seminar for law clerks of judges in the Fourth Circuit. Judge and Mrs. Stamp established the Stamp Public Law Fellowship at the University of Richmond School of Law.

Judge Stamp and his wife, Joan Corson Stamp, have two adult children (Andrew and Elizabeth). As an attorney, a respected jurist, military veteran, and civic-minded city resident, Judge Frederick P. Stamp, Jr. epitomizes the essence of public service: a life of dedication to the betterment of his country, his state, his hometown, and his fellow citizens.



Robert Villamagna - *Music and Fine Arts*

Robert Villamagna has been referred to as “The Tin Man” with a heart, because his primary choice of art media is repurposed tin, cut and hammered onto wood as collage elements and then assembled to create his iconic art. Villamagna’s painted sign work graces walls, murals, and businesses throughout Wheeling. However, his work reaches well beyond the medium of tin and includes paintings, cartoons, collages of wood and metal, as well other mixed media. His visionary artistry reveals what some might see as the evolution of “found” materials into truly ground-breaking representations of the world around us. His work has also been featured in multiple print media throughout the nation.

Robert Villamagna is Assistant Professor of Art at West Liberty University, where he teaches studio art and is the curator of the Nutting Gallery exhibiting a wide variety of artists’ work for the campus and community. Robert came to academics along a circular path after having been an illustrator for the U.S. Army, a steelworker at Weirton Steel, and a father of four. He graduated from Franciscan University and took a Master’s degree in Art Therapy from Wright State University.

While Villamagna is a full-time professor and a working artist in his own studio, producing art for exhibitions, museums, and sale, he is also an ambassador and promoter of the arts in our community. Robert is a member of the Wheeling Arts Commission and lead member of the Visual Arts Committee. Not keeping his art nor his work to himself, he is responsible for numerous public art installations around Wheeling, including the parking meter art project in the Centre Market area and murals under the Interstate 70 bridge. As a member of the Wheeling Arts Commission, his work on beautification

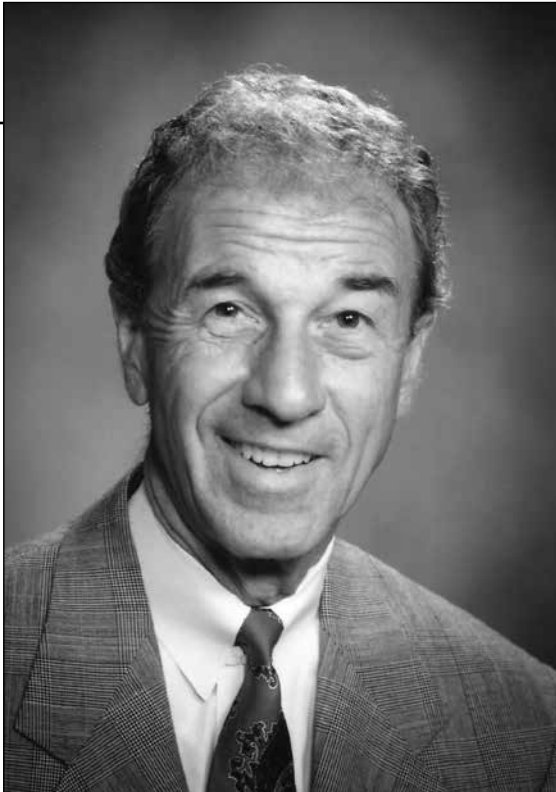
projects throughout the city has been instrumental in strengthening Wheeling’s image as a center for the arts in West Virginia and the region. He is a strong participant and supporter of local art fairs and festivals.

In 2016 the West Virginia Division of Culture and History chose him as West Virginia Artist of the Year, an award that recognizes an individual artist who has impacted the exposure to the arts in West Virginia through his or her work. On bestowing the award, Arts Commissioner Randall Reid-Smith said, “His artworks speak to the heritage of our state.” A frequent winner of their West Virginia Juried Biennial Exhibit, Villamagna’s works have consistently been purchased for the permanent art collection. His Fountain of Youth and Moundsville Prison Break, 1949, both reside at the State Museum at the Capitol Complex. His works are also exhibited at private galleries throughout the region. Other state awards include multiple awards at Tamarack’s David L. Dickirson Fine Arts Gallery. His work has appeared in private galleries throughout the region, and because of his breadth of knowledge of the visual arts, he is frequently asked to jury art exhibitions and offer workshops.

Robert Villamagna is truly an exemplary, award-winning, and practicing artist in Wheeling, one who “talks the talk and walks the walk” by making art every day and by unselfishly sharing his art, his knowledge, and his passion with all of us. Wheeling is fortunate to have him working in our midst and in bringing the notoriety of his art home to us, thus making Wheeling an Art Center for the state and the region.

HALL OF FAME

2015 INDUCTEES



Clyde D. Campbell

1930 -

(PUBLIC SERVICE)

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



Allan Connolly

1944 -

(EDUCATION AND RELIGION)

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



Billy Cox

1941 -

(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

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

HALL OF FAME

2015 INDUCTEES



Mary Elizabeth Fassig (Keyser)

1905 - 1986

(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

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

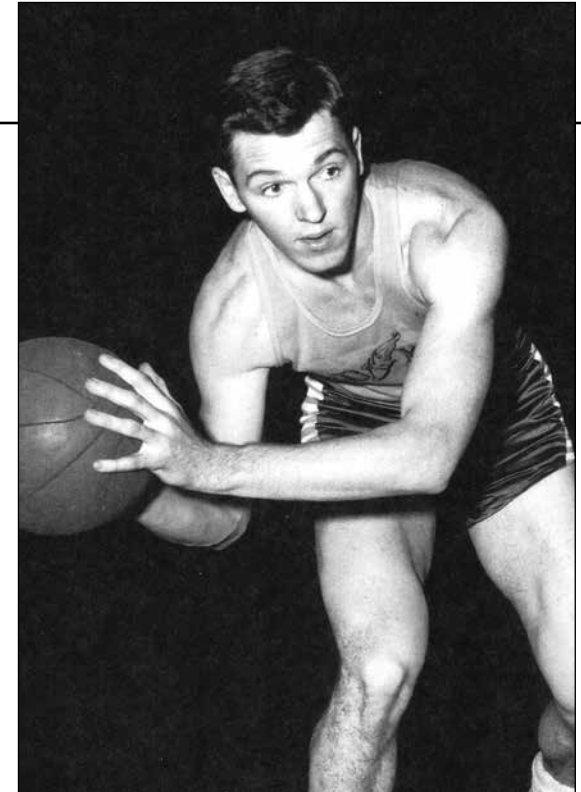


Frederick Faris

1870 - 1927

(BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND PROFESSIONS)

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



John B. (Jay) Handlan

1928 - 2013

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

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

HALL OF FAME

2015 INDUCTEES



Susan Cox Hogan

1949 -

(PUBLIC SERVICE)

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

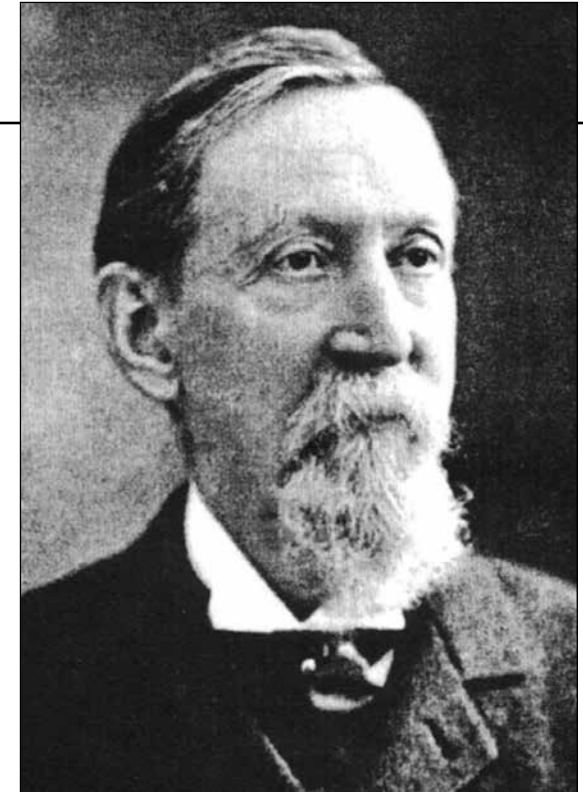


Dr. Arthur "Art" Rybeck

1923 - 2008

(PHILANTHROPY)

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



James Nelson Vance

1829 - 1913

(BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND PROFESSIONS)

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

↻ HALL OF FAME ↻

2013 INDUCTEES



Rosemary Front

1940 - 2009

(PUBLIC SERVICE)

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



Marc Harshman

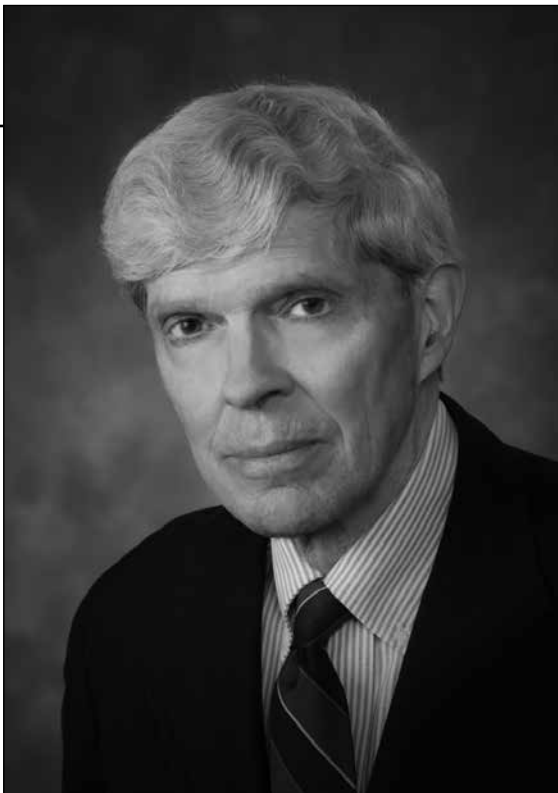
1950 -

(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

This poet, children’s book author, storyteller, and educator was named West Virginia’s seventh Poet Laureate in 2012, adding this honor to numerous other well-deserved awards and distinguished fellowships. His 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.

HALL OF FAME

2013 INDUCTEES

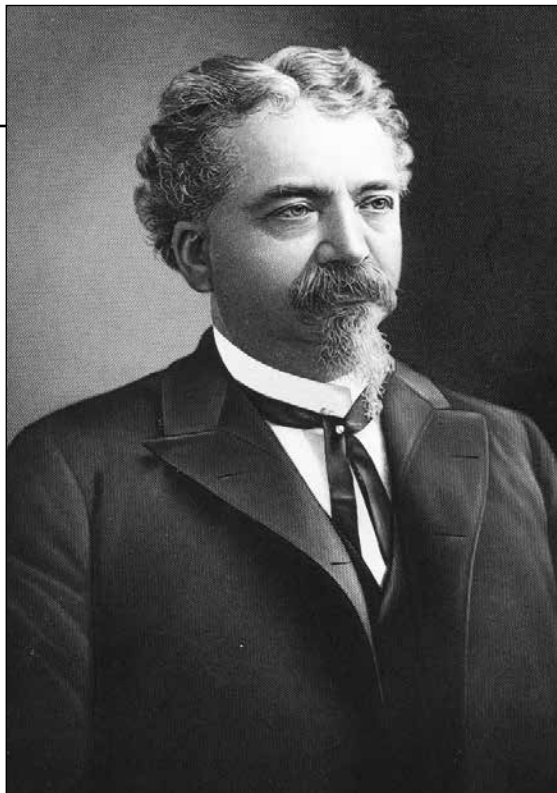


G. Ogden Nutting

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.

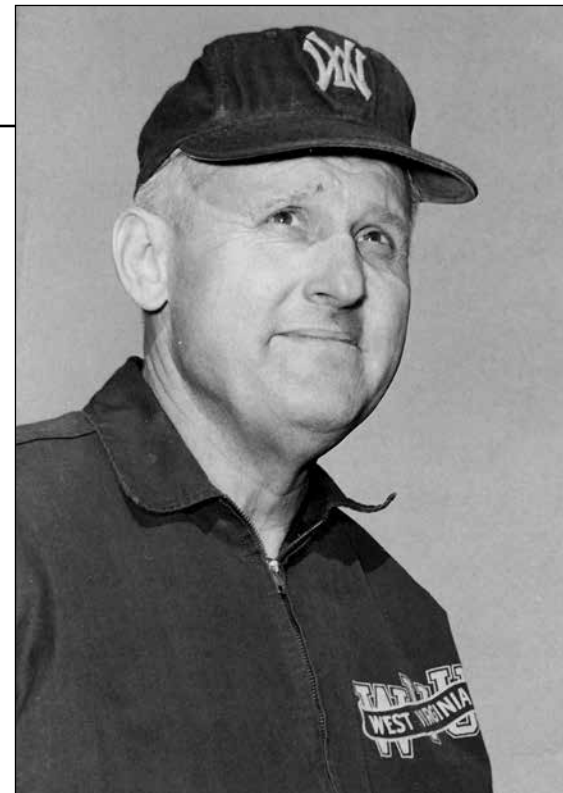


Augustus Pollack

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

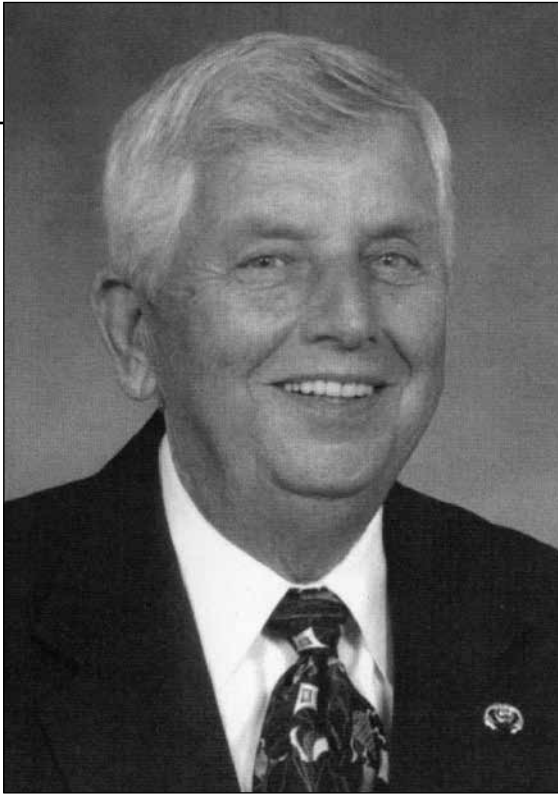
1918 - 2004

(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

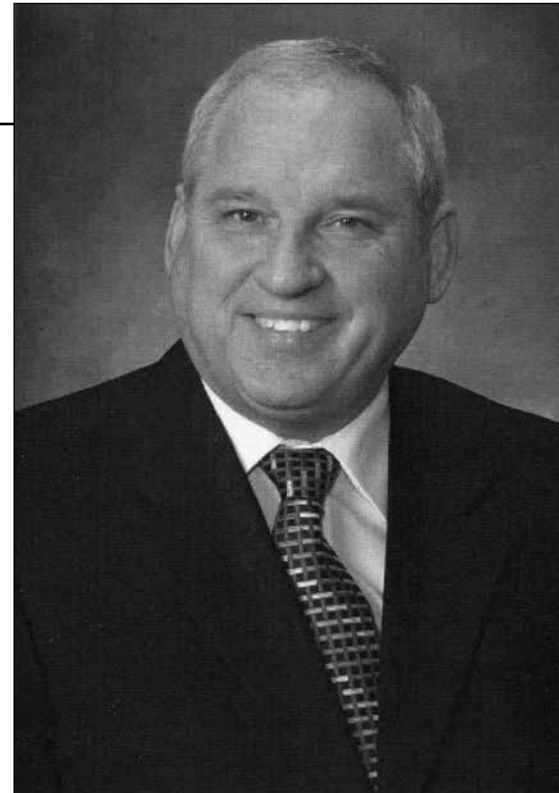


George W. Lutz

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

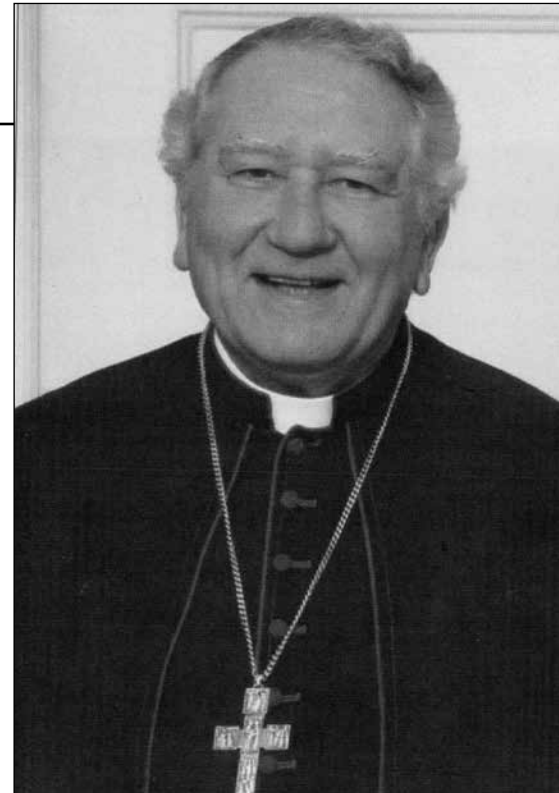


Dr. James Edmund Reeves

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

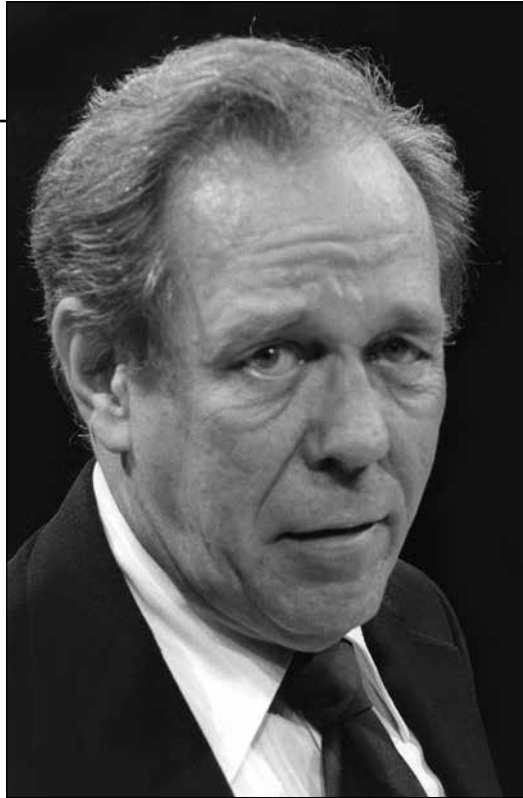
1941 -

(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

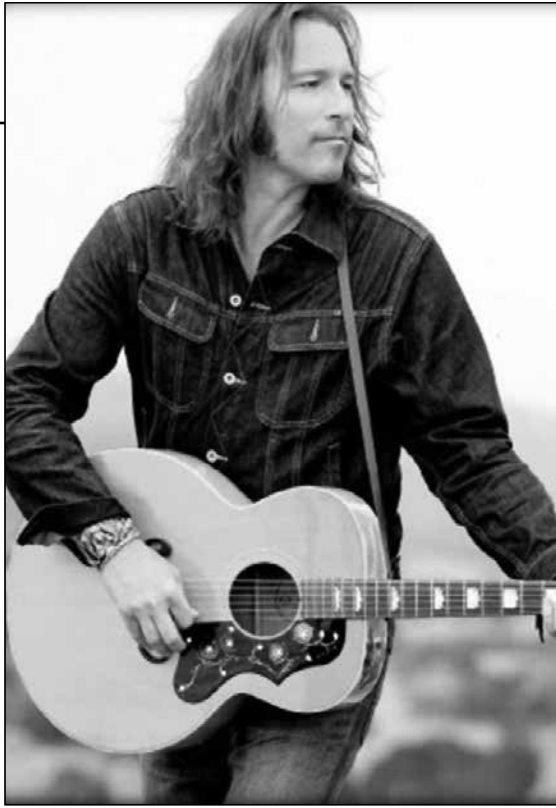
1937 -

(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.

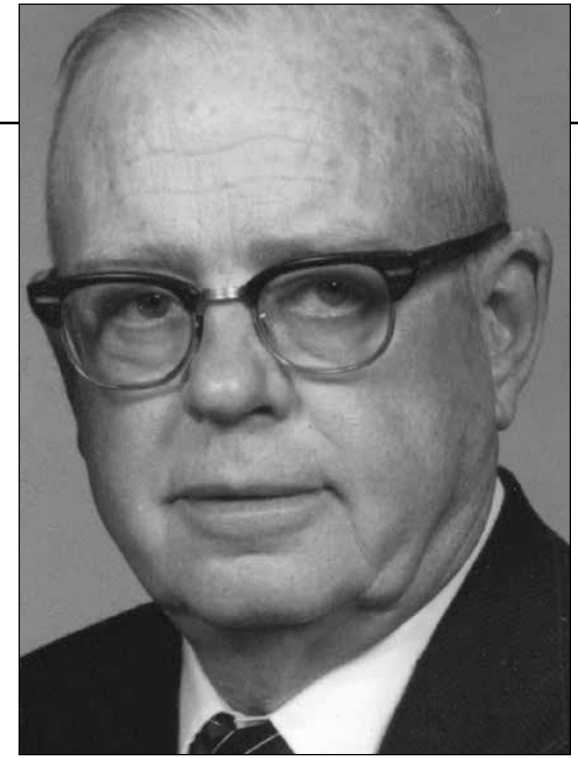


Rose M. Gacioch

1915 - 2004

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

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



Robert C. Hazlett

1910 - 1996

(BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND PROFESSIONS)

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

HALL OF FAME

2004 INDUCTEES



Keith Lee Maillard

1942 -

(MUSIC & 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.

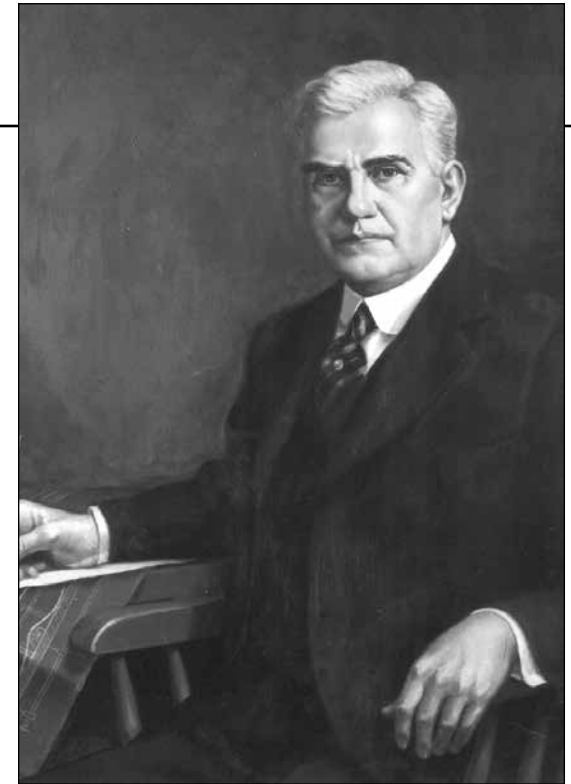


J. Loran Mercer

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

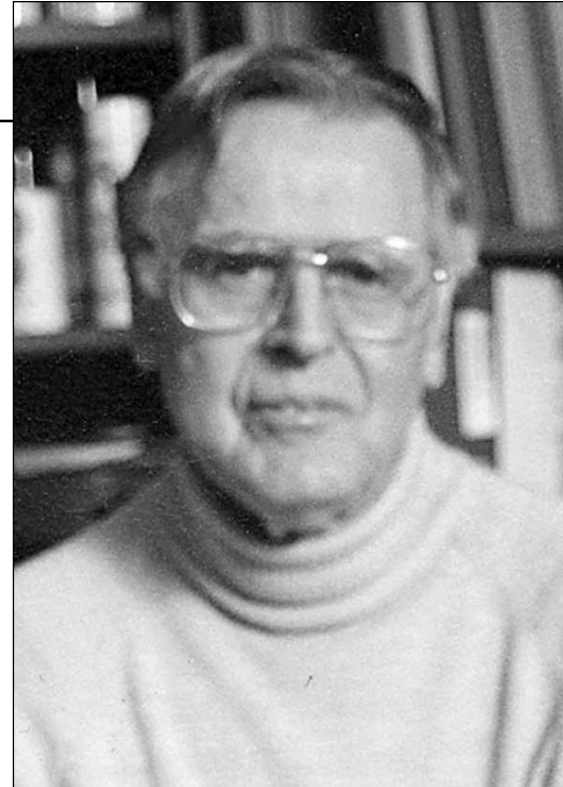


Bill Van Horne

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

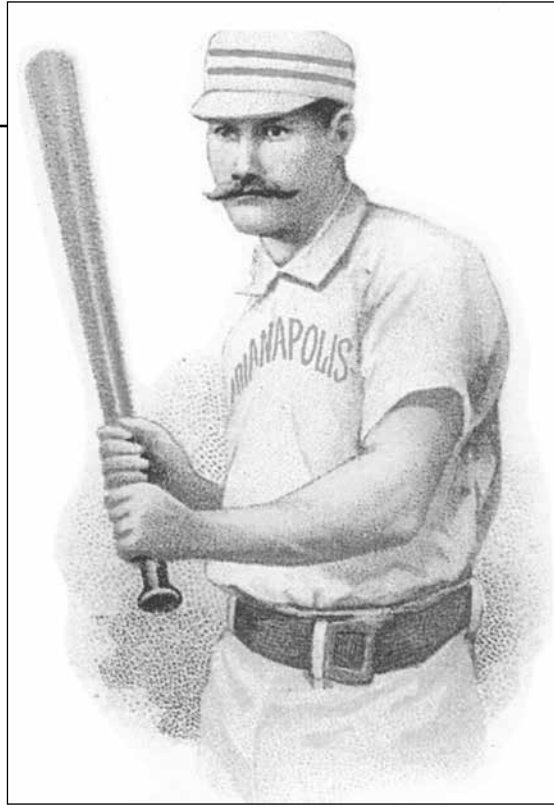


Helen B. Gaither

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

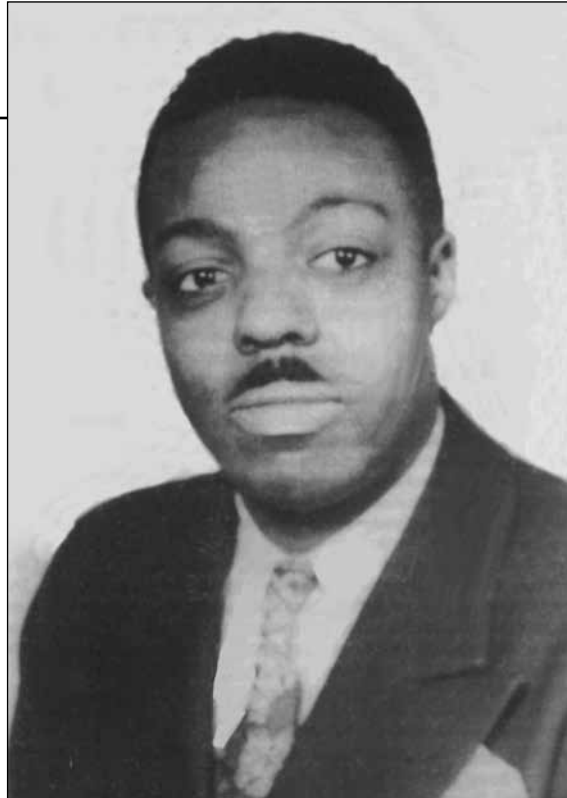
1911 - 1998

(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.

↻ HALL OF FAME ↻

1998 INDUCTEES

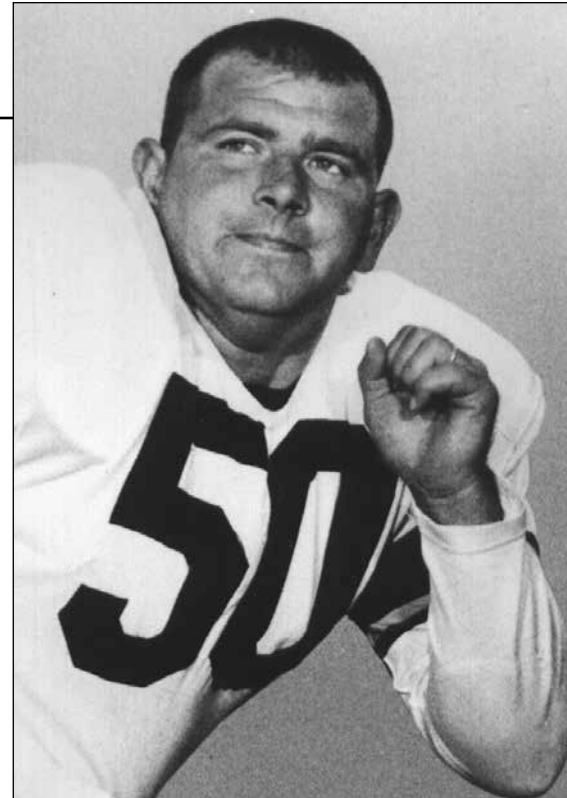


Phillip Nathaniel Reed

1914 - 1975

(EDUCATION AND RELIGION)

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



John Reger

1931 - 2013

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

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

↻ HALL OF FAME ↻

1998 INDUCTEES



Henry Stifel Schrader

1909 - 1996

(PHILANTHROPY)

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



Dr. Harlan J. Smith

1924 - 1991

(BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND PROFESSIONS)

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

HALL OF FAME

1994 INDUCTEES

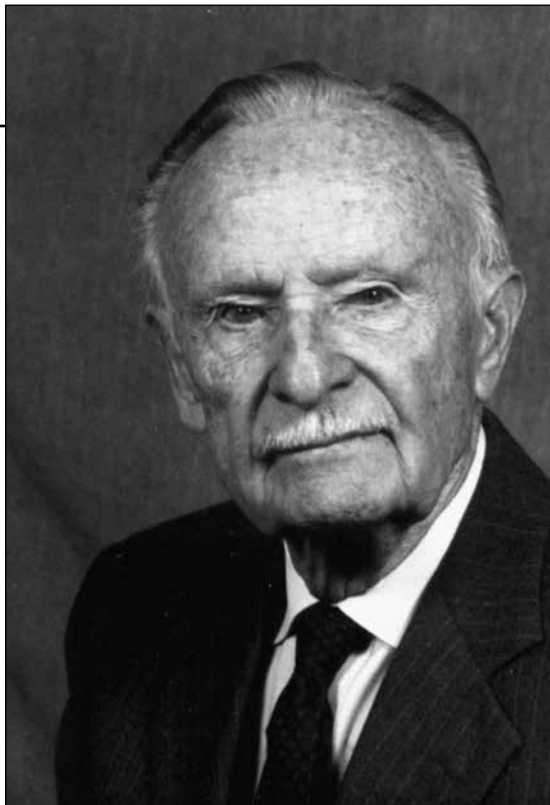


Sally Carroll

1926 - 2012

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

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

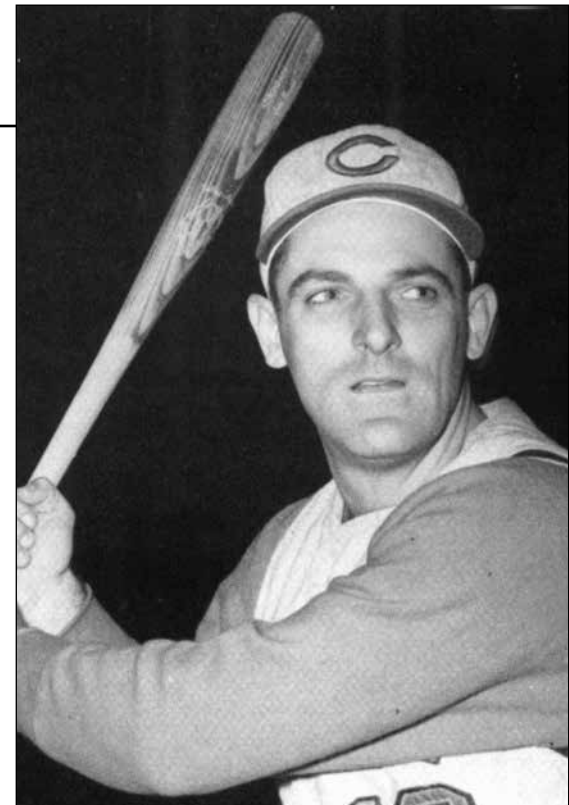


Ellis R. Dungan

1909 - 2001

(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

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



Gene Freese

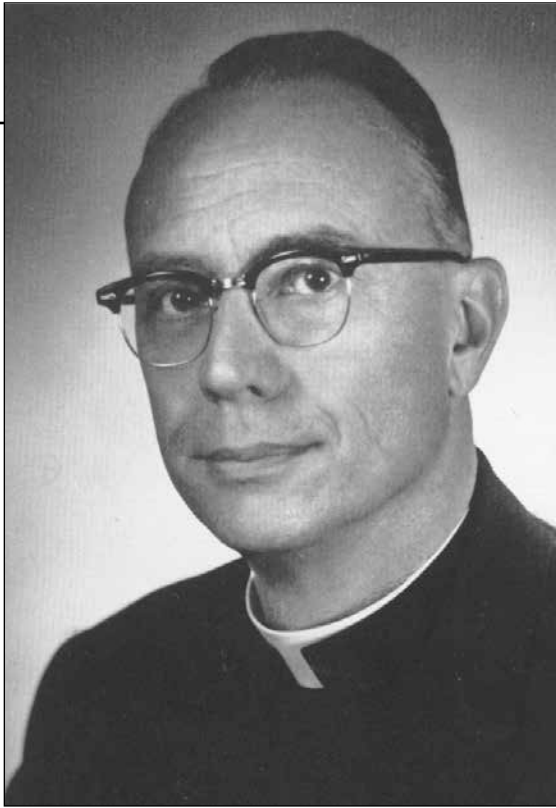
1934 - 2013

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

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

❖ HALL OF FAME ❖

1994 INDUCTEES

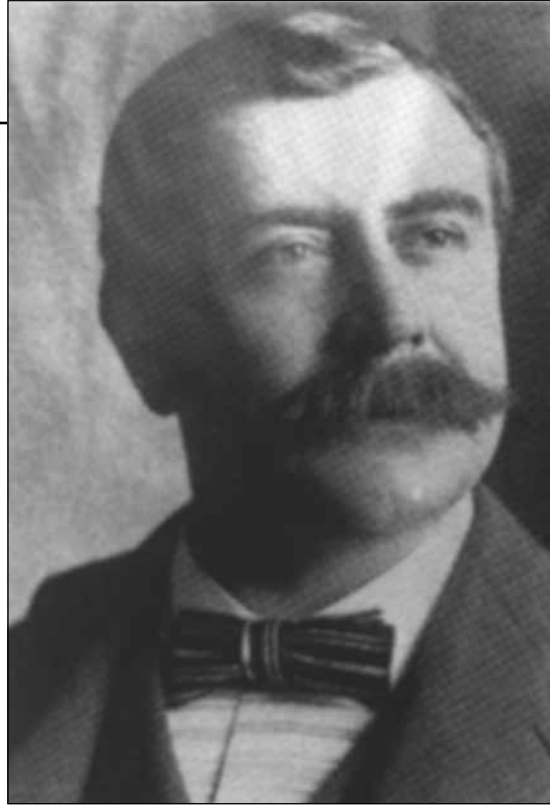


**Rev. Father Clifford M.
Lewis, S.J.**

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.

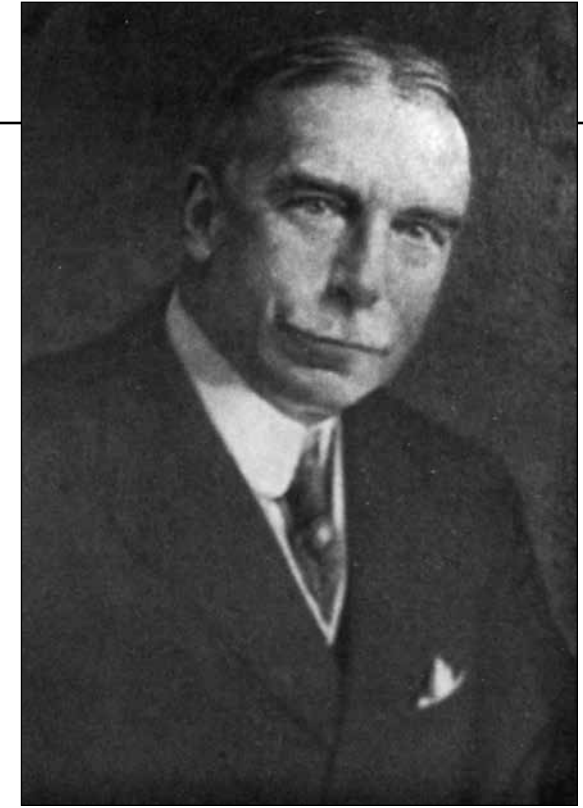


Harry C. Northwood

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

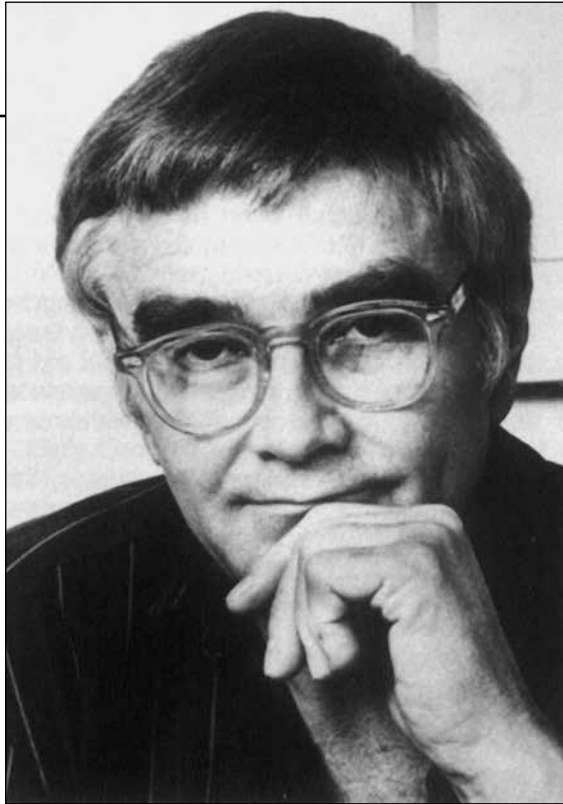
1851 - 1925

(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

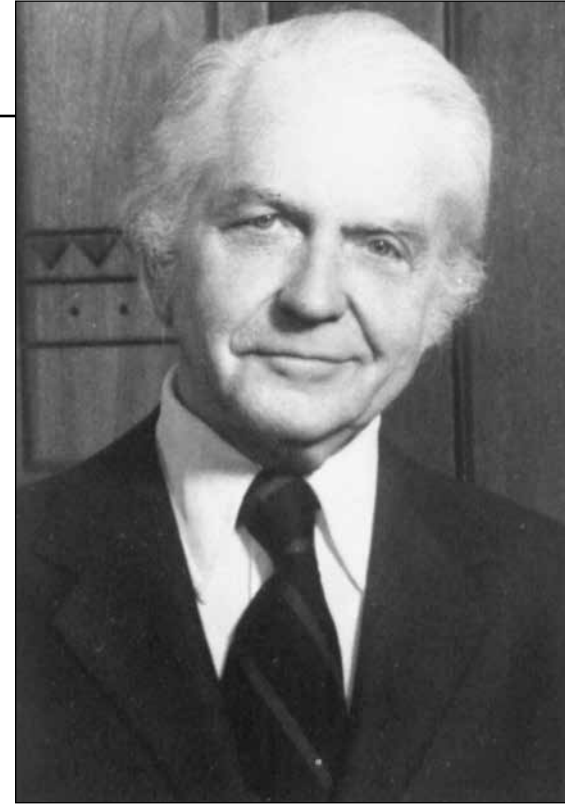


Budd Hopkins

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.

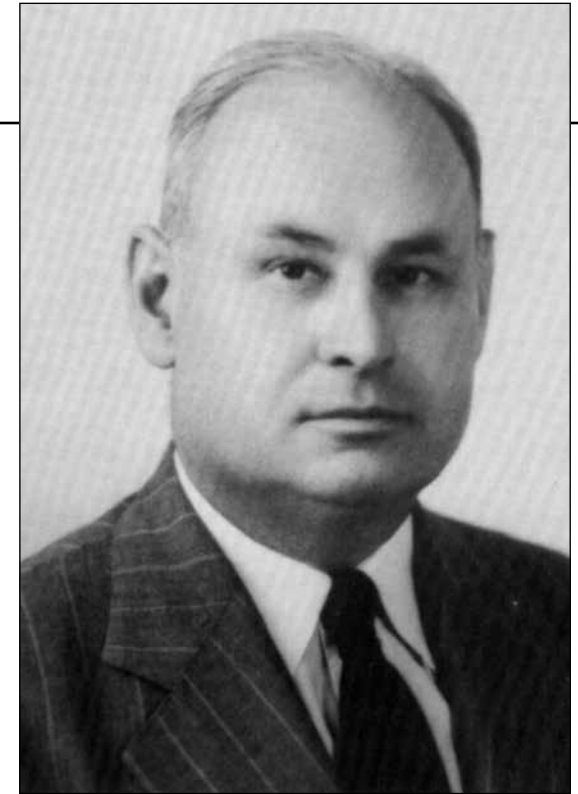


S. James Foti

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

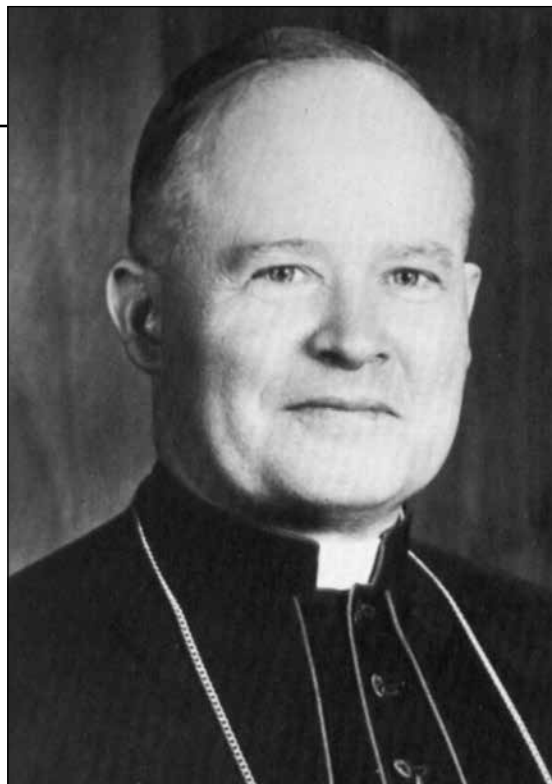


Chester R. Hubbard

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.

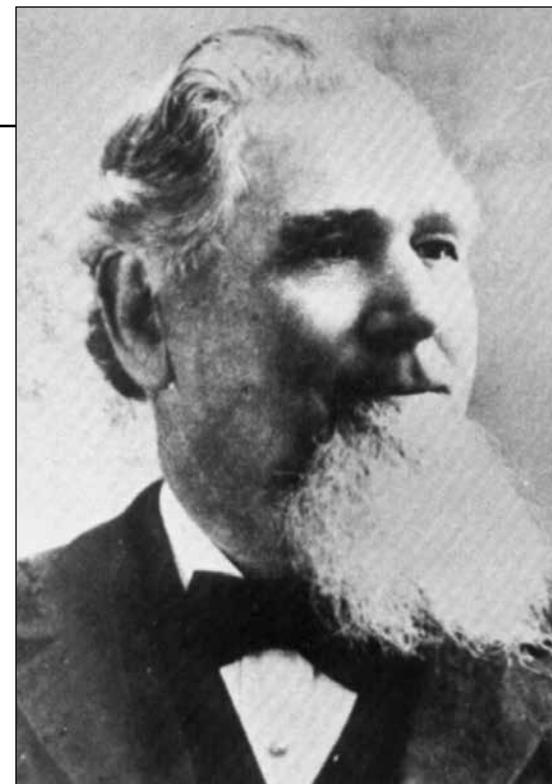


**Most Rev. Joseph H.
Hodges D.D.**

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.

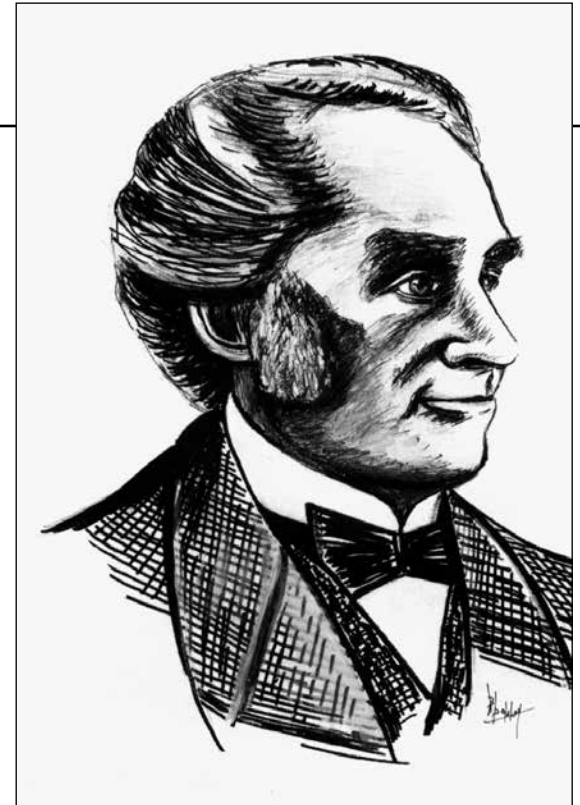


Dr. William S. Fulton

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

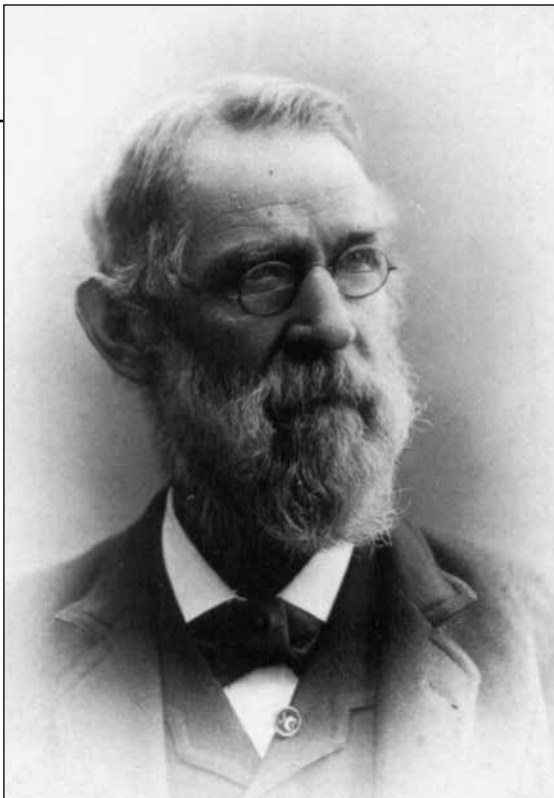
1854 - 1941

(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

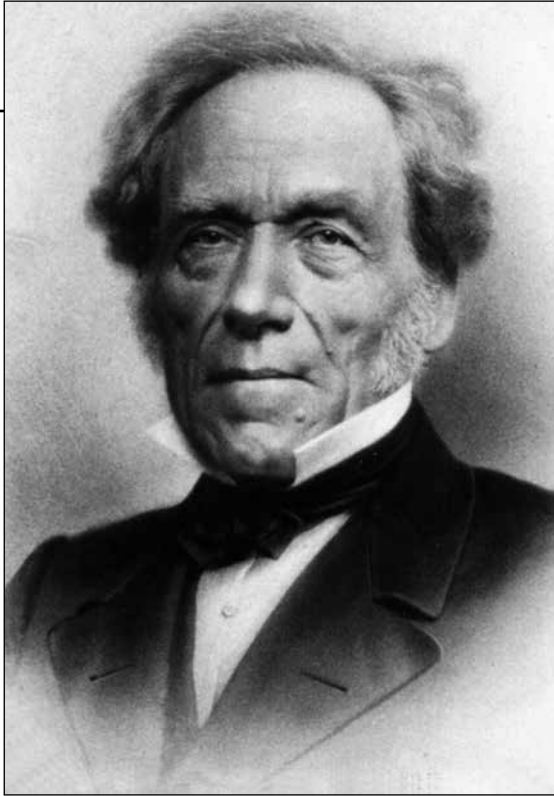
1863 - 1933

(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

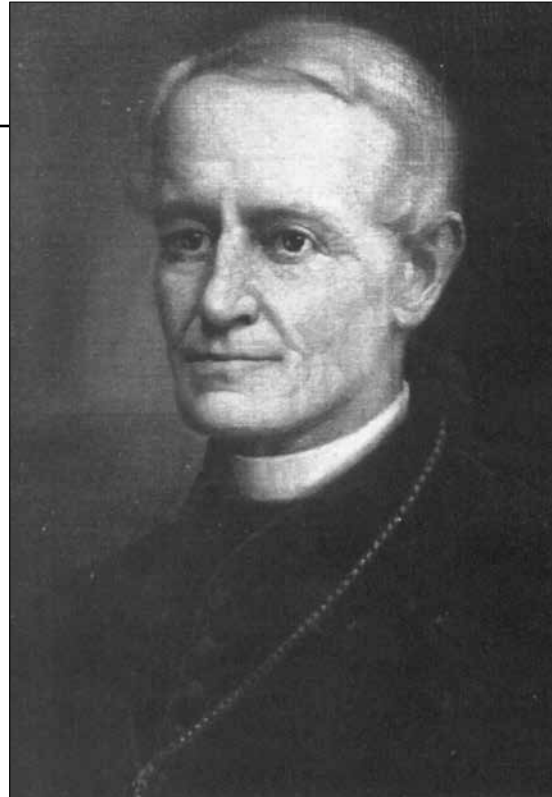


Wilbur E. Stone

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.

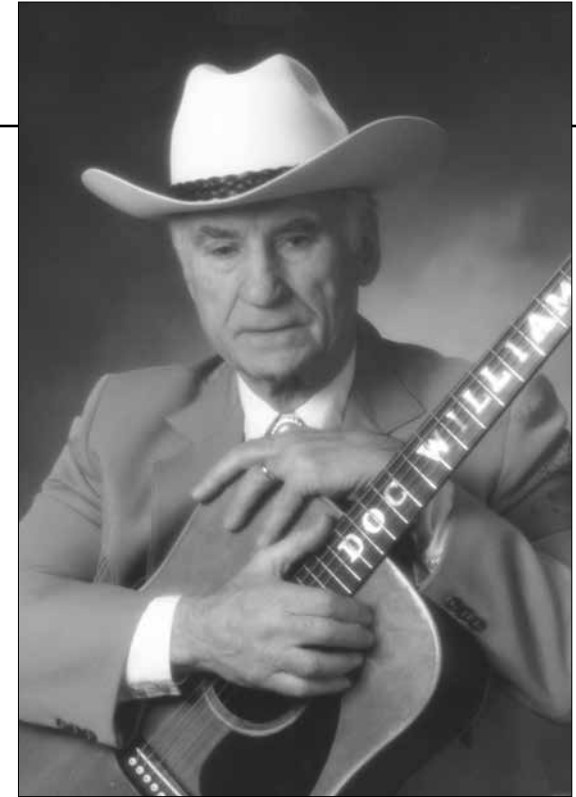


**Rev. Richard V.
Whelan**

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, INDUSTRY AND
PROFESSIONS)

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



V. Everett Brinkman

1902 - 1972

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

Coached Wheeling High to five state basketball championships – 1936, '38, '40, '43, '50. In career at Union High and Wheeling High, he logged basketball record of 405 victories against 193 losses. He also coached four football teams – two at Union (1928 and '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.

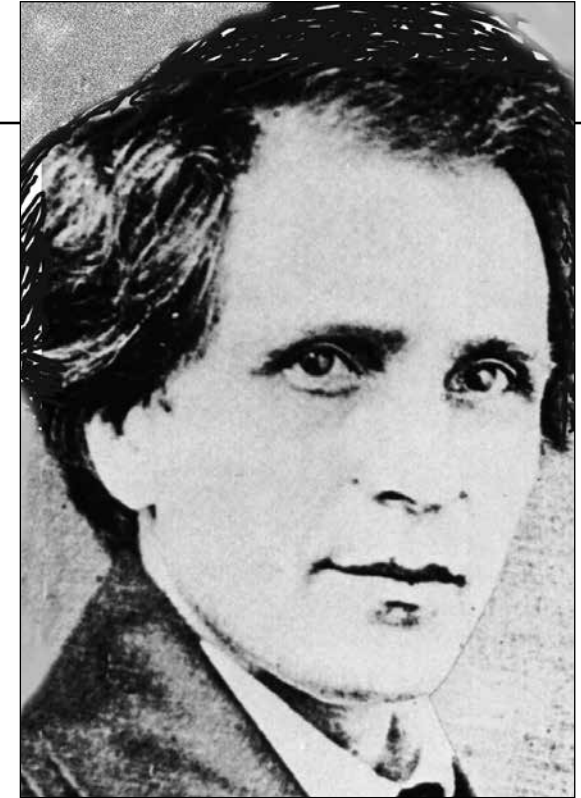


Harry C. Holbert Sr.

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.

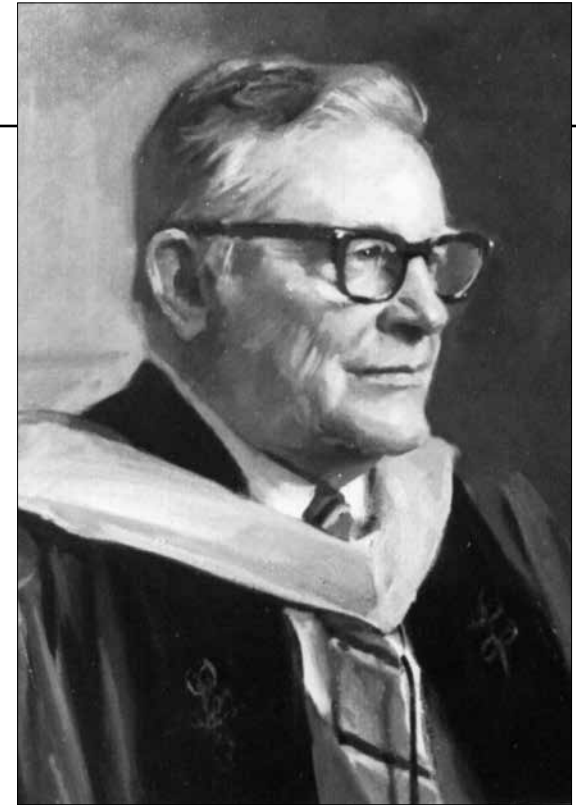


**Rt. Rev. Robert E. L.
Strider, D.D.**

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.

HALL OF FAME

1980 INDUCTEES

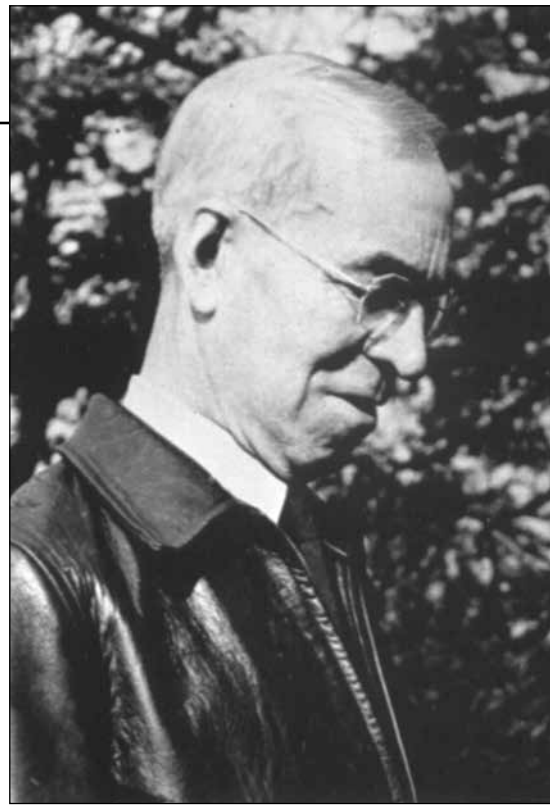


Levering C. Bonar

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

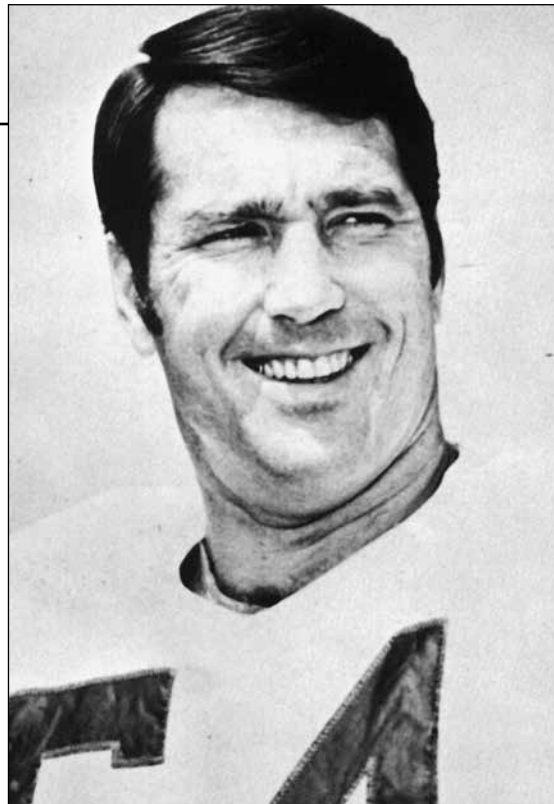


Alexander Glass

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.

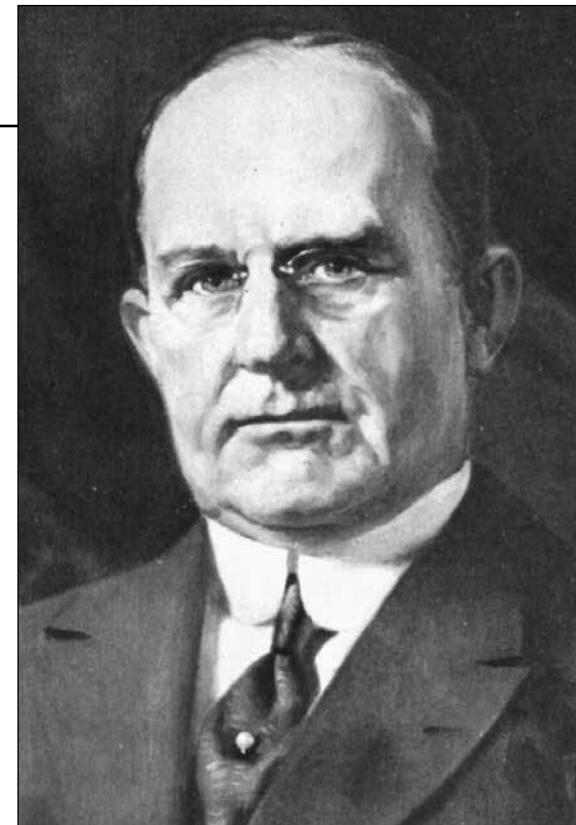


George J. Kossuth

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.

HALL OF FAME

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.

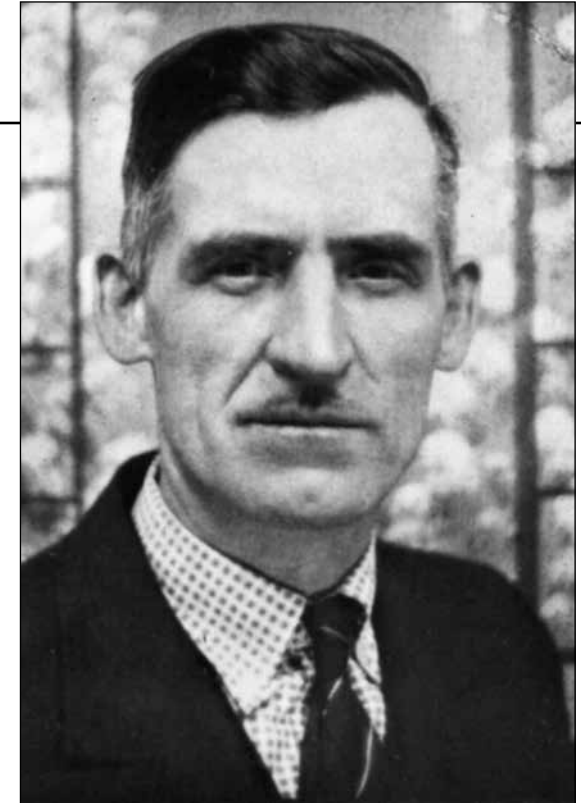


George E. Stifel

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

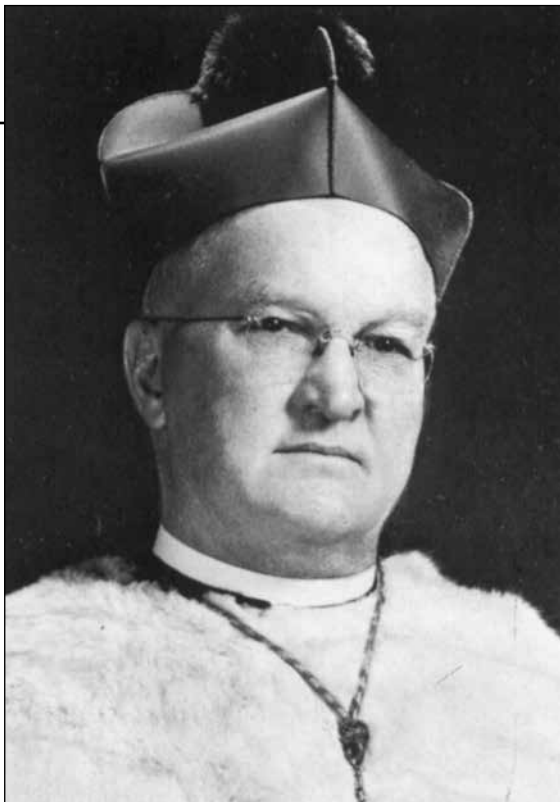
1894 - 1967

(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.