Welcome to the Lake Shore Central Schools



Wall of Fame

Induction Ceremony

& Reception

Wednesday, May 31, 2017

Lake Shore Senior High School

LSC Wall of Fame Honorees - 2015

Robert R. Catalino *Class of 1953*

Howard M. Frawley *Class of 1964*

Arthur Litzinger *Class of 1975*

Joseph M. Pisarski Class of 1964

> William J. Sills Class of 1976

Past Honorees

1992

Clint Holmes ('64)

<u>1993</u>

Kathryn (Quirk) Klopp ('74) Cynthia (Rauker) Rigby, MD ('67)

1997

Gary Miller, MD ('68)

<u>2001</u>

Willis H. Carrier (1894) Robert Carlson ('64) Franklin Drago ('47) Robert Drago ('52) James W. Hardacker, MD ('79) William G. Houston ('47) Helene (Mahoney) Soby ('57)

2002

Gary Cooper, PhD ('68) Michele M. Dybowski ('90) Gerald Feldman, PhD ('48) Jene Heimburg ('34) Ruth (Shepker) Lehning ('39) William Sharp, MD ('45) Linda (Weglewski) Sorrento ('70)

2003

George M. Cash ('33) Gordon C. Found (Honorary) Wesley Hicks, MD ('71) David Hinckley ('85) Charles Militello ('60) Mark Radka ('77) Marlene Ricci ('72) Blair Webster ('76)

2005

William Dispence ('51) Jean C. Forti ('80) Angelo Galante, MD ('82) Salvatore Galante, MD ('74) Sharen (Greenwood) Trembath ('63)

2007

Steven Mark Bogold ('78) Timothy J. Cooper ('73) Randolph J. Dziendziel ('79) Jack Ehmke ('37) Jack R. Geidel (Honorary Graduate) William A. Klimowicz ('81) Joan (Barone) McDonald ('68)

2009

Adella E. (Lanser) Cook ('36) Dr. Fred J. Damerau ('49) Dr. Lynda J. Dimitroff ('81) Pamela L. Forge ('78) John P. Pytlak ('66) Anita Serwacki ('88)

<u>2011</u>

Edward H. Davis, Jr. ('80) Leonard K. Pero ('67) Lee Randall Sanborn, Jr. ('43) David M. Schwartz ('75) Frank C. Vail, Jr. ('51) Daniel Wieloszynski ('86) Adina L. (Holland) Williams ('85)

<u>2013</u>

Sean Burke ('92) Michael P. Caffery ('70) Mark G. Cooper ('66) Jennifer L. Haak ('93) Jacqueline (Nehrbass) Haderer ('44) Christopher H. Koch ('78) Marlene A. Schmitt ('83)

2015

Richard A. Clark (Deceased) ('39) Samuel V. DeJohn ('65) Jamie Heimburg-Molinaro ('95) Peter F. Pero, IV ('79) Shirley (Vail) Pfalzgraf ('47)

Congratulations on your Induction into the Lake Shore Central School District Wall of Fame May 31, 2017



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James Przepasniak, Superintendent of Schools Daniel Pacos, Assistant Superintendent for Admin. & Finance Melissa Bergler, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

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Lake Shore Senior High School Auditorium

7:00 p.m. Welcome and Introductions James E. Przepasniak, Superintendent of Schools

Greetings and Comments Jennifer Michalec, Board of Education President

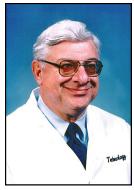
> Introduction of Honorees Jeffrey Connors

Presentation of Plaques

Comments

Lake Shore Senior High School Library Media Center

Reception & Hors d'oeuvres will follow the Induction Ceremony



Robert R. Catalino Class of 1953

As an active athlete and student leader, Robert Catalino truly immersed himself in everything Lake Shore. Upon his graduation in 1953, Robert went on to Buffalo State College majoring in Industrial Arts and Secondary Education. Shortly after in the fall of 1958, Mr. Catalino was hired by his alma-mater Lake Shore Central Schools as a secondary Industrial Arts teacher. Back in familiar territory, Mr. Catalino returned to his passion—athletics. He was the junior-varsity football

coach from 1958-1966 and would later coach boys' varsity baseball from 1980 through 1991.

One would think teaching and coaching would keep "Bob" busy enough, but he had other adventures in mind. One such adventure concerned being a family man. Bob and his wife, Marlene Frawley Catalino, raised three children (Roman, Lisa and Robert II), and all three attended and graduated from Lake Shore Central Schools.

In addition to being a wonderful father, teacher and coach for Lake Shore, Bob would later gain notoriety for being a dedicated and valiant leader for the Town of Evans. Soon after Bob was hired at Lake Shore, he became heavily involved in community concerns. Specifically, Bob was very active in campaigning for John F. Kennedy and help lead local endorsements enabling him to win the 1960 presidential election. This passion for politics and leadership led Bob to run for town councilman (1966-1970) and eventually Supervisor of the Town of Evans where he would serve office from 1970-1978. During his tenure as a leader in the Town of Evans, Bob oversaw some of the largest and noteworthy residential and commercial construction projects in the town's history. To name of a few, Bob was a crucial part in getting the Evans-Eden thruway exit, the development of the Derby Ryan Home subdivisions and commercial businesses, and the creation of Sturgeon Point Marina. In Bob's time, the Town of Evans doubled as did Lake Shore's student population. Bob continued to support and belong to the Evans Jaycees, the Evans Volunteer Fire Companies, Most Precious Blood Catholic Church, the Holy Cross Cemetery Association, the United Way and the American Cancer Association.

Bob's later joys included seeing his youngest son, Robert II, be elected as Evans Town Supervisor while serving as Evans' Democratic Chairman, now retired as of 2017. Sadly, Bob lost his wife in 1994, but he would find solace and meaning in seeing his children, grandchildren and former students grow and succeed.

In 2004, Bob married Patricia Catalino (known as Ms. Charles by the students at Lake Shore Middle School). Together, they work to support all that Lake Shore and the Town of Evans has to offer its community members. Their pride for our town and residents is apparent to all, and Bob's leadership encourages future leaders to not only work hard but to do what is always best for the people he or she is serving. It is with great pride that the Lake Shore Central School District honor Robert R. Catalino as a 2017 inductee to the Lake Shore Wall of Fame.

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Acknowledgments

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William J. Sills Class of 1976

Many people work hard to be exceptional, but only a handful make themselves unforgettable; Officer William "Bill" Sills is one such person. Through his career, community involvement and most importantly, his character, Mr. Sills proved to be one of the most giving, proactive and well-rounded liaisons with the Lake Shore Central School District.

Bill Sills graduated from Lake Shore High School in 1976. Always active, he participated in athletics and various student activities. Friends characterized

Bill as a friend-to-all with a 'heart of gold.' His genuine service and compassion then would lead him later to his future career.

Upon graduating, Bill began his career in the field of law enforcement as a correctional officer (1980-1984). In 1984, Bill was appointed an Evans Police Officer. Over the next 32 years, he would give his time and talent to not only the Town of Evans but the Lake Shore Central School District making strides to proactively reach kids to stay on the right track.

Early in his career, "Officer Friendly," as he was called then, worked with the youth to ensure they made safe choices and protected themselves from strangers. Later, he was an instrumental figure both in our community and all of WNY when he began teaching D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) to the 5th/6th grade students here at Lake Shore. He would even receive his own office at Lake Shore Middle School where he would remain there for roughly 19 years being able to truly connect with our students and staff. Officer Sills would continue being a strong presence at Lake Shore events by being the Evans Police liaison until he retired.

In 2013, he was promoted to Lieutenant where he commanded the Town of Evans Marine Patrol, and was an active member of the Advanced Law Enforcement Emergency Response Team. Lt. Sills retired from this position in December 2016.

As a community member, coach, husband, and father of three (Billy, Jeffrey and Jennifer), Bill served as a strong role-model for all other fathers and young men by showing them how to collaborate tough-love with respect and empathy. "Coach Sills" made it a point in life to positively guide young men and women whether they were on sports teams or walking down the beach. There was not a teen that did not know and respect Mr. Sills because he respected them; he understood and understands in order to get respect from young adults, you have to give it.

Again, many great employees, teachers and mentors have entered the doors of Lake Shore, but there is only one Bill Sills—ok, actually there are two, but one Lt. Bill Sills. Every Lake Shore student and staff member has been fortunate to call Bill Sills one of our own. As a product of Lake Shore himself, Bill embodies every admirable quality he wishes for his own children, students, and grandchildren. It is with great pride that the Lake Shore Central School District inducts William J. Sills, a mentor, leader and friend-to-all, into the 2017 Wall of Fame.



Howard M. Frawley Class of 1964

Howard "Hub" Frawley graduated from Lake Shore Central Schools in 1964. While attending Lake Shore, "Hub" participated in volleyball, basketball and track and field. He enjoyed high school and loved the social events that came along with his education.

Following his graduation, Howard moved to Detroit, Michigan to train as a ceramic tile and marble apprentice where he would train and work until 1970. Upon moving back home in 1970, Howard discovered in addition to his career, he had much to offer in the world of public service. His credentials, experiences and honors from 1970 to the present are too many to mention in entirety, but here are some noteworthy accomplishments. In the early 1970s, Howard actively joined the Evans Jaycees, the Angola Moose Lodge and various Village of Angola organizations that benefited the Lake Shore Central Community. Some notable organizations that still are in existence thanks to Howard's efforts are the Town Volleyball Summer leagues that benefit numerous businesses as well as the Village of Angola Holiday Lighting Display.

As Howard became more involved in local government, so too did his responsibilities and recognition. In 2005, Mr. Frawley was elected mayor of the Village of Angola, and he currently holds this title with great distinction. Mayor Frawley has worked hard with his "Friends of the Village" to bring the Village of Angola back to life as a quaint yet viable community hub maintaining and introducing new restaurants, amenities, retail, fitness, and culture to the people of the Evans-Brant area. What makes Howard an effective mayor is that his passion for the town, village and school district is apparent to all. Community members support Mayor Frawley's plans and promises because he delivers, and what he cannot deliver within our community, he finds alternative ways by reaching out to various county and state constituents who can help. For these reasons, Howard has received over 40 community awards and recognitions such as the Evans-Brant Chamber Lifetime Achievement Award in 2015.

Howard "Hub" Frawley is not done serving the people of the Lake Shore Community just yet, and this is wonderful news to community members who greatly benefit and absorb his enthusiasm for public service and his pride for the people who he serves. For these reasons and more, the Lake Shore Central School District is proud to induct Mr. Howard Frawley into the 2017 Lake Shore CWall of Fame.



Arthur Litzinger Class of 1975

Arthur "Art" Litzinger graduated from Lake Shore High School in 1975. While in school, Art was a member of the National Honor Society and participated in cross-country and baseball. An active athlete, Art enjoyed school athletics and incorporating physical fitness. Following his graduation from Lake Shore, Art attended and graduated

from ECC North with a degree in Criminal Justice in 1978.

In 1979, Art joined the Erie County Sheriff's Department—a career that would be a part of his life for roughly 37 years. At this time, he and his wife, Terry (Shraft), welcomed their first of three children (Lisa, Bobby and Jillian). The family chose to remain in Evans, and all three of their children are Lake Shore Central School District graduates.

Professionally, Art continued his training with the Erie County Sheriff's Department earning his commercial rotorcraft pilot's license. As a pilot, Art would have a tremendous impact on the emergency response opportunities for all of Erie County. Locally, he has been a key-player in how the Town of Evans responds to water emergencies providing his experience and time to better the residents of his town. He would go on to join *A.L.E.R.T.* and *Starflight* where he transported accident victims and severely ill patients to regional trauma centers. He also assisted in hundreds of rescue missions all over Western New York, and one of his most courageous mission occurred in 2003. While in a helicopter, Art straddled the landing gear over Niagara Falls to rescue a man contemplating self-harm. Art was able to lift the man to safety and was later featured on local television channels for his heroic and selfless actions. These actions are examples of the extraordinary abilities of an extraordinary man.

Art has been awarded numerous awards for his bravery and quick-thinking responses. Specifically, he has received several HERO awards by the 100 Club of Buffalo & WNY Incorporated. He was awarded Deputy of the Year in 2003 by the Sheriff's Badge and Shield Club. After 37-years of service with the Sheriff's Department and to all of Western New York, Art retired in late 2016 as the Commander of the Aviation Unit. Although Art is no longer an active Sheriff, his time and talent will forever leave a legacy of what it means to serve others in need. For these reasons mentioned above, it is with great pleasure that the Lake Shore Central School District awards Arthur Litzinger to the 2017 Wall of Fame.



Joseph M. Pisarski Class of 1964

Like all Lake Shore Wall of Fame candidates, Joseph Pisarski has contributed greatly to society. However, Mr. Pisarski's story is unlike any other candidate's in that his story started before he entered the halls of Lake Shore Central Schools.

Joseph Pisarski was born in a German Labor Camp in 1944 during World War II at the height of the conflict. This was a time when the Nazis were closing in on the European Allied nations. Fortunately, the United

States of America had joined the Allies and would prove to be too much for Hitler's Regime to conquer Western Europe.

This was fortunate for Mr. Pisarski and his family who would soon after immigrate to the United States for sanctuary and freedom in 1951. The move brought Mr. Pisarski and his brother to Western New York, specifically to the Town of Evans.

He attended Lake Shore from 1st-3rd grade, Most Precious Blood Grammar School from 4th-8th grade, and then began high school at Lake Shore. While at Lake Shore, Joseph played football, basketball, and track and field. His classmates described him as a nice guy who enjoyed living in Evans participating in all Lake Shore had to offer. Upon graduating from Lake Shore in 1964, Mr. Pisarski joined the U.S. Army and would serve his country until he was honorably discharged in 1967--the beginning years of the Vietnam Conflict.

Once back home, like many returning Vietnam Veterans, Joseph married his sweetheart, Carole, and started working at the Ford Stamping Plant where he would work diligently and honorably for 36 years. Mr. Pisarski's true accomplishments though stray from his time in the armed forces and at the Ford Plant.

As a resident of the Evans and Village of Angola area, Mr. Pisarski has contributed greatly to his community and residents. Specifically, as an officer of the Evans Historical Society, Joseph has enabled the town and our summer visitors to experience the history of our great community. Joseph worked hard to provide historical opportunities for seniors to current Lake Shore students by opening up the Evans Historical Museum and providing historical tours.

His passion for history helped restore Pioneer Cemetery and return dignity to the amazing trailblazers buried there. In addition to his time and achievements with the Historical Society, Mr. Pisarski also spent years volunteering his time with the Meals and Wheels Program providing meals for those unable to provide for themselves.

Although these days, Mr. Pisarski's involvement is limited due to his diagnosis of ALS in 2014, his passion, knowledge, and wisdom enable others to continue with his great work that benefits the Evans-Brant area and the Lake Shore Central School District. For these reasons mentioned, the Lake Shore Central School District is proud to induct Mr. Joseph Pisarski as a 2017 inductee to the Lake Shore Wall of Fame.