



# March 26, 2007 Wyandotte Distinguished Graduate Inductee



## Karl Malwitz Class of 1975

Karl Malwitz, in spite of a life-altering accident during his high school years, has distinguished himself as an outstanding citizen, living a life of distinction as a community-minded volunteer.

In the tenth and eleventh grades at Roosevelt High School, Karl was active in sports - football, baseball, and wrestling. He also participated in both the marching band and the concert band. When he was in the eleventh grade, a football injury left him a quadriplegic. This changed his life dramatically, but this injury never kept Karl from being productive. As a senior, he was inducted into the National Honor Society.

After graduation in 1975, Karl attended Wayne State University and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration in 1981.

In the past 32 years, Karl dedicated his life as a volunteer in a variety of activities and organizations. His love of sports was carried over into managing a little league team in the Wyandotte Braves Junior Baseball Association where he worked for 12 years with a team in the 9-10 year-old division. Following that, he served on the League's Board of Directors for two years.

As a volunteer at the Wyandotte Municipal Cable Studio, Karl again called on his knowledge and love of sports and directed cable broadcasts of Roosevelt football and basketball games. Karl also used his musical interests and directed a cable show devoted to bluegrass music, "Mountain Echoes," again for the Wyandotte studio.

Since 1990, Karl has given much of his volunteer efforts to the Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital Auxiliary. One of his primary volunteer duties is typing the monthly auxiliary newsletter. In spite of his quadriplegia, Karl uses a special mouth piece to type the 4 to 10 page newsletter each month. His supervisors at

the hospital have attested to the high quality of Karl's work. He also types the Auxiliary's annual membership directory, its executive directory, and its annual report. In 2004, Karl was recognized for his volunteer service at the hospital with a "Thanks for Giving" award, which honors volunteerism in health care facilities in Metro-Detroit.

Karl has also volunteered with the Silver Strings Dulcimer Society, a traditional American music group, typing their newsletters. His love of music is also evident in his participation in the Praise Choir at St. John United Church of Christ in Wyandotte, where he is also a member in the St. John Brotherhood.