



# March 22, 2010 Wyandotte Distinguished Graduate Inductee



## Thomas Wilson Class of 1965

Thomas (Tom) Wilson distinguished himself as a dedicated member of the Wyandotte Public Schools Board of Education, and for his tireless efforts to correct gender inequities in female sports programs throughout the State of Michigan.

Tom Wilson furthered his education at the Detroit College of Business where he majored in Business and Real Estate. This training led to his employment at Detroit Edison (DTE Energy) where he has served over 40 years. Always an advocate of gender equity at DTE and in the community, Tom received the prestigious Alex Dow Award from his employer for his human relations work.

Governor Granholm appointed Tom Wilson to the Michigan Women's Commission. He serves on a Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence Task Force and served on a Central States Committee on the Equality of Women and Men. Tom Wilson was honored with the Phillip A. Hart Award from the Michigan Women's Studies Association.

Tom Wilson served from 1983 to 1994 on the Wyandotte Public Schools Board of Education. Tom was an active member who worked to improve the educational offerings for all children. During his term on the Board of Education, he worked to restore programs, to reopen the middle school, and promote bond proposals that were needed to renovate and improve the school buildings. Tom was State President of School Boards United for Fair Funding of Schools which sought passage of School Funding Proposal A.

Tom Wilson, has for many years vigorously supported Wyandotte female sports, and enthusiastically labored to provide the same benefits and gender opportunities that the male sports programs have traditionally enjoyed. In 1999, Tom founded the Female Alumni Athletic Boosters (FAAB) of Wyandotte. To date, over \$58,000 has been made available for female athletic scholarships

through the FAAB Organization. The Chartered 501(c)(3) organization will continue to provide scholarships for our female athletes into future years, thanks to the dedicated effort of Thomas Wilson.

Tom and his wife, Janice, reside in Wyandotte and their family includes 2 adult children and 4 grandchildren. Tom continues to serve our children and community with distinction and loyalty.