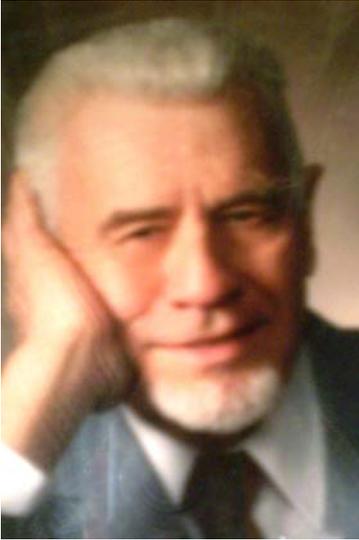




# March 18, 1996 Wyandotte Distinguished Graduate Inductee



## Walter E. Evich Class of 1945

Walter Evich distinguished himself as a classical musician, performing with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra since 1952. Walter studied at the University of Michigan, and earned a Bachelors and Masters of Music in Violin, and a Bachelors and Masters of Music in Viola from 1950 - 1959.

Walter has had numerous performances at Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center and several European tours and festival engagements. While at the University of Michigan, Walter was concerto contest winner. He was presented the Oliver Ditson Award in 1951, and authored the Chordial Keymaster Music Dial in 1967. He was twice elected to Pi Kappa Lambda, a National Honorary Music Society. In 1990, he was featured in the Downriver Profile magazine and in 1992, was the recipient of the Downriver Council of Arts "Salute to Excellence."

Walter's achievements were not confined to the field of music. His accomplishments in the field of engineering include work on several major construction projects for Ford Motor Company, Metro Airport, Ford Auditorium, Enrico Fermi I, and various other buildings such as schools, churches, hospitals and apartments.

Walter never forgot his roots in Wyandotte, and gave of his time to work in the schools. In 1963, Walter directed the orchestra at Lincoln Junior High School, In 1979 he organized and conducted the Downriver Youth Symphony. To benefit Wyandotte citizens, in 1972 Walter chaired the Wyandotte Local Elected Officials Compensation Commission, and assisted in the development of the BASF Waterfront Park. Working with state legislators, Walter was instrumental in the development of Michigan's current odometer law.

Walter's interests are varied. He authored the Universal Civil Calendar on file in the United Nations, Vatican and World Council of Churches. His development of

a universal monetary system earned an honorable mention in world-wide competition.

Walter and Mary Evich raised eight children, all graduates of Roosevelt High School. When not performing with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Walter balances his leisure time with private music lessons and staying physically fit. He has won six gold medals in Downriver Senior Olympics swimming competition.