

MYNDERSE ACADEMY ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME NEWSLETTER

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The Class of 2017



Coach Kirk Ward, Nick Wilson,
Cherrie Barrett Deming, Joe Lawson,
Nancy Galusha (for husband Jerry),
Not Shown – Kevin Loucks

A Look Back On Induction 2017

As we roll into 2018, the MAAHOF Committee hopes everyone had a great holiday season. With the 2017 induction behind us, it's a good time to reflect on last year's induction.

Induction weekend events began Saturday afternoon at Bracht Field. Saturday, October 7, 2017 was named Coach George Davis Day in Seneca Falls.

Members of the undefeated 1970 football team acquired and sponsored a memorial dedication ceremony to their late, and renowned coach. Members of several of Coach Davis' teams, as well as his daughter, Georgia Davis and his grand daughter were present to celebrate coach's accomplishments and contributions to Mynderse football and Seneca Falls. A commemorative marble plaque was unveiled depicting a familiar engraved image of Coach Davis. This plaque has been mounted on a pillar next to the entrance to Bracht Field. Hopefully it will be a source of inspiration to all alumni who return as visitors as well as future MA athletes.

Following the plaque dedication, members of the '70 team, along with 2017 inductees, family and friends toured Mynderse, reminiscing and sharing stories. Saturday evening everyone enjoyed a few hours of camaraderie at the SMS Lodge.

The induction, on a beautiful autumn Sunday, was well attended. The Committee received many heartfelt comments on the ceremony. If you weren't able to attend the ceremony, we hope that you mark your calendar for 2018.

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If you are planning to move, please send the HOF Committee your new address so that we can continue sending you our bi-yearly newsletters.

SPECIAL THANKS

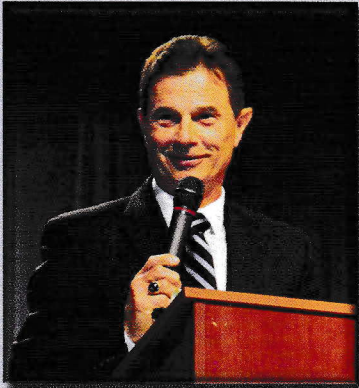
The MAAHOF Committee would like to thank the members of the 1970 football team for their generous donations towards expanding the permanent HOF display at Mynderse. A complete report of this expansion will appear in the June issue of the HOF Newsletter.

Hall of Fame Website

You're invited to check out the MA Athletic Hall of Fame on the Seneca Falls School District website. The website contains information and photos of every Hall of Fame member and team.

Go to the district website at www.senecafallscsd.org click on the "Departments" tab and then "Athletics" tab. You should see the link for the MA Athletic Hall of Fame.

Good Bye to Another HOF Committee Member



The Committee and Seneca Falls said good-bye to Hall of Fame member and HOF Committee member, Coach John Nicholson. John was inducted in the Hall our inaugural year of 2010. His many notable accomplishments as teacher, Athletic Director and coach made his selection in that inaugural class an easy decision. John joined the HOF Committee in 2011 and served as the treasurer until his departure. He has been a valuable member of the committee for the past seven years. The Committee wishes John and his wife, Maxine, the very best in their new community of Royersford, PA. He will be missed.

HOF Committee member, Mike Ferrara, has assumed treasurer responsibilities for the Hall.

Can the Hall of Fame Committee Improve Upon the Induction Ceremony?

Over the past several years, the Committee has received many favorable comments about the ceremonies but not the length. Last year, as the Committee prepared for the 2017 Induction, increased effort was placed on presenting an Induction Ceremony that was memorable as well as timely.

If you were able to attend this year's ceremony, you might have noticed that the Committee was able to produce a ceremony within a two-hour period. In fact, this year's ceremony was less than two hours. The Committee's two-hour goal, while being achieved, did not take away from the celebration of all the inductees and team members. The Committee feels that everyone who attended was treated to an enjoyable and memorable evening. It is the feeling of the Committee that a two-hour ceremony affords all inductees with an attentive, engaged audience.

Hopefully, two hour, or less, ceremonies will be the norm in future years.

Induction Ticket Price Increase

Since the inaugural year of the Hall of Fame, ticket prices have been held to \$25.00. This price covers NYCC dining hall rental, appetizers, buffet meal and auditorium rental. The HOF Committee has been able to make adjustments to keep that price stable these past eight years. This past year, with a profit margin of only \$.25, the Committee has been forced to raise ticket prices to \$30 beginning with the 2018 ceremony. Hopefully, this new price will hold for several years.

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MEMBERS

JERRY ANDERSON - 1992
JOSEPH AVVEDUTI - 1970
LISA CARACCILO ANDERSON - 1986
BETH ANNE BRADSHAW - 1993
BOB BUCHWALD - 1962
GARY BULLIS - 1979
GEORGE CAPACCI - 1971
DOM "CARTS" CARACCILO - 1952
DOMINIC CARACCILO - 1980
GENE CARACCILO - 1955
LINDSAY GOTHAM CORNUE - 2001
CERRIE BARRETT DEMING - 1986
DANA DICKSON - 1978
CHRIS DRAGONE - 2002
COACH GEORGE DAVIS
COACH MIKE FERRARA - 1975
LARRY GIUSTI - 1971
LISA POLZINETTI GALVIN - 1982
COACH ALAN HENRY
LEE LETIZIA - 1948
KRISTA RUSCHAK LONG - 1997
JOE LAWSON - 1969
KAREN LOUCKS - 1977
KEVIN LOUCKS - 1980
JEFFREY MANNING - 1977
COACH MIKE MARRIAM
DAVE MCNANEY - 1973
RICHARD "ABE" MEYERS - 1956
COACH JOHN NICHOLSON
JOHN PANNUCCI - 1953
FRAN PISCITELLI - 1966
MARK PISCITELLI - 1969
STEVE RITTER - 1967
LES ROBINSON - 1962
THERESA SHIPLEY - 1981
STEVE SIEGFRIED - 1982
BOB VALESENTE - 1958
GEORGE VALESENTE - 1962
ANDREW VERKEY - 1997
MATT VERKEY - 1992
ROD VERKEY - 1964
COACH KIRK WARD
NICK WILSON - 2007
DAVE WORMUTH - 1959

LIFETIME CONTRIBUTORS

ART BAKER
JOHN BRACHT - 1903
PETER DEBOTTIS
BRUCE KNAPP, SR. - 1950
NICK NETTI
MICHAEL NOZZOLIO - 1969
DOM PARADISE - 1949
ANGE SUFFREDINI
DAVE BAKER
DR. J. STANLEY MARSHALL
ELIZABETH BECHT - 1970
WARREN "SPEED" WORMUTH
PETE WORMUTH
SENECA FALLS COMMUNITY CENTER
JERRY GALUSHA - 1981

MYNDERSE TEAMS

1946 FOOTBALL TEAM
1938 FOOTBALL TEAM
1992 BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM
1985 GIRLS' SOCCER TEAM
1994 GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM
1952, '53 & '54 BASEBALL TEAMS
1966 & 1967 WRESTLING TEAMS
1993 VOLLEYBALL TEAM
1970 FOOTBALL TEAM

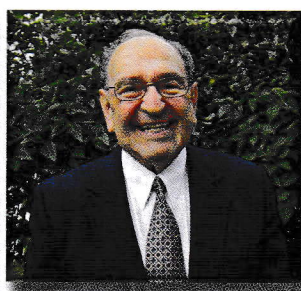
FORERUNNERS TO TITLE IX

ANGIE BANTUVANIS
HAZEL REYNOLDS WESTFALL - 1958
BARRIE DOANE CLARK - 1946
DIANA PANNUCCI - 1957
1922-23 GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM
JANE COOK - 1941

In Remembrance of a Passing Member



Dom & his wife Kay at 2014 Induction



Dom's Induction -2010

On Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017 Domenic "Carts" Caraccilo (graduating class of 1952) passed away. Carts was inducted in the inaugural class of 2010 for his athletic accomplishments on the football and baseball fields. It was not unusual seeing him at many of the induction ceremonies. He possessed a spirited, humorous personality that we will all miss. Carts was a lifelong resident of Seneca Falls. The Committee wishes to express our deepest sympathy to his wife & family.

The Mynderse Academy Athletic Hall of Fame Committee

Lisa Anderson, Liz Becht, Wendy Caraher, Mike Ferrara, Tony Ferrara, Ted Novak, Pete Wormuth
Chairman Rod Verkey

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Inducts the 1970 Football Team

