



Wall of Pride

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2017
Induction Event

October 21, 2017

Wall of Pride Mission Statement

Our committee's mission is to:

- Recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of outstanding Dansville High School graduates, DCSD educators and members of our school community.
- Reconnect and maintain relationships within the DCSD community.
- Celebrate members of the school community while recognizing that DCSD encompasses many smaller communities that surround the Village of Dansville.

The Foundation for Dansville Education

Our mission is to secure educational opportunities for the children and youth of Dansville Central School District by preserving and expanding academic programs, with an emphasis on programs most susceptible to cuts or programs not mandated by New York State.

The Foundation for Dansville Education, Inc.

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Enriching the lives of children and the Dansville school community, the Foundation experienced its most productive year since our inception in 2011. Revenue and funding opportunities for 2016 reached new heights. Financials and supported projects are outlined below. Thank you for investing in Dansville's most precious possession - children and the promise of a new generation.

Fundraising activities, events and donations brought in \$10,903.15. Expenditures in the amount of \$4395.50 sponsored the Wall of Pride Induction Ceremony, GETT (Girls Empowered Through Technology), the Senior Award and mini-grants (AP Exam fees, Chorus Singers Performance with RPO and One Book at EBH).

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THE FOUNDATION FOR DANSVILLE EDUCATION

Event Committees

Dansville Wall of Pride Committee

The Foundation for Dansville Education

Induction Selection Committee





PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

- WALL OF PRIDE
- MINI-GRANT AWARDS
- DHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
- GRADUATION MONETARY AWARDS
- ANNUAL FUNDRAISERS



Reception	5:30PM
Music by: Anthony D'Agostino	
Welcome and Buffet Dinner	6:00PM
Dr. Paul Alioto	
Choral Performance	7:00PM
DHS Chamber Singers, Directed by Anthony D'Agostino	
Award Ceremony	7:30PM
Dan Dixon, Master of Ceremonies	

<u>Inductee</u>	<u>Introduced by</u>
Nicholas H. Noyes Accepted by Amy Pollard	Gerri Waight
Helen M. Pratt Accepted by Billie Martina and John Scura	John Scura
Afshan (Affie) Qureshi	Cynthia Pierce
Dr. Sohail Qureshi	James Gross
Thomas J. Rauber, Sr.	John Adamsky

Photographs Following Award Ceremony





Nicholas H. Noyes

Nicholas H. Noyes was born in Dansville on August 8, 1883. "Nick" attended Dansville Central School where he played football and was associate editor for athletics for the D.H.S. Mirror, a monthly school publication. He finished his high school education at Lawrenceville, NJ Preparatory School, graduating in June 1902. As a 1906 graduate of Cornell University, Nicholas married Marguerite Lilly and joined the Eli Lilly Pharmaceutical Company in 1910, becoming the first comptroller of the company.

His employment with Eli Lilly began a distinguished career in business and civic affairs. Nicholas became Director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and also served as a member of the Business Advisory Council of the U.S. Department of Commerce. Mr. Noyes was honored for his more than 30 years of service to the Boys' Clubs of America.

Noyes' hometown benefitted from his philanthropy, although he and his family resided in Indianapolis. He contributed generously to the Dansville Public Library, donating a memorial fund in his father's name, Frederick W. Noyes, who was a key figure in the library's early history. In 1949, he and his siblings donated their family residence on Elizabeth Street to the Dansville Red Cross, which ultimately became Clara Barton Chapter #1. The most noteworthy contribution, however, came in 1970. Dansville's overcrowded hospital on Main Street was in need of replacement. Noyes donated \$100,000 to the project, becoming one of the two largest contributors in Dansville history at the time. In recent years donations from the Nicholas H. Noyes, Jr. Memorial Foundation have benefitted the Saunders Surgical Center and the Wilmot Cancer Center.

Nicholas is also credited with introducing golf to Dansville. Learning the game in college, Nick and his brother, Jansen, improvised by knocking little balls with sticks into flowerpots in a sheep pasture on the outskirts of the village. The game caught on and the Jackson Sanatorium quickly added it to their schedule of activities and "Brae Burn" Golf Course was established. Coincidentally, the golf course and new hospital eventually became neighbors.

Nicholas Hartman Noyes died in 1977 at the age of 94. The Dansville Public Library, Clara Barton Chapter #1, and Noyes Memorial Hospital continue to receive annual grants from the Noyes Foundation and the legacy of Nicholas Noyes lives on in our community.

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Thomas J. Rauber, Sr.

Thomas J. Rauber, Sr. was born in Dansville in 1924. After graduating from Dansville Central School in 1941, he served with General George Patton's Third Army in Europe. It was there that pride for his country became ingrained in his heart. His love for the United States ultimately led to his dedication to helping save our national symbol, the bald eagle, from the brink of extinction.

Tom has always been interested in nature, and has spent many years hunting, taking photos of wildlife, gardening and studying the American Indian. In 1965, at age 42, while working for the Rochester Telephone Company, he discovered what is believed to have been the last known bald eagle nest in New York State. He made hundreds of visits to observe and photograph these magnificent birds and witnessed their continuing failure to hatch an egg. He worked closely with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, and in 1976, New York became the first state in the nation to implement a comprehensive bald eagle recovery program, under the voluntary guidance of Tom Rauber.

In 1976, the Federation of the NYS Birds Club named Tom Rauber the recipient of the John Elliot Memorial Award for his article, "Notes of the NY Nest of the Bald Eagle". It was selected as the best submission to their journal, *Kingbird*. The bald eagle was removed from the Endangered Species List in 2007, and today there are over 300 bald eagle nesting territories scattered across the state. In 2013, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation recognized Tom for his decades of volunteer work and his contribution to the successful restoration of the state's bald eagle population.

A lifelong resident of Dansville and parishioner of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Tom is a member of the American Legion. His family, including Mary Ellen, his wife of 69 years, shared his love for the environment as they spent summers exploring local lakes and visiting several U.S. National Parks. In addition to his work with wildlife, he built and designed homes, a motorized "Moose Buggy", and worked on the Mt. Morris Dam. In 2015, after more than 37 years of observation and research, he published the book, [Bald Eagles Soar Again: One Man's Quest to Prevent the Extinction of the Bald Eagle in the U.S.](#) His work was featured on CNN in 2015. His efforts serve as a model for us all, as they demonstrate the significant impact a single individual can have on our world.

Helen M. Pratt

Helen M. Pratt was born in Dansville on June 25, 1906 and became a longtime Dansville attorney at a time when female attorneys were very uncommon. After graduating Dansville High School, Helen served a year-long clerkship with her father, Attorney Robert Pratt. At age 18, Helen attended Albany Law School. She was admitted to the Bar in 1928 as the first woman attorney in Livingston County. She returned to her hometown and joined her father's law firm to form Pratt & Pratt, where she served her community for the next 64 years. The [Albany Law School Magazine](#) referred to Helen as the "most successful lawyer in Livingston County."

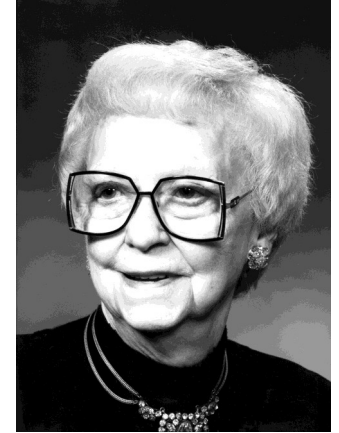
In 1976 Helen was elected to the U.S. Electoral College, a notable achievement. She served as president of the Livingston County Bar Association and chairperson of its Committee of Legal Ethics. Her political leadership also included being President of the Livingston County Women's Democratic Organization.

On March 14, 1994 Helen received Albany Law School's first **Kate Stoneman Award**, which recognizes those in the legal profession who actively seek change and expanding opportunities for women. The Albany Law School Alumni Magazine said, "She was lauded for her methodical and precise work, her sure instinct for what she wanted to accomplish and a practical integrity combined with a sense of humor."

Helen served her own community in such capacities as Dansville Village Attorney, President and Director of the Dansville Community Chest, and Director and legal consultant of the Clara Barton Chapter of the American Red Cross. Helen was on the board of directors of the Livingston County Chamber of Commerce, Dansville Memorial Hospital and Craig Developmental Center in nearby Sonyea, NY.

Helen was dedicated to helping Dansville and in particular Noyes Memorial Hospital. In addition to serving on the Hospital Board, Helen was also a long-time Hospital Auxiliary member. Most significantly, she willed a gift in excess of \$300,000 to Noyes Hospital.

Helen Pratt passed away on October 27, 2000 at age 94 as a pioneering female attorney. She passionately served her community, was a role model and mentor, and helped pave the way for professional women.





Afshan (Affie) Qureshi

Afshan (Affie) was born in Pakistan. She received Bachelor's degrees in English and Geography from the Kinnaird College in Pakistan. After moving to the US, Affie received paralegal training, a Master's degree in Human Resources and her MBA in Marketing.

As was the tradition in Pakistan, Affie's parents arranged a marriage for her at age 18 which brought her to America. After years of emotional and financial hardship, Affie found the support and courage from her ethnically diverse friends, including Americans, to leave the marriage. She faced several more years of financial hardship and legal struggles to secure her children. She later met and married Dr. Sohail Qureshi and came to know the community he called home, Dansville, NY. Affie's early misfortune, struggles and ultimate triumph provided her with the compassion, the skills and the confidence to assist other immigrant women and children who needed to escape similar harsh circumstances.

As a staunch advocate for social justice, Affie has made a tremendous difference in the lives of thousands of oppressed South Asian women and children. In 2004, Affie joined the newly founded Rochester-based nonprofit, Saathi, to advocate for victims of abuse and crimes in the South Asian communities of upstate New York. While working with Saathi in 2014, Affie graduated from the FBI Citizen Academy and was credentialed as a Board of Immigration Appeals Representative. She continues to work closely with families assisting them with challenging legal and immigration situations. After many years of volunteer efforts for "Families in Crisis" with Saathi, as well as serving as Saathi president for 4 years, she continues on the Board and as an active Advocate. Affie was presented with the Bruce Frazee Memorial Reserve Award for Grassroots Organizers and was recognized by Catholic Legal Immigration Network Inc. with an Excellence Award.

Her accomplishments are many, not only as an international activist, but as an advocate for local families and youth. Affie has served as the President of Empowerment of Women through Education. She has tutored incarcerated youth at the Livingston County jail, and volunteered at the Noyes Memorial Hospital program "Helping Adolescent Mothers."

Not only has the Dansville community benefitted from Affie Qureshi's relentless advocacy efforts, so have thousands of immigrants. With great courage and selfless heart, Affie overcame tremendous obstacles to establish her family and life of service. She and her husband, Sohail, have raised their family of 8 children in Dansville, and continue to remain committed to the emotional and physical well-being of its residents.

Dr. Sohail Qureshi

Dr. Qureshi was born in Pakistan. He attended high school there, and completed medical school at the Dow Medical College, also in Pakistan, in 1970. Dr. Qureshi went on to complete an internship at Westchester Medical Center, his residency in Internal Medicine at Highland Hospital in Rochester, and he received his American Board certification in Internal Medicine in 1974. He started his private practice in 1976, and has been caring for Dansville community members for over 40 years.



Dr. Qureshi's medical abilities have been described as a perfect balance of superior competence and unwavering compassion; never providing a "one size fits all" approach as he individually cares for each of his patients. He has cared for the young and the old. Military men and women hold a special place in his heart. A close colleague credits Dr. Qureshi with the following quote that he shares annually with residency students, "We care for patients. We don't simply treat diseases."

More importantly, in his role as senior internal medicine provider at Noyes Hospital, he has positively affected the lives of many, both patients and staff. Regardless of time or location, Dr. Qureshi continues to make house calls to the elderly and spends hours with the families of those who are caring for loved ones in their final days. He is always available and willing to help others without complaint or hesitation, or one's ability to pay for services. As a testament to his humanity, patients he has attended to have set up anonymous scholarships in his name.

Dr. Qureshi was recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award from Noyes Health in 2015 for "outstanding dedication and compassionate care to the patients in our community." Despite numerous offers to go elsewhere, he remained in the small community of Dansville to care for the people he knows and loves. Not only has the Dansville community benefited from Sohail Qureshi's personal commitment to his practice, there are many who credit their lives to his care. As a parent, he has been a staunch supporter of Dansville Central Schools' academic and athletic success. His life of service has been essential to our existence and the life of our community.