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presents

Wall of Pride

2023
Induction Event

October 21, 2023

Wall of Pride

Our committee's mission is to:

- Recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of outstanding members of our school community, DHS alumni and DCSD educators.
- Reconnect and maintain relationships within the DCS 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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In its mission to enrich the lives of children and the Dansville school community, the Foundation continues to seek ways to secure funds to advance this mission. The Foundation's newly formed Dansville Alumni Association held its inaugural Alumni Weekend in June 2022. Fundraisers and donations generated revenue totaling \$15,000 for 2022, all of which was used to support the programs and projects listed below. Thank you for investing in Dansville's most precious possession - children and the promise of a new generation.

- Dansville Alumni Association
 - Wall of Pride Induction
 - DCSD Therapy Dog Program
- Mini Grants Including:
- 7-12 Technology Club Video Production Equipment
 - Mustang Clothes Closet
 - Archery Club
 - American Sign Language Clubs at EBH & HS
 - Family Tinker Bags at DPS Library and STEAM Lab
 - Rinker's Readers—Opening Books Opens Doors
 - Financial Support of the 9-12 Music Students' NYC Trip for Adjudicated Performances
 - EBH Running Club
 - Self Defense Workshop for Students

The Foundation sponsors an annual Senior Award, the Hondelink Scholarship, and the Bornt-Smith Dreams Can Come True Award. In addition, the DCS Alumni Association supports the community (Main Street planter) and has reunited classmates through Alumni Weekend events and its Facebook page, both of which have seen an increase in alumni participation.

Wall of Pride Event Committees

Dansville Wall of Pride Committee Induction Selection Committee
The Foundation for Dansville Education



PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

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

Reception 5:30PM

Welcome and Buffet Dinner 6:00PM
Dr. Paul Alioto

Choral Performance 7:00PM
DHS Chamber Singers, directed by Lindsay Buckel

Award Ceremony 7:30PM
Dan Dixon, Master of Ceremonies

Inductee

Introduced by

Tom Acomb

Kevin Mastin

Wilfred J. Rauber

David Gilbert

Accepted by Bob Hitchcock

Kent Rounsville

Brian Bartalo

Thomas P. Wamp

Michael Wamp

Photographs Following Award Ceremony

Tom Acomb



Tom Acomb graduated from Dansville High School in 1988, and continued his education at the University of Cincinnati. He then began his "Disney Imagineering" career at the Walt Disney World Resort's Disney-MGM Studios. Over a 15 year career as creative lead for Disney, Tom brought to life a long list of projects that have been visited and heralded by millions of people worldwide. The launch of The Disney Cruise Line, The Disney Studios-Paris, and Disney's Animal Kingdom are among them.

After an amicable departure from Disney, and a few years in the luxury hotel and hospitality industry, Tom became the co-founder and Chief Creative Officer of Acomb Ostendorf and Associates (AOA) in 2009. With Disney as their first client, and over a "magical" 15 years, AOA has become a worldwide leader in immersive experiences, like Pandora: World of Avatar, The Incredible Hulk Experience, The Wizarding World of Harry Potter, Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge, and Guardians of the Galaxy at Epcot. His company was also the creative mind behind several dining and shopping venues at Disney Springs, as well as jaw-dropping hotel experiences around the world, including The Virgin Galactic Astronaut Campus in New Mexico, as well as luxury resorts in Arizona, Florida, Bahamas, California, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, and China.

The combination of Tom's entrepreneurial leadership, altruistic spirit, and his love for Dansville can be seen in Battle Street Brewery and the former Angie's Barber Shop on Main Street. Tom saved and preserved the train depot on Battle Street. With the help of family, friends, and professional colleagues, Battle Street Brewery was born. For both businesses, Tom and his brothers insisted on using local contractors, ultimately helping the local economy.

While overseeing his own business ventures, Mr. Acomb has volunteered many hours as an advisory board member for the University of Alabama and as a Founding Board Member for the University of Florida City Lab-Orlando Graduate School of Architecture. Locally, Mr. Acomb continues to help anyone who has connections to Dansville, especially graduates through his annual AOA Driven for Success scholarship at DHS, and via AOA's internship program in Florida. As a dreamer, Tom will continue to support the visions and efforts of his hometown in any way he can. The positive impact of his economic and charitable efforts in the Dansville community will surely improve the lives of its residents for decades to come.

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The Shay Family

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Wilfred J. Rauber



Wilfred “Wutz” Rauber was best known for, and beloved, as a historian of all things Dansville. As Dansville’s Town Historian from 1949 to 1986, he amassed a virtual treasure trove of photographs and artifacts that make up the North Dansville Historical Files in the Town Hall.

From 1971-1991 the local paper ran ‘The Old Photo Album,’ a feature started by Mr. Rauber. Born in Dansville on August 16, 1907, Wilfred Rauber graduated from DHS in 1926 where he played football, baseball, varsity basketball, and ran track. He graduated from Alfred University in 1930.

Mr. Rauber was employed at the Dansville Post Office for 37 years, rising to the position of Superintendent of Mails before retiring in 1969. He was a long-time secretary of the Dansville Board of Trade (now Chamber of Commerce) and served for 10 years on the Board of Education. Mr. Rauber’s other civic activities included Director of the Community Chest, member of the Village Youth Committee, and member of the Planning Board. In 1979 he was honored as “Citizen of the Year” by the Chamber of Commerce.

As a key figure in the formation of the Dansville Area Historical Society, Mr. Rauber also played a role in the acquisition of the former St. Patrick’s rectory for use as its museum.

Foremost, Mr. Rauber was a writer. Over the decades he wrote hundreds of articles on local history for the Breeze and the Express, covering just about every facet of Dansville’s rich past. These humorous and well-written articles were full of knowledge that would have otherwise fallen into obscurity. Mr. Rauber’s journalistic efforts won him accolades from the New York Press Association when, in 1968, he was awarded for his Historical Series in a Newspaper. In 1980 Mr. Rauber authored and privately printed the book D&M and DL&W - Putting Dansville on the Railroad Map.

Mr. Rauber’s depth of knowledge about the history of our area inspired the Dansville Public Library to create a local history collection. The library gradually acquired books, pamphlets, and newspaper clippings of topical interest. However, the collection could never answer questions of local interest as well as Mr. Rauber himself. Wilfred J. Rauber’s historical contributions are an irreplaceable recollection of 19th and 20th century Dansville. The Dansville community has truly benefited from his legacy which will continue to honor and teach the history of Dansville for generations.

Kent Rounsville



Kent Rounsville embodies community service. As a 1977 graduate of Dansville High School, Kent was chosen to give a speech at the commencement ceremony. In his message Kent encouraged his classmates to decide how they could “make our planet a better place in which to live” and for Kent, community service was his path.

Kent’s desire to serve began while he was a student. In high school, he began volunteering at the Genesee Valley Rotary Camp and has continued for almost 50 years. He provides his culinary skills and is famous for “Mr. Kent’s cookies.” While employed as head cook at the Livingston Correctional Facility, Kent organized a December employee outdoor lunch fundraiser called “Freezin’ for a Reason” to benefit GVRC that continued for several years.

After high school, Kent coached for the Vince Lombardi Football Program. A high school football player himself, Kent volunteered to announce home football games at Ralph Clements Field. In 2007 he was recognized for his service by the All Sports Booster Club.

Kent joined the Union Hose Volunteer Fire Department and has remained a member for over 45 years, serving as Chief for a time. When a fire department fundraiser requires a cook, Kent is there. In fact, Kent is often preparing the meal, whether it’s the White Tails Unlimited Dinner, Samaritan Fund Dinner, Historical Society Dinner, or the Rotary Thanksgiving Dinner.

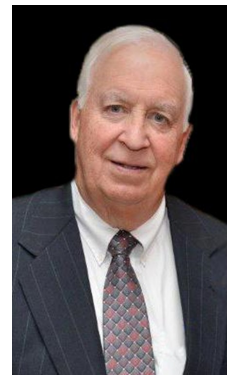
For many in Dansville, Kent is fondly remembered as their school bus driver. As a dedicated bus driver for over 30 years with an impeccable safety record, he often took measures to make sure any child in need was not overlooked.

At holiday time Kent can be seen ringing the Salvation Army Bell at Tops Market, and he has participated in the “Wreaths Across America” program at Arlington and Bath National Cemeteries. He also assists in placing wreaths and flags at Dansville’s cemeteries.

Kent has received three Paul Harris Awards from Rotary for his service and dedication, and the Lions Club recognized him with the Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service Award for his community involvement. Kent was honored with the 2013 VanOstberg Humanitarian Award “for his continued commitment to community service.”

Kent Rounsville takes pride in the Dansville community, gives without expecting anything in return, and helps whenever and wherever there is a need.

Thomas P. Wamp



As a proud lifelong resident of Dansville, Thomas (Tom) Wamp has been a tireless leader and visionary for his hometown. He graduated from Dansville High School in 1961, and then earned BS and MS degrees from SUNY Brockport and Geneseo, respectively. Tom began his career as a high school math teacher at York Central School and while there, started and coached the swim and golf teams. He and his wife Joan also hosted three foreign exchange students. In 1975 Tom obtained his real estate license and soon opened Thomas P. Wamp Real Estate in Dansville, which remains active today. In addition, Tom co-owned WDNV, Dansville’s local radio station, which

he helped start in 1978. Both businesses have been a tremendous asset to the local economy. He was also the Town of Ossian Supervisor from 1982-1990.

In addition to his entrepreneurial contributions, Tom’s greatest impact on the Dansville community has been his volunteerism. He has been an active leader and contributor to many local organizations, always with the vision of improving the greater community. As a member of the Dansville Rotary Club for over 30 years and past president, Tom has received 3 Paul Harris Awards and was Rotarian of the Year in 1998. During the 1980s, he coached Little League and Babe Ruth Baseball, winning two league Championships. Tom has also volunteered for numerous local and regional committees, including the Clara Barton Statue project, Alfred State College Council, and the Town of Ossian Republican committee where he is the Chairperson. He received the Ossian Senior Citizen of the Year award in 2016.

Tom is not just a volunteer but a vigilant leader guiding community organizations. He is the past Chairperson of both the Noyes Health Board of Directors and the Foundation for Noyes Health, where he received the Distinguished Service award in 2019. He is also Vice-President of the Dansville Economic Development Corp., Treasurer of the Dansville Area Chamber of Commerce, and Sponsor Chairman for the Dansville Gliders Baseball Club.

As an ambassador for “Everything Dansville,” Tom is a constant contributor to community and regional fundraising efforts, including the Night for Noyes gala, the Dansville Mural Festival, and Alfred State President’s Society. Every business, organization, or event in which Tom is involved helps the Dansville community flourish, and in turn, inspires others to serve. Dansville community members can look to Tom as a beacon for how one person can help a small town thrive.