

*Seneca Valley
Sports Hall of Fame*



*Fifth Annual Induction Banquet
September 8, 2012*

Seneca Valley Sports Hall of Fame Annual Banquet and Induction Program

September 8, 2012
Seneca Valley Senior High, Harmony, PA

Banquet

Banquet Doors Open	Senior High	5:15 P.M.
Welcome to Banquet	Mr. Mickey Flood, SV '90	6:00 P.M.
Invocation	Mr. Larry Wendereusz, Jr., SV '92	
Dinner	Senior High Cafeteria	

Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Induction Ceremony	Senior High Auditorium	7:15 P.M.
Welcome	Mr. Wayne Roccia, SV '68	7:30 P.M.
Welcoming Remarks	Dr. Sean McCarty, SV '91, SVSD Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education	

Raymond J. Thompson [Contributor]
Accepted by *Teresa Thompson Sackett*

Introduced by *Linda Andreassi* [Friend and
Seneca Valley Communications Director]

Jim Walsh (SV '85)

Introduced by *Tim Walsh* [SV '89, Jim's brother]

David Ferianc (SV '68)
Accepted by *Autumn Kilker*

Introduced by *Mike Ferianc* [SV '65, David's brother]

Marlesse Schlott-Hames (SV '92)

Introduced by *Susan Ennis* [SV '78, Coach and Friend]

David Cashdollar (SV '67)

Introduced by *Tim Cashdollar* (David's son)

John Paul Thiebaud (SV '72)

Introduced by *Justine Thiebaud* [John's daughter]

Janet Wilk Swope (SV '77)

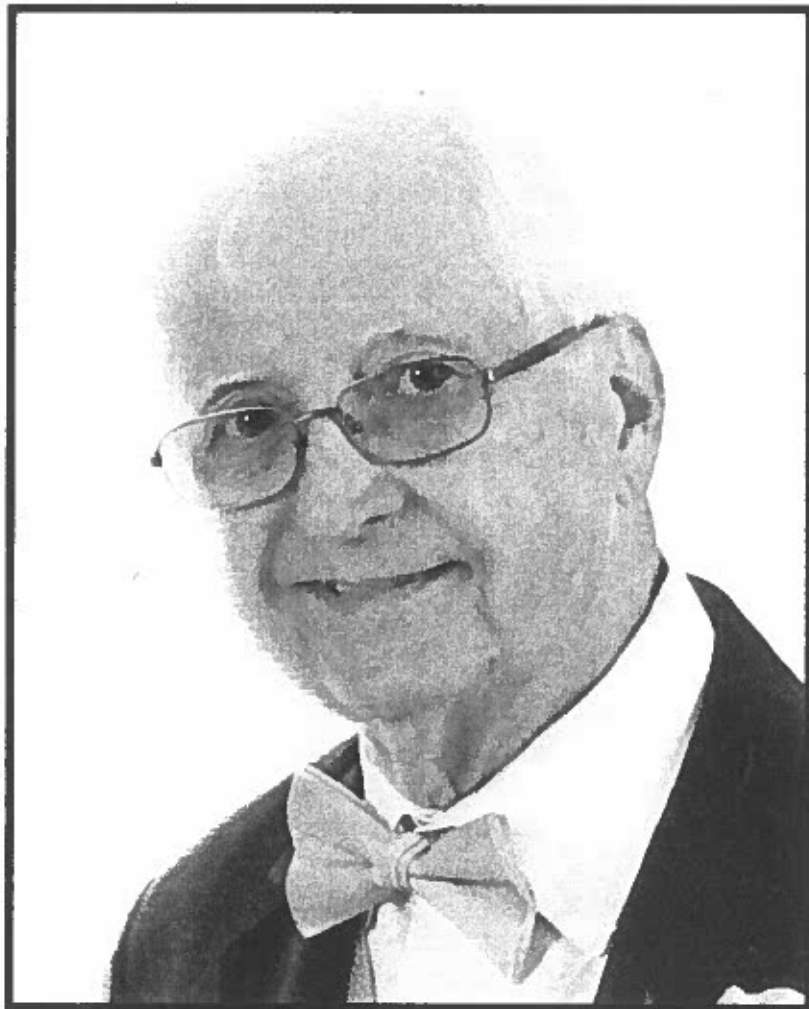
Introduced by *Michael Botti* [Family friend and
retired Evans City School Principal]

Congratulations to the 2012 Seneca Valley Sports Hall of Fame Inductees!

Ray Thompson

Photographer

Contributor to Seneca Valley Athletics



Raymond J. Thompson was born in Zelienople, Pennsylvania on July 12, 1936. He graduated from Zelienople High School in 1955. He was an avid athlete, who played football as well as competing as a high jumper and pole vaulter for the track and field team. He entered the Air Force in 1954 and proudly served our country. It was during his service in the Air Force that he first started to take photos.

Upon returning home to Zelienople, Ray became a staff photographer for various newspapers during his lengthy career, including the *Butler Eagle*, *News Weekly*, *Cranberry Journal*, and the

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. He also took pictures for the Seneca Valley Magazine and the calendar put out yearly by the school district. Many of his pictures won him awards.

Ray started photographing Seneca Valley sports in the mid-1970's. He took live action shots of all major sporting events for the local newspapers. He also produced team and individual photos for use by the school and students and their families. He personally developed the film and produced pictures in his darkroom in the basement of his house. He created wallet-sized photos, buttons, larger portraits, and everything in-between. The number of photos that Ray took for Seneca Valley easily reached well into the thousands.

Ray was such a staple in Seneca Valley that his photos spanned the second generations of families, having taken pictures of students and then eventually their children. He was still covering the football games in the 2011 season.

In his 50 years of photography he won various photography awards, including Keystone Press Awards and Golden Quill Awards. He was a member of the National Press Photographers Association throughout his career.

Ray was known for his warmth, a funny joke, and amusing anecdotes. His first date with Mary Ann Magill was on October 13, 1960 when they went to soak in the atmosphere in Pittsburgh on the day that Bill Mazeroski hit his legendary homerun for the Pirates' World Series win.

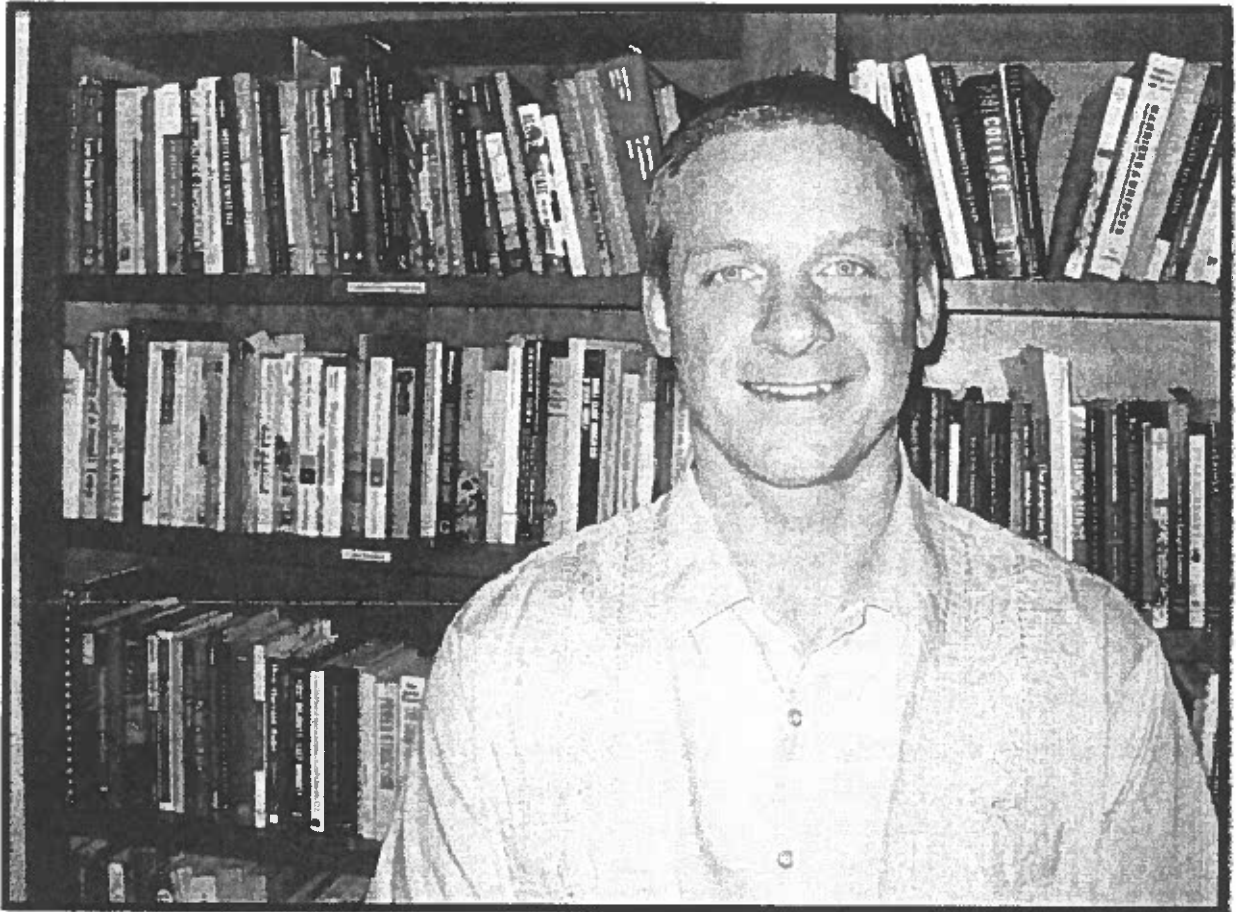
Ray and Mary Ann were married on June 23, 1962. They settled in Lancaster Township where all five of their children grew up, and attended and graduated from Seneca Valley High School and all of them participated on various SV sports teams. Ray and Mary Ann's family includes: Teresa Thompson Sackett and her husband Vic Sackett of West Alexander, PA; Renea Thompson Wise and her husband Phil Wise of Carrolton, VA; Thomas Thompson of Zelienople; Raylene Thompson Dufresne and her husband Chadd Dufresne of Silver Spring, MD; and Mike Thompson and his wife Melissa Takach Thompson of Pittsburgh. There are two very special grandchildren in the family as well: Connor Wise and Jessie Dufresne both aged 2 and born just a few months apart. The entire Thompson family is here tonight to accept the Seneca Valley Sports Hall of Fame award on behalf of Ray.

Raymond J. Thompson died on January 11, 2012 at the age of 75. Due to his incredible and longtime contributions to Seneca Valley Athletics and to the Seneca Valley School District in general, Ray Thompson was inducted into the Seneca Valley Sports Hall of Fame in 2012.

Jim Walsh

Seneca Valley, Class of 1985

Wrestling, Cross Country



Jim Walsh grew up in Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania and graduated from Seneca Valley High School in 1985. Jim was raised in a large family by his parents Doug and Lois Walsh and was one of the Walsh brothers who excelled in wrestling for the Seneca Valley Raiders.

During all four years of high school, Jim was a starter on the Seneca Valley's winning varsity wrestling team, coached by Ken Lockey, and was co-captain of the team during his senior year. Jim also ran on SV's State Championship Cross Country team in 1983, part of the first Raider team to win a state title. Jim won the 1985 Murray Award for the Top Male Scholar-Athlete to cap off the achievements and honors at Seneca Valley.

As a freshman, Jim wrestled at 126, right in front of Rich Barron, who won the state championship that season. The team's record was 20-0-2, one of the best in SV's dominating wrestling history. Jim recalled that his older brother Doug – a great wrestler - dislocated his shoulder in the middle of that season; if Doug had not gotten injured, SV would have been the best team in the WPIAL. Interestingly, during Jim's freshman season, there were three Walsh brothers in the starting lineup: Doug at 167, Greg at 145, and Jim at 126. There were also three Barron brothers in the starting lineup: Rich, Mark, and Matt; that means that 50% of that season's starting lineup all lived on one street in Cranberry Township!

Jim's all-time record at SV was 98-27-2 over four years. He certainly would have achieved over 100 wins in his career except that a major tournament was cancelled due to weather his senior year. Jim was among the all-time top wrestlers in career takedowns and in single season takedowns. As a senior, Jim was not taken down in a match until the state semi-finals. He became known for his "duck-under" takedown move, which he could perform from both sides and angles, from his feet or on his knees.

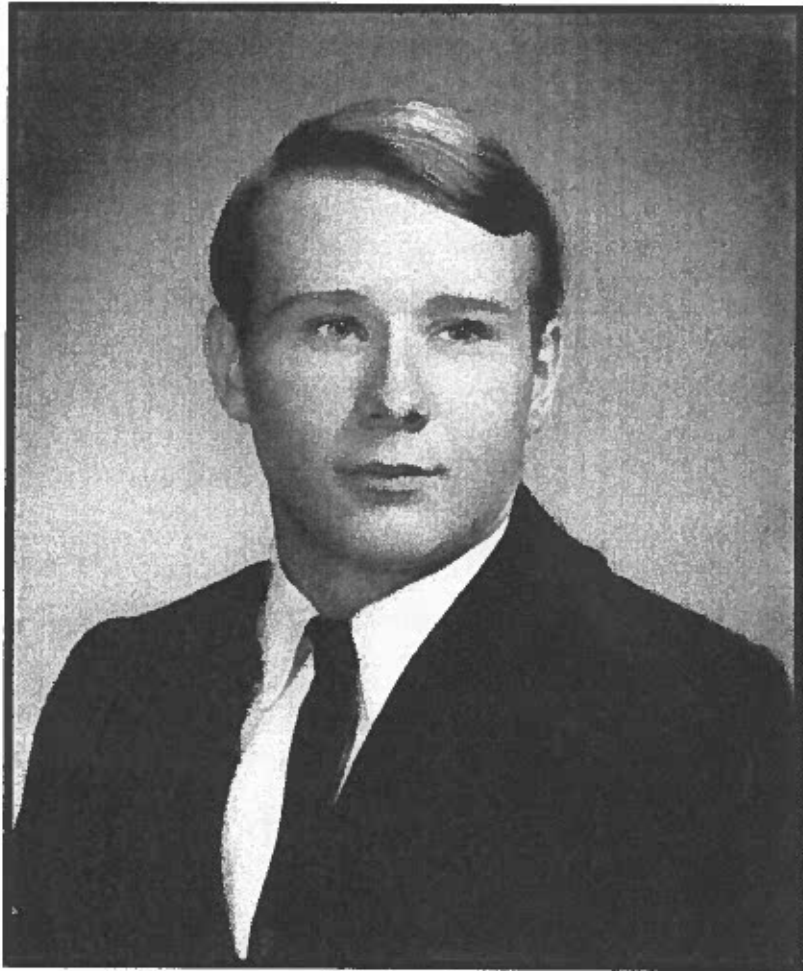
As a junior, Jim was the runner-up in the WPIAL and nearly placed in the state tournament. He used that experience the next year, and as a senior at Seneca Valley, Jim won the WPIAL Championship at 167, and placed 3rd at States. In the WPIAL final, Jim defeated his rival who eventually won the State Championship. In his senior year, Jim was one of five WPIAL Section Champions from the Seneca Valley Wrestling Team.

While at SV, Jim was also a member of National Honor Society and graduated in the Top 10% of the Class of 1985. His outstanding status as a student-athlete led to a full 4-year scholarship to Duke University. He graduated in four years from Duke, lettered in wrestling all four years, and was captain of the Duke Wrestling Team as a junior and a senior. His career record at Duke was 79-31-6. Jim Walsh is still in the Top Ten in Duke University wrestling history in takedowns and in wins.

According to Jim, "Wrestling was my vehicle to an education, and a road out of Pennsylvania that eventually landed me in Colorado, where I went to graduate school to study history. I now hold a Ph.D. and have taught as a history professor for 15 years at the University of Colorado Denver and also at Regis University. Eight years ago, I founded the Romero Theater Troupe, a community organic theater group that promotes human rights and social justice."

Jim's achievements include an M.A degree from the University of Colorado Denver in 1996, and a Ph.D. from the University of Colorado Boulder in 2010. In 2006, Jim Walsh married Gabriela Flora and their daughter Lily was born in 2010. In his spare time, Jim enjoys gardening, long-distance bicycle touring, storytelling, and theater.

David E. Ferianc
Seneca Valley, Class of 1968
Wrestling, Football



David Earl Ferianc was born on September 1, 1950 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was the fourth of five children born to Albert and Elinore Ferianc. David's family lived in Pittsburgh's North Side until 1954 and then moved to Callery in Butler County, Pennsylvania.

David began school at Evans City Elementary and then moved to Evans City High School for his seventh, eighth, and ninth grade years. In the fall of 1964, along with his classmates, David began his sophomore school year at the new Seneca Valley High School in Harmony, Pennsylvania.

During David's freshman year, the school district had initiated a new intramural wrestling program, and after the end of his freshman football year, Dave Ferianc joined the wrestling program in hopes of better developing his strength and agility for the next football season. He was also working on weight training at the same time.

As Dave entered his sophomore year, he again returned to the football team where he performed capably despite his smaller stature. However he became more interested in the developing varsity wrestling team, and as wrestling season came, he worked hard to learn the necessary skills of the sport. Although he loved football, he became obsessed with wrestling. During this time, Dave received a tremendous amount of guidance and support from Coach Ken Lockey, who not only helped him develop into a competent wrestler but also served as a father-like figure for this young man, whose own father had died when he was eight years old.

David's athletic accomplishments include winning the first ever Section Championship in 1968 in the history of Seneca Valley High School Wrestling. He achieved this in the 145 weight class. This was also the first varsity championship won by any Seneca Valley athlete in the school's history. David was named Wrestler of the Year in 1968 and also served as varsity wrestling team captain and co-captain of the Raider football team that same year.

After graduating from Seneca Valley, David attended Shippensburg State University for one year and participated in the wrestling program during that time. After leaving college, he married his high school sweetheart, Shirley Alimena. During their marriage, they had a daughter, Autumn Lynn. David worked as a truck driver for a number of years in the local area. Unfortunately, David Ferianc was killed in an automobile accident on March 11, 1987.

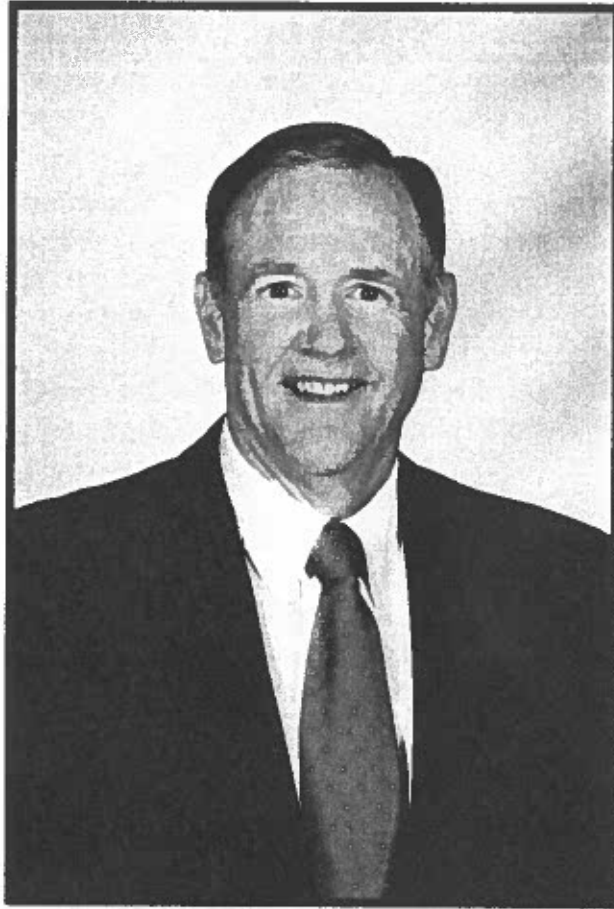
David was inducted into the Seneca Valley High School Wrestling Hall of Fame posthumously in 1989. His daughter, Autumn Lynn (Ferianc) Kilker will be accepting the Seneca Valley Sports Hall of Fame 2012 Award tonight on behalf of her father, David E. Ferianc.

Marlesse Schlott-Hames
Seneca Valley, Class of 1992
Basketball, Softball, Soccer



Marlesse Schlott-Hames, a 1992 Seneca Valley graduate, is the daughter of Ron and Mary Schlott of Harmony, Pennsylvania. During her high school athletic career, Marlesse achieved success for herself and her teams at the highest level, as a center on the basketball team and a pitcher on the softball team. She also played soccer for SV and performed in the award-winning Raiders' marching band. In all she earned 10 varsity letters in three sports, plus one varsity letter for marching band. Although the girls' basketball program was established by the time she starred on the court, Marlesse has the distinction of being on both of the first-ever teams for Seneca Valley Girls' Softball and for Seneca Valley Girls' Soccer.

David Cashdollar
Seneca Valley, Class of 1967
Football, Basketball



David, the son of Oliver and Geraldine Cashdollar, graduated from Seneca Valley in 1967. In 1971, he earned a B.A. degree from Grove City College, and in 1973, an M.Ed. from Slippery Rock University. David currently lives in Grove City, Pennsylvania with his wife of 41 years, Kathleen. Kathleen and David have two children: a daughter, Madeline, who lives in Winston-Salem, North Carolina with her husband Jeffrey and their children Michael and Elena; and a son, Tim, who lives in Valencia, Pennsylvania with his wife Maria and their children Andrew and Alexis. Currently, David is a certified financial planning practitioner and President of Cashdollar and Associates, LLC in Grove City, Pennsylvania.

While at Seneca Valley, David was a starter in both football and basketball in his junior and senior years. In football, he never left the field. On defense, David was a roving linebacker and called the defensive sets. On offense, he played fullback and was a part of every special teams

unit. As a senior, David served as game co-captain several times and the 1966 team established the 1st winning season for Seneca Valley. At that time, because SV only placed five in conference teams, no SV players were eligible to receive conference awards, however the Midwestern Sportswriter's Associates recognized David Cashdollar and several other Seneca Valley athletes for their achievements on the field.

In basketball, David was a starting guard his junior and senior years. In his junior year, the team competed in Section 14 of the WPIAL, and they moved to Section 6-A in his senior year. Section 6 was credited by many as one of the most competitive sections in the state along with Section 3 and the Philadelphia Suburban Leagues. He was fortunate to serve as game co-captain several times during his senior year.

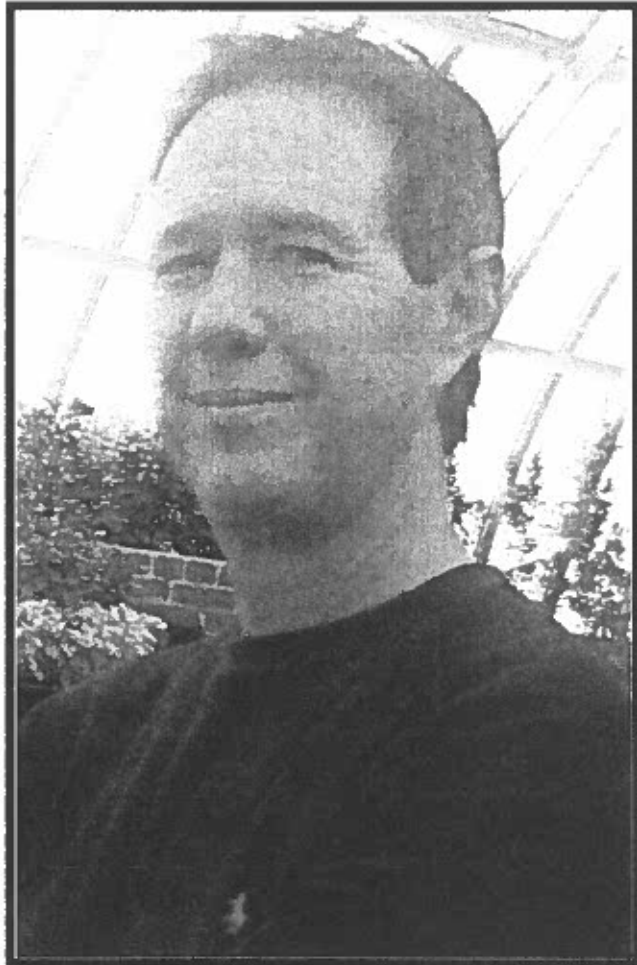
In the fall of 1967, David matriculated to Grove City College where he started as a freshman and lettered all four years as a defensive cornerback. The football team's four year record was 21-12-2. He called all defensive signals his sophomore, junior, and senior years, led the team in tackles all four years, and was named Defensive MVP in his sophomore year. Over four seasons, David recorded 13 interceptions, a touchdown, and two blocked extra point attempts. He received the Jim Cross Memorial Award as the outstanding player of the Homecoming Game his sophomore year. During his senior year, David served as co-captain and was named an alternate to the Pennsylvania Dutch Bowl, a bowl game for outstanding Pennsylvania college seniors.

In the fall of 1972, David began teaching and coaching high school football at Grove City High School. In the fall of 1973, he returned to Grove City College to teach and become an assistant football and an assistant track and field coach, positions he held until 1979. In June, 1979, David began his career in the financial services industry. He currently is a registered representative with Walnut Street Securities and was inducted into their Hall of Fame in May, 2011. He is a member of the Grove City College Board of Trustees, an active volunteer for the Grove City YMCA, and an Elder at Tower Presbyterian Church in Grove City, Pennsylvania.

John Paul Thiebaud

Seneca Valley, Class of 1972

Basketball, Cross Country



John Thiebaud graduated from Seneca Valley High School in 1972. During his high school years, he participated in baseball, football, cross country, and basketball, but he excelled at basketball. It must be noted that John accomplished his outstanding scoring feats in basketball at a time before the three-point shot was instituted.

At 6'2", John played guard-forward for Seneca Valley from 1969-1972. In his sophomore year, he ranked among the top 10 players in the league for scoring. As a junior, he scored a total of 462 points and led the section in foul shots, including a 20 for 20 game against Ambridge, which was a school record.

During his senior year, John was the only unanimous choice on the WPIAL All-League

basketball team and was named as one of the top 100 basketball players in the Pennsylvania. He averaged 22.6 points per game in his final year, earning him a career total of 1,225 points. He hit 85% of his shots from the foul line and scored 30 points or more in four games his senior year. His highest game output of 38 points was against Ambridge. In the same year, he shot for a total of 496 points. John was the leading rebounder in both his junior and senior years for Seneca Valley. John was named to the Pittsburgh Press All-Star WPIAL basketball first team in his last two seasons playing for Seneca Valley. Thiebaud was also nominated for the Roundball Classic game in 1972.

After attending Seneca Valley High School, John earned a full four-year scholarship to play basketball at Slippery Rock, a decision made after being heavily recruited by local colleges and prominent universities. After graduating with a degree in elementary and special education, he taught for 24 years at Evans City Elementary School in the Seneca Valley School District.

During his teaching career, John had a passion for off-shore fishing and often went on fishing trips to Ocean City, Maryland. From that passion, he started his own company, Nautical Design. Nautical Design manufactures custom sport fishing equipment for off-shore fishing boats. More recently, out of his other passion for fresh water fishing, he developed the models and is now manufacturing Hoplite Boats.

John is married to Sandra, has four daughters, Rachel, Sarah, Justine, and Ashley, and has a new granddaughter, Lilliana. He currently lives in Renfrew.

Janet Wilk Swope
Seneca Valley, Class of 1977
Track and Field, Basketball,
Tennis, Gymnastics



Raised with three brothers and one sister in an athletic family in Cranberry Township, Janet Wilk Swope is a 1977 graduate of Seneca Valley High School. Because of the lack of organized sports teams for girls, she grew up practicing with her dad's baseball teams in the Cranberry Athletic League. Janet was always his official scorekeeper and even learned to slide in sawdust along with the guys. At age nine, she joined her own team to play slow pitch softball for the CAA. Unlike the boys' program that had teams for multiple age brackets, the girls' league had teams consisting of ONE age bracket....9-16 years of age on the same team. It was at that time that Janet realized her true talent - running. In fact, the "big girls", when it was her time up to bat, would encourage her to scrunch down, narrowing the strike zone, so that she would get walked and RUN the bases.

Seneca Valley didn't have softball or baseball in the 70's, so Janet first chose to join the Raiders' gymnastics team. Her favorite event was the uneven bars. The Heckendorns were her coaches and mentors, and they recognized Janet's talent and helped persuade her to concentrate her efforts on basketball. By her senior year, Janet helped to lead the SV girls' basketball team to a tie for first in the WPIAL Championship. She loved competing as a team.

It was on the track and field where Janet excelled at Seneca Valley. She held five records, one of which is still in "SV's Top 10" (some 35 years later) in the 100-yard dash, running an 11.4, converted to 12.2 when the events were changed to meters. In addition to lettering in basketball, Janet lettered 4 years in track, competing in the 100, 220, and 440-yard dashes as well as competing in the 440, 880 and mile relays. Along the way, she captured the highest single season points scored (163) and the highest accumulated points scored through 1977.

As a freshman, Janet was a member of the 1974 Medley Relay Team that finished 5th at States, and returned the following year to capture 3rd place. During her junior year, she received the "Most Valuable Track Award" and was a First-Place WPIAL Winner in the 440. She was also a member of the Mile Relay Team that broke the WPIAL record that year. Individually, during her senior year, Janet went on to place 6th in the State Meet in the 440. She was honored as a 1976-77 HS All-American for athletic ability, scholarship, leadership and sportsmanship.

During high school, Janet and Janet Stragand Painter, an accomplished athlete and her best friend, established and coached volleyball and basketball teams for 4th, 5th and 6th grade girls at St. Ferdinand's Church. In addition to the sports, she was a member of the Girls Varsity Club, serving as secretary her senior year, a member of the Pep Club, Student Council, and National Honor Society. She also played on the girls' tennis team during the fall season.

Janet was fortunate to have many inspirational people in her life, starting with her parents, Ruth and Don Wilk. Her siblings were her biggest cheerleaders. Other individuals in her community truly made a difference: Mike Botti, sixth grade teacher, and his wife Maxine and their family; the Heckendorns; Mr. Latagliatta, Harvey McCormick (SV's Custodian) who shared all the victories and defeats, and the ever-encouraging Mr. Dick Lane, along with many other coaches, parents, aunts and uncles throughout her days at school.

After high school, Janet continued to run; only this time, it would be in a blue and gold uniform at the University of Pittsburgh. Athletes who were her fiercest competitors like Gwen Murray from Butler and Linda Mitchell Nauman from North Hills became her closet friends.

Janet lives in Florida (near Walt Disney World) since 1981 with her husband of 28 years, Tim, and their two beautiful, athletic, intelligent and outspoken daughters. Brittney, age 22, is a last semester senior at the University of Florida in Gainesville, FL and Michele, is a freshman volleyball player at the University of Denver, Colorado. In the transportation industry for over 25 years, Janet is employed by Old Dominion Freight Line in Orlando, Florida.

Janet stated, "I consider myself to be, not just a volleyball mom, but a true advocate for women's sports. I am so excited about the opportunities now available for women in not only athletics and academics, but in Corporate America as well. If I can leave you with three thoughts, they are to Embrace Your Opportunities, Dream Big, and God Bless. And, one more: be nice to your Mom and Dad!"

SENECA VALLEY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

2008	Rich Barron	SV '82
	Tim Kearns	SV '70
	Ken Lockey	SV Coach for 34 years
	Gus Nicoll	SV '84
	George "Doc" O'Shea	SV Trainer
	Wayne Roccia	SV '68 + SV Coach
	Dan Swingle	SV '83
	Mark Van Dyke	SV '75
	Van Walker	SV '68
Martha Fox Weygandt	SV '77	
2009	Beth Black	SV '77
	Wayne Bloom	SV '78
	Denny Britt	SV '67
	Dave Florie	SV Coach
	Richard Lane	SV Coach and Trainer
	Norman McMurray	SV Contributor
2010	Thomas Heckendorn	SV Coach and AD
	Lynnette K. McBride	SV '87
	Jose Raymundo	SV '89
	Amanda Smith	SV '2002
	Charles C. Stevens	SV '65
	Dennis Stewart	SV '68 + SV Coach
2011	Matthew Barron	SV '85
	Mark J. Barron	SV '84
	Kari Bonomo Creehan	SV '94
	S. Jason Conti	SV '93
	Megan Gilliland	SV '01
	Bill Miller	SV Coach
	Sean O'Shea	SV '91

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Enjoy tonight's dinner, catered by Z-Town Café, Main Street, Zelenople.
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