

## From the Director

Teri Shine, Executive Director, WSAA



Another great newsletter is headed your way. The WSAA is gearing up for fall festivities. Join us for the Homecoming Parade on Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. We will lineup at 5:30 p.m. at the high school with step off at 6 p.m. Then All Alumni Night will be held Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> inside the gates of Wickliffe High Stadium from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Visit the tent for light refreshments and visit with friends. Memory Lane (in the old WHS Library) will be open from 5 to 7 p.m.

We recently celebrated four new inductees into the Achievement Hall of Fame. Their bios and photos are located in the newsletter.

Wickliffe Schools have been in the news. The Wickliffe Blue Devil Football team is now 6-0. **The team hasn't done this well since 1997. Kudos to the boys and their coaches. Live out of town? Just can't get to the games? Listen to the home football games on the WBDN (Wickliffe Blue Devil Network) via the website. Frank Foti and Mark Tennant bring you all the action starting at 6:30 p.m.**

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## WSAA Board of Directors

Member	Post	Class
Tom Ansberry		1965
Susan Skufca Bell		1982
Jim Campbell		1982
Diane Cziraky Cerri		1977
Position open	Secretary	
Mark Cline		1975
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Roger Mikulandra		1982
Nancy Krihwan Perlic		1966
Connie Kosanovich Powall	Legal Counsel	1983
Teri DiMattia Shine	Director	1972
Debbie Vitantonio	Treasurer	1976

If you are interested in helping out on one of the many WSAA Committees, please contact the committee chairperson or Teri Shine at [tshine2141@aol.com](mailto:tshine2141@aol.com)

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Wickliffe High School was chosen as the Ohio Lottery's Partners in Education School of the Year 2018. Visit the Ohio Lottery Website to view the video of the celebration starring Pamela Graves, Band Director.

We are transitioning a new webmaster to take over the website. Look for changes soon.

The WSAA board is continually looking for new volunteers and new ideas. Most of the current board members are the original founding group. We are exploring new ideas for fundraisers and alumni events and need your input and participation. Contact any board member with ideas or how you can become involved.

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## Wickliffe Alumni Active Wear and More SALE

For local orders call Teri Shine at [440-666-9306](tel:440-666-9306) or [tshine2141@aol.com](mailto:tshine2141@aol.com) to place an order or make arrangements to pickup at her home. For out of town orders the postage will be \$9.00 for the first item and an additional \$6.00 for a second item.



SAVE THE DATE FOR  
WSAA EVENTS



The next WSAA Board meeting will be on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 6:45 pm in the WHS Cafeteria.



*Stop by to see how you can help the WSAA. Whether you have a little time to spare or a lot, we are always looking for helpful people to give us a hand.*

New Alumni wear is for sale. T-shirts are available in grey only, men's sizes Medium, Large and Extra Large \$10.00 each. They will be available on All Alumni Night (Homecoming-October 12, 2018) at the field and in Memory Lane. Nike Baseball caps \$20.00 and golf shirts \$25.00 are also available. We are also selling koozies \$3.00 and plastic lidded drinking cups \$5.00 and Tote Bags \$7.00 with the WSAA Blue Devil logo. Contact Teri Shine for orders if you cannot attend.

# DEVIL DOINGS

## 2018 WSAA Scholarship Awards Ceremony

On Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 2018, the annual Student Awards Night was held at Wickliffe High School. It has been a tenet of our mission from the creation of the WSAA to provide scholarships to graduating seniors of Wickliffe High School. Eligible candidates can attend a two or four year traditional college or a vocational or technical program.

Over the past 15 years, the WSAA has granted close to \$45,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors as well as hosting the reception following the awards ceremonies for the graduates, their families, faculty and administration. As chairperson of the Scholarship Committee for the past 12 years, I look forward to Senior Awards Night as I am able to visit my youth once again and recall so many memories of my days and time at Wickliffe High School!

It gives me great pleasure to announce the 2018 WSAA Scholarship recipients: Aurora Albertone, Tavieon Brown, Alina Carroll, Adam Velichka, Gianna Welms, and Taylor Whittington

Congratulations to all of the recipients and thank you to all who submitted applications; it was a very difficult selection process. We please ask that you keep the donations and the support coming to the WSAA. Without you, the scholarship program and other events sponsored by the WSAA would not be possible.

Sincerely,  
Jimmy Campbell, Class of 1982  
Scholarship Chairperson



From left to right are :  
Aurora E Albertone, Alina R. Carroll, Adam J. Velichka, Gianna D. Welms, Taylor C. Whittington, Missing is Tavieon D. Brown and WSAA Scholarship Representative Jimmy Campbell.



July 20, 2018

Mr. Jimmy Campbell  
Attn: Scholarship Committee  
5436 D. Cascade Court  
Willoughby, OH 44094

Dear Wickliffe Schools Alumni Scholarship Committee,

My name is Adam Velichka, and I was one of the \$1,000 alumni scholarship recipients. I would like to thank the committee for choosing me as one of the recipients. I am very honored to have received this amount of money toward my college education. I plan to use this money to purchase a laptop, which I will be taking with me to college and will be vital to my success in college. I am attending Cleveland State University this fall to major in Mechanical Engineering.

Thank you again to the Scholarship Committee for choosing me as a recipient of this scholarship.

Sincerely,

*Adam Velichka*  
Adam J. Velichka



SAVE THE DATE FOR  
UPCOMING REUNIONS  
OR SPECIAL EVENTS



WICKLIFFE HIGH CLASS of 1969 - SAVE THE DATE. 50th Class Reunion August 17, 2019. More information will follow. Check your e-mail for updates. If you haven't received an e-mail regarding the 50th Reunion, please send your contact information to [WHS1969Reunion@hotmail.com](mailto:WHS1969Reunion@hotmail.com) We will add you to our list.

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## 2018 WSAA Achievement Hall of Fame

By Teri Shine, Class of 1972

The seventh annual WSAA Achievement Hall of Fame was held in August at Pine Ridge Country Club. Congratulations to the newest inductees, Dale Turk, Judy Pezdir, Dennis Nosco, and Walter Hintz. Norma Hintz and Rich Benz accepted the award for Wally Hintz. Rich shared stories of his mentor and colleague. More of his stories are located in his tribute to Mr. Hintz in this newsletter. Dale, Judy, and Dennis accepted their awards. Read their bios for their accomplishments.



Dale Turk & Mary Alford    Dave Krych & Judy Pezdir



Rich Benz, Pat Hintz Jewell, Judy Pezdir, Dennis Nosco, Dale Turk



Cathy Crow Araps & Gloria Whitmer



Judy Pezdir with daughter Jill Bascom & son-in-law Hugh Bascom



Rich Benz, Pat Hintz Jewell, Dave Hintz, Judy Pezdir, Jill Bascom, Dennis Nosco, Irene Nosco, Dale Turk, Mary Alford

# DEVIL DOINGS

## Walter Hintz Faculty 1957-74, Biology



Walter Hintz walked the halls of Wickliffe High from 1957 to 1974. He taught biology and science. He also was editor of the high school yearbook, editor of the high school newspaper, coach of the Drama Club, Chess Club and Academic Challenge teams. He was

faculty advisor to the Ecology Club and advisor to the American Field Service (AFS). He led the efforts to build the biology land lab at the high school.

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**Walter's contributions included 18 years serving on the board of the Wickliffe Public Library (many as board president), worked with several mayors on environmental issues, and developed and coordinated the construction of the Wickliffe Nature Trail at Coulby Park. He led the efforts to prevent the development of Pete's Pond in the early 70s. Today, it's a popular Metro Parks trail and nature preserve.**

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He and his wife, Norma, raised three Wickliffe graduates, hosted four AFS students, and lived in Wickliffe for 65 years until his passing in June 2018.

## Judy A. Pezdir Class of 1970 Faculty 1974-2004, Art



Judy Pezdir was born and raised in Wickliffe. Her parents built their home in 1950 when Grand Blvd was just a dirt road and it was like being in the country. Owners of Euclid Spring Co., **Judy's parents valued public education and made sure their four girls were educated, independent and**

had a good work ethic.

The 1970 Wickliffe grad came back to teach art at Wickliffe Junior High in 1974 and several years later moved to the high school where she became art department chairperson, developing a curriculum that fostered a love of the arts and prepared many students for future study and art careers.

While raising two daughters of her own, she taught for 30 years. Much of her time as a teacher was also spent on the behind the scenes work with the theater, doing sets, props, advertising, design, among other duties.

She left teaching in 2004 to pursue painting, until she turned her creative spirit into a successful business with her daughter, Jill Bascom, also an artist and entrepreneur. They both have a passion for the environment and conceived We Add Up, a company that raises awareness about climate change, organic lifestyle and protecting the **planet. In 2010, they were voted Green America's Top 10 Green Business Award.**

She sold eco-products through Whole Foods and natural food stores across the country and worked with science teachers on eco-fundraising, spreading the word that all our positive actions add up to make a difference. Back to painting **again, she's looking forward to the next adventure** life brings.

# DEVIL DOINGS

## Dennis L. Nosco Class of 1971



**Dr. Dennis Nosco's career in the medical field has spanned over 30 years.** He dedicated his career to help develop drugs that are still used today to aid in the diagnosis of disease. His past work includes Mallinckrodt Inc, Logan College of Chiropractic and president at his own pharmaceutical consultancy.

**Dr. Nosco's career stops include serving as an adjunct professor at the University of Cincinnati and as a prominent speaker in the medical community.**

Dennis spent his career in the medical field, first in research & development synthesizing new medicines, then helping to get medicines approved and finally doing research to improve the field of chiropractic medicine. Since 2008, he has worked with pharmaceutical companies to ensure they are promoting their medical products in a truthful and non-misleading manner. He has also taught chemistry in high school and college as adjunct faculty. In 2014 he retired from Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals after 30 years.

During his career he helped get 7 medicines and medical devices approved, is an inventor on 23 US patents and has published over 40 papers in scientific and medical journals.

After working for the city of Wickliffe for several summers in their youth recreation system, Dennis moved to St. Louis where he coached volleyball for almost 30 years. All told he has personally coached, on a totally volunteer basis, over 400 CYO, high school and club volleyball players and ran a club of mostly volunteer coaches that taught volleyball to thousands of kids at very low per player cost.

He lives in St. Louis and writes a blog about how to minimize the cost of playing club volleyball and blogs on the Cleveland Indians and on ethical advertising of medicines.

## Dale Turk Class of 1971



An accomplished musician, Dale Turk has played in some of the most prominent orchestras in the world and with iconic entertainers in his career. A multi-instrumentalist, mainly the bass trombone, Dale has played with The Cleveland Orchestra, Queens Symphony Orchestra, Aretha Franklin, The Jackson Five and

The Talking Heads. His career also includes over 40 years teaching at Bloomingdale School of Music, LaGuardia High School and many more.

**Dale first joined Mr. Charles Frank's band program** wanting to play the trumpet but found that it was easier to get a sound out of the trombone. Other musical activities included playing bass guitar and singing in **Mr. Michael Lenenski's high school and madrigal choirs.**

**After earning a bachelor's degree at Baldwin-Wallace College,** he joined the American Wind Symphony Orchestra for two tours. In Cleveland, he performed with the Front Row Theater Orchestra backing many stars including the Jackson 5, Sammy Davis Jr., and Burt Bacharach. In 1977, he filled in with the Cleveland Orchestra for a couple of weeks at Blossom Music Center.

With the encouragement of Dan Yeager, Dale then moved to New York, where he has played in a variety of musical settings including the big bands of Gerry Mulligan and Lionel Hampton, the Mostly Mozart Festival at Lincoln Center and the Queens Symphony Orchestra, and continues to stay busy as a substitute in Broadway show pit orchestras.

Dale has also devoted much of his life to teaching music at places such as the Willoughby School of Fine Arts, Brooklyn (Ohio) Junior High School and Baldwin-Wallace Preparatory Division. He taught low brass instruments and coached ensembles at the LaGuardia High School for the Performing Arts. Dale lives in New York City with his wife, Mary Alford, where he currently teaches and coaches at The New School/Mannes College Preparatory Division.

# DEVIL DOINGS

## What Fun it was to Grow Up on Drenik Drive

Joe Insana, Class of '74  
Marla Kobylski, Class of '74  
Lisa Macri Fischer, Class of '83

We all remember our childhood neighborhoods. Even as we age, the details of these long ago childhood memories seem more vivid than what we did just a week ago. A grade school kid growing up in Wickliffe during the 50s, 60s and 70s mostly stayed around their own street and neighborhood.

One such street was Drenik Drive. Marla Kobylski remembers Drenik as a safe, family friendly neighborhood. Kids would play catch or have baseball games until dark. There were no fences between yards, so kids ran and played all over and neighbors **didn't mind.** Joe Insana likens growing up on Drenik to the *Our Gang* show. **"It was a time when the parents all knew each other, borrowed sugar, etc."** Both Marla and Joe felt comfortable and safe. Adults would sit on their front porches and water their lawns by hand and keep an eye on the kids running around. Lisa Macri Fischer recalls, **"We knew all the neighbors.** I thought it was cool that I lived two doors down from my biology teacher, Mr. Muncey! We all played outside all day and rode bikes up and **down the sidewalk constantly."** On Sundays Marla remembers always being in a rush to get to mass on time at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, and Joe remembers one of the dads playing his accordion on his front steps on lazy Sunday afternoons.

Joe remembers Drenik being a very diverse neighborhood, yet everyone got along. **"We had a wide diversity of people: my parents were deaf, across the street we had a blind girl, we had neighbors from foreign countries, lots of Italians, Poles, and English nationality backgrounds."**

A new adventure was always around the corner by foot or a quick bike ride. Marla and Joe remember baseball diamonds and a pond in the area that would eventually become the Fazio's plaza. City workers used to fill the pond, and the neighborhood kids would ice skate even in subzero temperatures. Both remember delicious treats from nearby Isaly's and

Jerry's Dairy. Marla recalls going Isaly's for bread at least weekly and also treating herself to their wonderful orange sherbert. She would also go to Jerry's Dairy where you could buy a five cent ice cream cone and Jerry himself would give away the extra pieces of broken cones. Everyone seems to remember Fazio's. Lisa recalls fighting with her brother for the Canada Dry Ginger Ale bottles to take back to Fazio's to get the bottle return money. Lisa also remembers walking to Seaway Lanes to bowl in a kids' league every Saturday.

On Drenik and the surrounding areas of Grant and Ridgeview were a lot of kids. Joe remembers more than 20 boys and 11 girls, which made for a lot of activity. **"For us boys there wasn't a day that went by that we weren't playing some kind of sport.** There were many days we raced the cars between the telephone poles (we called it Kraut)...Music was on all the time, someone always had a portable radio. The Beatles were big, as were the English music invasion; we were always tuned into WIXY 1260." Joe also recalls lots of sleep outs. **"During those sleep outs there wasn't a backyard we didn't know or a rooftop we didn't get on..."**

At the top end of Drenik was a large, grassy hill with a dairy farm, and near Euclid Avenue in the fields towards the railroad tracks, there would be springtime strawberry picking.



Joe remembers as they got older, the neighbor boys worked at Don's Beverage, Jerry's Dairy, or Authur Teachers, and they would be lucky enough to get free pop, ice cream, and food from all these establishments and share them with each other.

All are grateful for growing up on Drenik as part of the Wickliffe community. Joe summarized it best, **"I couldn't have asked for a better time growing up with great friends and great parents, and to this day, I am still friends with many of them."**

Thank you all for reflecting and sharing.

# DEVIL DOINGS

## Remembering the Gang at Worden Elementary

Tom Ansberry, Class of '65

Growing up within the Wickliffe Public School system was a hoot. I lived on "old" Phillips Avenue east of Worden Road, but I started at Lincoln Elementary with everyone else at that time. By the time I was in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 1<sup>st</sup> grade, Worden Elementary was the state-of-the-art school for us Baby Boomers. There was quite a gang of kids that fed into Worden School, and we got our thrills on the ball diamonds, flag football areas, playground, ponds and woods behind Worden, and on the side-streets of Wickliffe.

Some of my best memories were competing in broom-ice hockey on those ponds, playing baseball on the diamonds, and playing flag football. As I recall, some of the gang included Alan Shearer, Ned Calcavecchio, John Bocchieri, Joe Intihar, George Cooper, Phil Roseberry, Frank Shartz, Don Verdone, Richard Boyce, Bernie Wissmen, Lou Hudacko, Ron Bussoletti, Mike Jablonski, Bob Doylee, Harris Tiffany, Norm Allison, Bob Marinelli, John Thomas, Tom Morgan, Keith Noble, Jon Toth, Dan Maurer, Bob Merrill, Ron Kacar, Ron Geller, Alan DelCalzo, the brothers Karpy, Kitko, Oldenburgh, Hamilton, Lane, Horna, Herod, Fisak, Gahr, Neugerbauer, Sysak, Urvan, Abate, Averson, McCorkle, Gerity, and Scully, just to name the ones that pop into my head while writing this. Most of these guys lived in my neighborhood and/or attended Worden School; some were older and some were younger, but lifelong friendships developed for many of us. There were a lot of very good ball players in the gang, and back then in the 50's, it was all about being outside, in the sunshine and fresh air.

During summer vacations, Mom or Dad would tell us, **"Be home before dark!"** and we were usually gone right after breakfast. Catching frogs in the ponds was a huge past-time and learning all about nature provided hours of entertainment. Most of us would pour over the bulldozed new house lots to look for Indian arrowheads, and many were found. We used them for show-and-tell during school, and most of us

ended up donating them to the Wickliffe Historical Society.

**Often times climbing trees was a "something to do when bored" hobby. Getting up near the top and swaying back and forth was sort of a daredevil double-dog betcha event, who could swing the farthest out.** One one such occasion, Bob Doylee's branch snapped; he fell and broke his arm which ended my best competitor's challenges. Lou Hudacko remembered those times and called me crazy!

Alan DelCalzo was a grade school buddy of mine too. His parents did not speak English (only Italian), but Al could speak both. I used to go over to his place and have dinner....best spaghetti ever, the pasta and sauces were homemade heavenly delights. Al also taught me how to play rock paper scissors, and mumbletypeg (his switch-blade) another dare-devil game; luckily, I still have all my toes.

Some of us frequently walked to the eastern most end of Phillips Avenue and crossed Regent Road to visit **"the haunted house", near where John Thomas' house ended up being built, almost over to Truman Avenue.** There, many of us smoked cigarettes we **"borrowed" from our parents and told stories of the ghosts in the windows that were seen by most of the other kids.** Somehow I missed out on seeing any ghosts. Occasionally we spooked out a tramp-bum sleeping in the haunted house who had wandered over from the railroad tracks just south of Lakeland Boulevard long before Rt. 2 was built.

If you kept walking east in the woods behind the haunted house, you eventually arrived at the Willowick Nike site operated by the Cold War Army Defense System. Remember all those drills to get under your desk and cover your head with your arms to protect you from the A-Bomb? How gullible were we, eh? **Realistically it was more like "kiss your arse good-bye"!** Many of **"the gang"** are gone now but will forever live in my mind and heart.



## Walking With Walter

by Rich Benz, Class of 1969

I write this on September 10, 2018, on what would have been Walter Hintz's 82nd birthday with a tear in my eye.

On June 29, 2018, the Wickliffe Schools' family lost one of its shining stars—Walter Hintz passed. Always known as Wickliffe's "Mr. Biology," he will be missed by us all. Everyone that wondered about the natural world, everyone that explored the trails and forests in and around Wickliffe, everyone that loved the Earth, and all the children too will miss Walter Hintz. In late August the Wickliffe Schools Alumni Association inducted Mr. Hintz into its Achievement Hall Of Fame. Here is his bio from his induction ceremony:



*Walter Hintz — Faculty 1957-74, Biology*

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That night, at Pine Ridge Country Club I stood with Norma to accept his plaque. It was a proud, yet sad experience for me. You see, I am the "Man That Walked With Hintz." Let me explain—

"There have been two important interests in my life: a love for science and a desire to help people to learn things that I understood. There have been many times over the past years that these interests have surfaced and a few notable times when I have been fortunate for my love of nature and science to fit in with the desire to work with people. Of course, the combination points to a career in science education, but there have been several very important events that led to this career choice. The most important was meeting Walter Hintz as a young budding biologist in 1961. I have known Wally for over 57 years. That is pretty close to a lifetime I think.....

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My first exposure to science and education came very early as a part of a science fair project. In early elementary school my dissected frog had a very ample supply of eggs. I was introduced to the high school biology teacher because my fourth-grade teacher was stumped when I asked what the black glob was. The amount of time and the patience exhibited by Walter Hintz to a novice naturalist has remained with me over the years. I was very fortunate to have had Mr. Hintz for an advanced science class –Science Seminar-- eight years later. The anticipation of working with this "scientist" went a long way toward focusing my energies in the sciences throughout my junior and senior high school years. The time spent by a high school biology teacher with a fourth-grade student has helped me to value the time I have spent with students in and out of the classroom. Walter Hintz was the major factor in my decision to become a teacher, especially a science teacher, a biology teacher, just like Walt. In Wickliffe, whenever anyone had a question about biology, or needed help with an animal, or had a problem with a tree, Wally Hintz was called. Over the years that I myself taught in Wickliffe, I was asked many of these same types of questions. Every time I got a call or someone asked me a question, I thought of my role model, Mr. Hintz, and smiled, feeling very satisfied with my choice of career.

Wally and I have traveled throughout the world together as friends, as teachers, as explorers. We have stood on the rocky shores of the Galapagos Islands, stood together on the Equator in Ecuador, sailed the coast of Maine in a 90-foot schooner and explored the jungles and ruins of Belize together as teachers and friends. I have visited his classes at Lakeland, and he has led night hikes for me in my own AP Biology overnight studies at Holden Arboretum. Walt taught me to be curious, he taught me to love our Earth, and he taught me to pass on that love to my students.

Twenty-five years ago (1993) I started the Darwin-Hintz Award for a Wickliffe High student planning to major in a life science. **Wally helped me give that award every year, even handing it out when I couldn't be there.** Of course, the Darwin-Hintz Award will go on every year, but I will surely miss him standing next to me on the stage when the student awardee is announced.

He was a teacher to us all. He was my friend, my mentor, and my companion on countless adventures. As **Darwin was know at Cambridge University as "The man who walks with Henslow\*," I will always be "The man who walked with Hintz!"** He left a legacy that will be a part of my life forever. I love you Walt.

Rich Benz — **Your student, your friend, your partner in biology."**

\*John Stevens Henslow (1796–1861)

**"I fully believe a better man never walked this earth." (But Darwin Never met Walter Hintz.)**

—Charles Darwin to J.D. Hooker 18th May, 1861

If anyone could lay claim to being one of the greatest Friends of Charles Darwin, it was the Reverend Professor John Stevens Henslow. Not only did this good-natured academic and clergyman teach Darwin much of his scientific technique, but he also arranged a place for his favorite pupil aboard HMS Beagle. The rest, as they say, is history. Darwin attended Henslow's field trips assiduously, and was soon taking long, almost daily walks with his tutor. Indeed, Darwin was to become such a regular companion of the professor that some of the university's other dons began to refer to him as *the man who walks with Henslow*.

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As his bio presents, Walter Hintz was way more than a Wickliffe High Biology teacher. He was a wizard, a friend, a skeptic, a loving family man, a jokester, a scholar, someone that had an insatiable curiosity, and a global understanding of the natural world. To some he was the AFS leader that opened his home to students from around the world and then kept them as family forever. To others he was the academic heart of Wickliffe High as the Chess coach or newspaper advisor or year-book coordinator. He was the guy that visited elementary children throughout schools in Northeast Ohio with his spiders and science toys. Mr. Hintz was the Wickliffe Drama advisor before J.Patrick Penrod. The cast parties at his house were epic in the early and mid sixties. To many he was a story teller. Oh how I loved his stories. Stories about his days in the army **with his buddy "Arnie," or the time spent with his wife Norma as a teacher in Put-In-Bay.** Often I would ask just the right question to get him started telling about his time as a biology student at Kent State. Because I also went to Kent we would discuss some the professors we both had (him at the beginning of the professors' careers, me near the end.) **We stood on the rocks of Fernandina Island in the Galapagos and thought** about the new stories he would have. I remember one time he was going to stand on the rocks overlooking the same bay that Charles Darwin explored and wait until all the answers of all the questions in the universe **suddenly came to him. I don't think they did, but if they could come to someone, they would come to Wally Hintz.** When the Internet sprang into our world, Walter was on it tutoring students from around the world about biology and ecology, and science in general. His Lakeland students knew him as a great field naturalist. As I explained above, I asked him to work with my own biology students when I would take them to Holden Arboretum so they could here some of the stories that I grew up with. The world of Walter Hintz needed to be shared with us all!!

**These are some of my thoughts about my friend and mentor Walter Hintz. I'm sure you all have stories about Mr. Hintz. I am also sure that your memories of him include his smile and his love, because that was the Mr. Hintz we all knew and loved.**



**Rich and Betsy Benz with Walter Hintz on the equator in Ecuador in 1999**



**Walter Hintz Sailing the Off the coast of Belize**

# DEVIL DOINGS



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Dear Fellow Alumni of Wickliffe Schools,

My name is Frank Foti, a fellow alum (1974) of Wickliffe City Schools, and a charter member of the Wickliffe Schools Alumni Association (WSAA). I'm very fortunate to have attended school in Wickliffe, and to have grown up in this wonderful town. It has instilled strong moral values, solid work ethic, and enabled a 'kid' from Grand Blvd to accomplish some amazing stuff. The solid foundation the Wickliffe Schools provided, has enabled me to prosper in the business world, as an entrepreneur. I'm proud that our industry leading company has significant roots in Wickliffe! I can only hope that you feel the same.

Now in existence for over ten years, the Wickliffe Schools Alumni Association continues to expand its programs and offerings for alumni, along with our efforts to give back to Wickliffe City Schools. We hope and encourage you to take part in one, or more, of the many exciting events that we offer. You can experience firsthand the pride we take in supporting the organization.

It is our mission to directly, and immediately, impact the lives of students and alumni, while continuing to foster the spirit of community. In order to do so, we rely on the generosity of individuals, businesses, and alumni for support. Without the assistance of community-minded individuals, just like you, we wouldn't be able to offer scholarships to graduating seniors each year, at Wickliffe High, continue the Achievement and Athletic Hall of Fame inductions, as well as many more alumni related activities.

We ask, and hope, that you are willing to support our ongoing efforts by making a cash donation. Your generosity will make a difference in the WSAA by allowing us to continue our activities. (Hopefully, you might also wish to become involved!)

Thank you in advance for your support!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank Foti'.

Frank Foti  
Class of 1974

Thank you to all our donors. Without your generous donations we could not continue to positively impact the lives of students and alumni of Wickliffe City Schools.

GOLD DONATIONS:		DONATIONS:	
WHS 66 Chicks	1966	Dale Turk	1971
We give in Sandy Averson Drenser's memory with continued support to the WSAA scholarship program		Chris May	1977
		William Adams	1982
		The Wolfettes	1982

## The Current WSAA **We've Come a Long Way Baby**

By Teri Shine, Class of 1972

The WSAA is celebrating 15 years since its rebirth in 2003. There have been several Wickliffe alumni groups over the years; the first being the class of 1924. Thank you to those who have paved the way for the current group. Much credit must be given to Bob Smith, former WHS coach, teacher, principal and superintendent. He created interest in the group and with the help of Sue Skufca Bell, started the Board of Directors and committees and push started what we have today.

Our newsletter, *Devil Doings*, thrives under the guidance and creativity of Nancy Krihwan Perlic and Sue Skufca Bell. Its early years were provided by Sue Skufca Bell, Lori Ondecko, Donna Palsa Mikulandra and Roger Mikulandra. The newsletter was mailed to all alumni who had registered at the website. *Devil Doings* was created to share information regarding upcoming events and recapping those events with stories and photos. Some of those event recaps included **WSAA day at Classic Park and at Cleveland's House of Blues with Pieces of Eight and Stone Pony**, and the Ice Cream Social at Penitentiary Glen with the Blue Devil Express and Lake Shore Live Steamers.

We were entertained with stories of past teachers and **students in the "Where are they now?" section**. Look in the newsletter archives to catch up with Fannie and Bob Westfall, Tom Rosneck, Robert Buyers, Gary Winney, Ken Ranallo, Bob Smith, Larry Smith and Charles Frank. There are also alumni recollections of growing up on Drenik Drive and Craneing Road.

The cost was \$9,000 a year to send out 3 newsletters. Devil Doings eventually became an electronic creation in 2012. The ability to conserve money resulted in the increase in the amount and number of scholarships given to WHS graduating seniors. Scholarships have increased from one \$1,000 award in 2005 to six \$1,000 awards.

Fund-raising activities were under the direction of Gloria Whitmer Majeski, Sue Skufca Bell, and Lori Ondecko. The first annual reverse raffle debuted in February 2005 and continued for several years. The WSAA transitioned to a Super Bowl Basket Raffle

which became a sold out event for years.

The All Alumni Reunion, during Homecoming, was originally produced by Lori Ondecko. It originally started in the student lounge, moved to the cafeteria, and is now inside the football gates on Homecoming Night. Other event coordinators were Jimmy Campbell and Teri DiMattia Shine. Currently in charge are Diane Cerri and Chris May. The WSAA participated in the Homecoming Parade and built a float in 2006 to **reignite the tradition from the 60's and 70's**. Mark Cline along with student council members and WHS staff met in the maintenance garage to create many more floats.

Treasures of the Wickliffe Schools history can be found in Memory Lane, located in the library at Wickliffe High School. Memory Lane debuted at the All Alumni reunion in 2005. The memorabilia include yearbooks; sports programs and trophies; albums from the band and choir; sport, band and cheerleading uniforms; letter jackets and sweaters; group class photos; reunion booklets; and personal photo albums.

In the early years of Wickliffe Schools, yearbooks were not created annually. Several years are grouped together in once book. For example, the 1934 yearbook contains the graduating classes of 1930, 1931, 1932, and 1933. Most yearbooks can be found on line through the Wickliffe Public Library website.

The Athletic Hall of Fame debuted in 2005 and the Achievement Hall of Fame in 2006.

Students, coaches, and faculty who graduated at least 10 years ago and who has achieved outstanding accomplishments in his or her chosen field or profession and has made extraordinary contributions to the community. There are currently 80 inductees.

Thank you to past and current board and committee members: Jimmy Campbell 1982, Melissa Erzetec Connolly 1980, Frank Foti 1974, David Hintz 1982, Linda Julian 1982, Marien Spisich Kaifesh 1979, Roger Mikulandra 1982, Donna Palsa Mikulandra 1982, Lori Ondecko 1982, Pam Nagy Sabruno 1976, Teri Di Mattia Shine 1972, Robert Smith Superintendent, Mark Tennant 1975, Judi Tennant Veneri 1971, Lu Ann Urankar Zibert 1972, Tom Rosneck 1966, Vince Granito 1983, Debbie Hennie Vitantonio 1976

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Rondelle Cicirelli 1982, Mark Cline 1975, Tim Reid 1962, Tom Ansberry 1965, Rich Wilson 1982, Nancy Krihwan Perlic 1966, Connie Kosanovich Powall 1983, Diane Cerri 1977, Chris May 1977, Pat Jewell 1975

## Wickliffe High School Academic Challenge At National Tournament!

By Pat Jewell, 1975

In June two juniors and three sophomores travelled to Chicago for their third straight national tournament. Although they were younger than nearly any other team there, they fought hard. Teams must win four of their first six matches in order to qualify for playoffs. Our Wickliffe team were ready for the challenge against teams of mostly seniors and showed speed and knowledge. They won three of the four needed matches handily, with just the one loss. Going into the final two matches, they kept the pace so evenly that all were on the edges of their seats. The first of these two matches was lost by only two questions. Without missing a beat, without anxiety, they went into their final match confident and prepared. As they arrived at the final question, the match was tied. Although the other team buzzed in a split second earlier to take the match, our team was undeterred and left pleased with how well they were able to do against older teams. **As one team member said, "Next year – we'll be the seniors!" We are so looking forward to next year's trip!**

We are now starting fund-raising for this school year, with a pancake breakfast in November and a tournament in the spring. We are so grateful to the WSAA for your help this year as we had not been able to do our usual fund-raising and it was your assistance that made it possible for us to take these wonderful students to Nationals! There are not words enough to express our gratitude. Thank you!



## Find us on Facebook

Join the [Wickliffe Schools Alumni Association](#) group Facebook page today. Keep up-to-date with current alumni news and events along with trivia questions where your comments and special memories are encouraged. **We don't care if you know the answer; just give your best guess or share your special memories.**

You can join by going to the Wickliffe Alumni website at [www.wickliffealumni.org](http://www.wickliffealumni.org) and click the big Facebook link on the home page or just click the LIKE button in Facebook on the Wickliffe Schools Alumni Association group page. Tell all your Facebook friends who went to Wickliffe to join the group today.



Planning a class reunion? Post the details on the Wickliffe Schools Alumni Association Facebook page. Looking for help planning a reunion? **Can't find a classmate? Maybe someone in the group has helpful information.**

Please email [wsaasocialdir@gmail.com](mailto:wsaasocialdir@gmail.com) to submit trivia questions or suggestions for ideas on our Facebook page. If you submit trivia questions, please include your name, graduation year, and the answers (if you know them).

## 2005 ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Click on Induction Year to view profiles [2005](#)

Paul Laspina	1958	Douglas Drenik	1961
Pat Gucciardo	1962	Frank Fitz	1963
Chuck Paschke	1975	Greg Drenik	1977
Mary Sivak-Gilbert	1978	Sonya Ming Bianco	1984
Robert Mrosko	1984	James Rosneck	1993

## 2007 ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Click on Induction Year to view profiles [2007](#)

Eugene Caruso	1949	Erwin Will	1961
Peter Gamier	1961	Daniel C. Paschke	1973
Kevin Porter	1986		

## 2009 ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Click on Induction Year to view Profiles [2009](#)

Ken Ranallo	Coach	<b>Vincent "Sonny" Mazzolini</b>	1961
Ralph Simmonds	Coach	Robert Edward Farone	1979
Anthony Corpora	1994		

## 2011 ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Click on Induction Year to view Profiles [2011](#)

Jack Biondolillo	1962	Tom Rosneck	1966/Coach
Phil Drenik	1974	Patrick McDowell	1978
Vicky Kozlina DeLisa	1986		

## 2013 ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Click on Induction Year to view Profiles [2013](#)

Members of 1974 Baseball Team & Coach Ken Panallo		Al Benz	Coach
Brian Derov	1971	Ray DiMattia	1957
Cecily Dubusker	1998		

## 2015 ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

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Dennis Nemura	1961	Mary Seifert Cheraso	1982
Leigh Mann Guido	1983	Tony Cira	1986
Matt Zelina	1987	Mike Sheredy	1999

## 2017 ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

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Sebastian LaSpina	1954	Harry Edward Marko	1963
Drew Heiss	1980	Tim Brajdic	1981
Herb Harrison Jr.	1983		

## 2006 ACHIEVEMENT HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Click on Induction Year to view profiles [2006](#)

Dominic Di-Matteo	1939	William Bares	1959
K. Michael Benz	1965	Edward Bernethich	1967
Richard Benz	1969	Jayne Kennedy Overton	1970
Kathy Buckley	1972	Dominick Casadonte	1973
Frank Foti	1974	Donald Figer	1985

## 2008 ACHIEVEMENT HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

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Richard L. Shank	1966	David J. Krych	1971
David Maurice Massey	1974	Sharon Ruth Inman	1980
Laurence N. Benz	1980		

## 2010 ACHIEVEMENT HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

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Phyllis Ann Speirs Farnacci	1958	A. Melvin Alexander, MD	1961
<b>Rick D'Amico</b>	1962	Terry Mulroy	1981
Stacey Richardson Crawford	1988		

## 2012 ACHIEVEMENT HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

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Peter Christopher	1972/Staff	Gloria Jean Whitmer Majeski	1974
Kelly Burkhardt Conti	1981	Michael J. Allen	1981
Lauren L. Murphy, PhD	1994		

## 2014 ACHIEVEMENT HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Click on Induction Year to view Profiles [2014](#)

Harry Grubbs	1958	Fred Kuhar	1964
Kerry Kramp	1973	Patricia Hintz Jewell	1975
Vincent Granito	1983		

## 2016 ACHIEVEMENT HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Click on Induction Year to view Profiles [2016](#)

William Reid	1960	Andy Chiodo	1963
Thomas M. Foss	1977	Charles Frank	Faculty
Robert Smith	Faculty		

Link will be available soon

## 2018 ACHIEVEMENT HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Click on Induction Year to view Profiles [2018](#)

Walter Hintz	Faculty		
Judy A. Pezdir	1970/Faculty		
Dennis L. Nosco	1971		
Dale Turk	1971		

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In loving memory of all our fellow classmates who have passed away, the Wickliffe Schools Alumni Association website ([www.wickliffealumni.org](http://www.wickliffealumni.org)) has an "In Memoriam" section.

Please take a moment and view the names; let us know if you have a friend or loved one who went to Wickliffe and should be included. (On the "Directory" tab, choose "In Memoriam" from the drop down list, click to open). Please use the provided form to have a departed classmate honored on this page or send the information directly to [wsaasoicaldir@gmail.com](mailto:wsaasoicaldir@gmail.com). The following information is required: Full Name, Date of Birth, Date of Death, & Year Graduated.

NOTE: Copy of the Obituary or Link to Obituary or Copy of Death Notice or Copy of Funeral Home In Memoriam Card or if you are willing to use your name as accepting responsibility that information is accurate.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE LIST OF THOSE HONORED ON THE WSAA WEBSITE](#)

The WSAA website is a great way to catch up with old friends and keep up with WSAA activities.

Our database currently has over 6000 alumni, staff and faculty. We are thankful to have received member information from class contacts, but this information may now be outdated.

Please visit the website today at [www.wickliffealumni.org](http://www.wickliffealumni.org) to update information and to see all the great things the Alumni Association is doing.

We encourage you to include your email address to get last minute announcements or reminders for special events such as the All Alumni Night and to continue to receive your copy of the Devil Doings Newsletter.

Note: If you do not receive the electronic newsletters, please check to be sure your e-mail address is correct. Re-register if you cannot remember your login or password.

## We Will Never Forget



Don't be dismayed at goodbyes. A farewell is necessary before you can meet again. And meeting again, after moments or lifetime, is certain for those who are friends.

- Richard Bach



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