

## 2016 HALL of HONOR INDUCTEES

### ASSISTANT COACH

#### **Dave Ginsberg -- Traverse City**



Dave Ginsberg has been involved with basketball and education at every level since his graduation from CMU in 1968. He is beginning his 40<sup>th</sup> coaching season as the newly hired boys varsity head coach at Northport H.S. having taught and coached varsity basketball at seven other Michigan high schools: Leslie, Battle Creek Central, Grand Rapids Union, Swartz Creek, Flint Central, Traverse City St. Francis and Traverse City West. In addition, he had a 16-year stint as an assistant coach at CMU from 1975-1991.

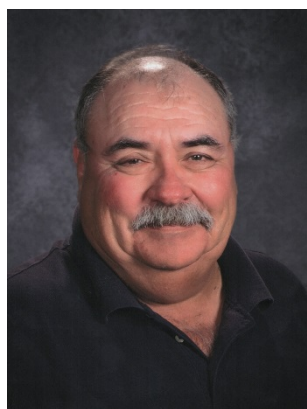
Over his 40+ years in education he has coached five men that played in the NBA and served as a principal at Flint Southwestern Academy until his “retirement” in 2005. Dave has spoken to and worked with thousands of people around the USA in areas of coaching, management, and conflict resolution, and has been known as a passionate and enthusiastic speaker. He has continued to motivate and inspire people wherever he’s worked, and his ability to “tie things together” has been his calling card.

Dave was named as the first Executive Director of the newly formed National High School Basketball Coaches Association in 2012 and now serves as the Secretary/Treasurer of that organization.

He says he is very proud to have coached in 6 different decades since the 1960’s and would like to recognize and thank his wife Leslie, sons Rex and Roman, grandchildren Gavin, Caleb, Ryan, Breanna and Bridget, as well as his best friend Charlie Coles.

### ASSISTANT COACH

#### **Dan Hamilton -- Jackson HS**



Dan Hamilton has taught at and coached several different sports over the last 33 years for Jackson Public Schools, including boy’s and girl’s basketball, softball, and now varsity boy’s golf. He has even been named Coach of the Year in both boy’s and girl’s golf by the Jackson Citizen Patriot, but Dan’s first love has always been high school basketball. In 1983 he began coaching girls and boys at the 8<sup>th</sup> grade through junior varsity levels and continued for 22 years. He also coached two years of boy’s varsity basketball at Addison HS. In the summers Dan was a willing scout and worked with players and coaches at both team and youth basketball camps. He also attended clinics and helped with the team functions. He won over 200 games in his 22 years with basketball.

Dan says his biggest thrill was sitting on the bench as an assistant with Bob Smoots and head coach Andy Sheridan at Jenison Field House in the 1988 Class A semi-final. He loved working with the players, teaching them the fundamentals and seeing them succeed as their career progressed at the higher levels.

Dan has been married to his extremely supportive wife Sarah for 33 years and they have one son Jacob (married to Megan) who played basketball in high school and collegiate golf at Grand Valley.



### **FRIEND of BASKETBALL** **Terry Brokoff -- Gladwin**

Terry Brokoff has been voluntarily assisting with the Gladwin Athletic Association since 1972. He became the vice president of the GAA in 1986 and their president in 1989. Since 1996, he's been working as the association's treasurer and concession manager. For 44 years, he's had an affinity for helping out the entire athletic department in "Flying G Country" and everyone knows that Mr. Brokoff cares deeply about the athletes, coaches, Gladwin Community Schools and his beloved hometown.

Under Terry's leadership, the GAA has raised over \$1 million for the athletic department and approximately \$375,000 has been directed to the basketball programs (grades 3 through 12). Since 1989, the GAA has donated \$45,250 to the Gladwin Community Schools Athletic Department. Retired Gladwin High School Principal Bill Shellenbarger states, "Terry Brokoff really is Superman! He was the first person inducted into Gladwin High School's prestigious Athletic Hall of Fame and our football games are played on Brokoff Field. His vigilant omnipresence at athletic events is exemplary. His commitment to supporting our coaches, players, teams and the like is second to none. He'd make for a great story on ESPN and/or The Mike and Mike Show. If we were to name an MVP in the great town of Gladwin over the last four decades it would be Terry Brokoff."

Terry says, "None of my contributions of time and effort to the basketball teams and many other programs would have been possible without the support of my 92 year-old mother Coral, my wonderful wife Eileen, daughter Alicia and son Scott. There are many other individuals very close to the GAA to whom I'm very indebted. It is very obvious that significant accomplishments of this magnitude are a team effort."



### **FRIEND of BASKETBALL** **Mary Fajardo -- St Clair HS**

Mary Fajardo has been involved with basketball ever since her son Sam started playing in 1986 at St. Mary's Catholic School in St. Clair. Three years later, she was asked to begin keeping score for the St. Clair HS 9<sup>th</sup> grade girls' team. Mary added the 9<sup>th</sup> grade boys' team to her duties two years later. When the seasons changed and both the boys and girls started playing at the same time she joined forces with her sister Marie and they worked together to cover as many games as possible. This meant many late nights on the bus as well as in their home gym. Currently, she continues to keep the books for all three levels of boys' and girls' basketball teams at St. Clair.

Brad Robbins, St. Clair athletic director says "Mary and Marie's time and commitment has been and continues to be nothing shy of amazing. If there were to be a shining example of what BCAM views as a Friend of Basketball, I would contend that we have two of the best in St. Clair."

As well as scoring for the basketball teams, she also currently keeps score for the high school volleyball teams. She has been involved in community basketball, softball, tennis and Little League. In 2010 she was a recipient of the St. Clair HS Hall of Fame Community Service award. Mary and her husband Perfecto have 6 children: Samuel, Donald, Lawrence, David, Karen and Christopher, along with 10 grandchildren.

### **FRIEND of BASKETBALL**

#### **Laurie Iversen -- Lansing Christian HS**



Laurie Iversen has been a part of Lansing Christian's scoring table for 35 years. Since 1981 she has run the scoreboard for the boy's basketball games—from freshmen on up to varsity games. She added the girl's games to her duties in 1985. She also drove the bus for both boys and girls until 2014. If this wasn't enough, Laurie occasionally will do the scorebook for both home and away games as well.

Lansing Christian's athletic director Zach VanDuinen nominated Laurie and Sharon for the Hall of Honor and was excited that BCAM selected them for this year's awards, saying that "it might be their last year at the scoring table—they definitely deserve this recognition for all they have done".

Laurie wishes to thank her parents, Herb and Connie for sending her to Lansing Christian and teaching her about faith and the value of a Christian education.

### **FRIEND of BASKETBALL**

#### **Marie McCabe -- St Clair HS**



Marie began keeping score for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball at St. Mary's Catholic School in St. Clair in 1986. As her children got older, she moved with them to St. Clair Junior High. In 1988 she made it to the high school level and never left. She worked with coaches Fred Shaw and Tony Monte as the head scorekeeper for several years. After they retired, she stayed on. Apparently she may never leave, as Principal Ron Miller has told her that "she was not allowed to retire until he said it was okay".

But that is just fine with everyone else, since she does a super job! Athletic Director Brad Robbins, who nominated Marie for this award, comments that "through the years, players have come and gone, coaches have retired or moved on, and seasons have changed. At SCHS however, twin sisters Marie McCabe and Mary Fajardo have been a constant and a positive influence on our school community and basketball programs."

Marie says a highlight of her scorekeeping career was keeping the books at the Breslin Center for the Girls' State Championships in 2005 and 2006. Second to that would be keeping score at the Palace of Auburn Hills in 2007 for the boys' team. Marie is married to Dennis and has four children—Kelly, Dennis, Joseph and Jamie.

### **FRIEND of BASKETBALL**

#### **Sharon Somerville -- Lansing Christian HS**



Sharon Somerville is entering her 44<sup>th</sup> year of teaching English at Lansing Christian School. For 42 of those years, she also has volunteered to keep the scorebook for both the girls' and boy's basketball teams. Up until 1995 she did both home and away games; but since then, she has cut back to only doing the home games. This has earned her much praise from LCS athletic director Zach VanDuinen. He says "Sharon has been a constant presence at Lansing Christian for the last 42 years. She has been a part of our table crew at all home games. I would like to honor her [for this great service]."

In addition to keeping the books, Sharon has been known to sing the National Anthem at the home games and even some away games. She also has directed the plays and musicals at LCS for 30 years.

She wishes to thank Judy Somerville and the Tim Somerville family.





## **FRIEND of BASKETBALL**

### **St. Cecilia's Gym and the Sam Washington Family, Detroit MI**

St. Cecilia's Gym and the Sam Washington Family are names that are synonymous with basketball not only in Michigan, but they are names that are respected throughout the country. In 1967, Sam Washington Sr. started basketball leagues at St. Cecilia's as a way to protect children from the Detroit riots. "The Saint" as people like to call it, grew to something that Sam Sr. could have never dreamed of. The small and unassuming gym off of Livernois was a safe haven for youth. It also became the place to measure yourself against the best. Teams from all over the country would make the pilgrimage to Detroit to challenge Michigan's best. Dave Bing, Spencer Haywood, George Gervin, Magic Johnson, Isiah Thomas, Jalen Rose and Chris Webber are among the many greats with Michigan ties that regularly played at St. Cecilia's. St. Cecilia's is still the place to play in the summer. Although Sam Sr. passed away in 1988, Sam Washington, Jr. continues to run successful high school and college leagues for girls and boys. Teams travel from all over Michigan to say they have played at "The Saint"..



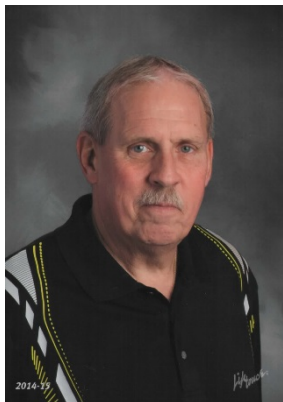
## **MEDIA**

### **Jack Walkden -- South Bend Tribune**

Beginning in high school in 1969, Jack started writing for the Berrien County Record and the Niles Daily Star, covering varsity boy's basketball as there were no girl's sports at the time. While in college at MSU he worked part-time for the Lansing State Journal and the State News covering all high school sports while earning his journalism degree. Jack's professional career began in 1975 when he started as the main high school sportswriter for the Herald Palladium in St. Joseph. He covered all of Southwest Michigan for 20 years.

Since 1995 however, Jack has been the "Michigan High School Man" at the South Bend Tribune and continues to this day. He says he has probably covered around 2,200 boy's and girl's basketball games in his career. Josh Hood, varsity coach at Niles Brandywine, says that "there is never a 'big' basketball game in the area without Jack there to bring coverage to all of our communities. He can tell you every stat for teams and players dating back over 40 years. In my opinion, the greatest quality Jack possesses is he's an outstanding human being who is respected by all of the coaches, players, athletic directors, and fans of Southwest Michigan."

Jack has been married to his wife Nedra for 37 years.



## **OFFICIAL**

### **Tom Hoff -- Royal Oak, MI**

Tom Hoff officiated with the MHSAA for 45 years. During this tenure Tom umpired baseball and softball and refereed girls and boys basketball. In 1979 Tom had the honor of umpiring the girls softball MHSAA state finals. Tom was very active in the Catholic Youth Organization in the Detroit area where you could find him in a gym on the weekends for over 25 years working youth basketball. He was an assignor for the CYO leagues in addition to assigning officials for the Guardian Angels CYO Christmas Tournament.

A lifelong educator, Tom started his career at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs and continued it as a math teacher at the Adventure School in Birmingham. He coached CYO football, softball, baseball and soccer. Tom was a hard worker who had a passion for helping others. Throughout the years he helped to educate, mentor, and inspire countless numbers of students.

Tom was a very loving man who cared deeply for his wife, children and grandchildren. He lived in Royal Oak and passed away June 10, 2016 after a 7 year battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife Gayle; four children Heather (Thomas) Parker, Kelly (Adam) Cousino, Erin (Michael) Schwartz and Tom (Heather) Hoff; and 9 grandchildren.



## **OFFICIAL**

### **Dave Sontag -- Monroe, MI**

Dave Sontag is entering his 37<sup>th</sup> year of officiating with the MHSAA. During this time he has been assigned to four state final games and six semi-finals as well as being selected to work the 1991 East/West All-Star Game at the Palace. A member of the Monroe County Officials Association for 10 years, he is often found conducting meetings and acting as a trainer for clinics. In addition to prep basketball, Dave has refereed 19 seasons at the D2, D3 and NAIA levels and was an alternate in the Big10 for 6 years. If that wasn't enough, he also refereed professional wheelchair basketball for 18 years.

As a counselor and English/Journalism teacher, Dave worked for 33 years at Monroe Jefferson High School and coached varsity baseball for 25 of those years, battling through Hodgkins disease in 1995-96 and continuing to work, referee and coach during that period. As a result of his many successes as a baseball coach, the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association honored Dave in 2004 by inducting him into their Hall of Fame.

Above all of this, he is the most proud of his family—his very supportive wife Michelle and his three children Ryan, Susan and Brendan. All three children were high school valedictorians, college Academic All-Americans and All-Conference players in baseball and softball. He is so happy to have coached his two sons in high school and to have had his own father coach alongside of him for 6 years at Jefferson.



## **Official**

### **Peter VanGessel -- Grandville, MI**

Pete Van Gessel began umpiring youth baseball with his uncle Charlie and brother Paul early in high school. In college, he started reffing intramural basketball. He moved on to high school basketball after college. He has now been a registered official with the MHSAA for 32 years, with 13 years refereeing D2, D3 and JUCO college games. He is a registered trainer with the MHSAA, serving as a clinician for various high school clinics and camps in West Michigan. During this time he has been assigned multiple district and regional contests including several semi-finals for both boys and girls. Pete was selected to work the girls' state finals in 2012. As a member of the West Michigan Officials Association, he was named Official of the Year in 2006 and has served as the board treasurer since 2008. In addition, Pete volunteers with the Officials for Kids program and the DeVos Children's Hospital's Visually Impaired Sports Day.

"I got my start officiating basketball when my girlfriend (now wife, Jill) started scheduling me for intramural games in college", says Pete. "I believe she wanted to be sure I had 'date money'. She has been supportive of my officiating ever since." Pete and Jill have three children, Rebecca, Andy (married to Whitney) and Bethany.