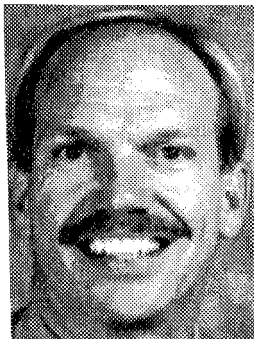


# HALL of HONOR INDUCTEES



**ASSISTANT COACH - PAUL C. CHRISTIANSEN,**  
**Maple City Glen Lake**

Good basketball programs need good assistant coaches and Maple City Glen Lake High School has one of the best in Paul C. Christiansen. From 1973 to 1981, Paul was the Junior Varsity coach leading Glen Lake to 300 victories. In 1982 Paul became Don Miller's varsity assistant and still helps Glen Lake High School. During his years as a varsity assistant, Paul has helped Glen Lake win over 450 games, one State Championship and six Final Four appearances. Since 1989 Paul has coached the 8th grade girls at Glen Lake.

Paul has also coached Glen Lake's boys' track team for 20 years and the girls' track team for three years. In his spare time, he is an active boat racer.

Paul's family includes his wife Jole and daughters Katie, Abbie and Lily.

**ASSISTANT COACH - Jim Duffy, River Rouge**  
**Trenton St. Joseph & Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard**

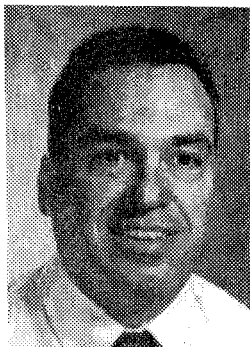
Seven hundred coaching victories highlights an outstanding coaching career for Jim Duffy. Jim began coaching in 1954 at River Rouge High School as the freshman coach. He assisted Lofton Greene's varsity team that won ten State Championships. From 1975 to 1978, Jim coached St. Joseph in Trenton working with the 7th and 8th grade girls' teams. In 1979, Jim took over the Junlor Varsity girls' teams at Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard. Jim became the girls' varsity coach at Gabriel Richard in 1982 and since that time has coached his team to over 200 wins.

Coach Duffy is a member of the Catholic League Coaches Hall of Fame and the Trenton Sports Hall of Fame. In 1995, Jim was named BCAM's Region 1 Girls' Class B Coach of the Year.

Jim has two children, daughter Susan and son Jim.



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## ASSISTANT COACH - ALBERT L. SHARROW, Romeo

The success of the Romeo basketball program is a result of the coaching and teaching of Albert L. Sharrow. Al began coaching in 1971 as the varsity assistant and helped Romeo complete it's only undefeated season in school history. Al coached the boys' Junior High program for ten years. In 1974, Al began coaching the Junior Varsity team and during his ten years as coach he won 118 games. Al was also the girls' varsity coach from 1975 to 1990 winning 180 games as well as three League and five District Championships. Al's coaching career has lasted for over 25 years and during this time he has been involved in over 500 victories.

Al was named Metro East Girls' Coach of the Year in 1986. He has also coached and played on two Michigan Parks and Recreation Mens' Basketball State Championship teams. Al guided the Marine City team to the Class C title in 1997 and the Class B title in 1998.

Al's family includes his wife Katy and children Kelly, Shawn and Trisha.

## ASSISTANT COACH - JIM THOMPSON, Flint / Swartz Creek / Detroit

Some coaches are defined by the success of the programs they assist. Other coaches are defined by their commitment to the game and the youth they teach. Jim Thompson is a coach who cares about teaching the game of basketball and building the character of it's players. Following is a list of Jim's coaching jobs.

Detroit LYO (1952-56), U.S. Army (1957-60), City of Dayton Parks and Rec (1962-65), Chominade HS, Dayton, OH (1965-66), Livonia Public Schools (1967-68), Swartz Creek Community Education (1974-92), Flint Jet League (1974-83), Flint Canusa Games (1980-94), Swartz Creek Junior High (1984-88), Michigan School for the Deaf (1982-92), Burton Bently High School (1989-90), Flint Carmen High School and Community Education (1990-95), AAU (1986-93) and Bball, basketball for grades K-3 (1979-98).

Jim has won many championships and games during his career. In 1991 he was named Good Scout of the Year in Swartz Creek.

Jim and his wife Katie's six children include, Dan, Dave, Rick, Mike, Virginia and Tracy.



## FRIEND OF BASKETBALL - LEONARD F. MAZZEI, Flint Central

A good team needs many things in order to win the big games and one of them is that it's players stay healthy. Flint Central's Leonard F. Mazzei has been the trainer for the basketball team since 1965. During his time at Central, Leonard has been a part of three Class A State Championship teams and witnessed many of it's players go on to play college basketball. Leonard started his basketball career in 1958 as the manager and trainer at Western New Mexico University. From 1962 to 1964 he was the basketball trainer at Mott Community College.

Leonard has received many honors for his work as a trainer. In 1985 Leonard received the Dedication and Support Award from Flint Central High School. In 1997 he received the Nap Lavote Award for his many years of unselfish service, dedication and loyalty to Flint Central High School.

Leonard's family includes wife Christine and children John, Stacy and Gail.



## FRIEND OF BASKETBALL - ELWYN "RABBIT" RIDER, Jackson Lumen Christi / St. Johns

Elwyn "Rabbit" Rider has been scouting and keeping the scorebook at Jackson Lumen Christi High School since 1973. During his career at Lumen Christi, he has witnessed both the ups and the downs of high school basketball, but especially recalls the times that Lumen Christi made it to the Regional Finals of the State Tournament. Elwyn also served as assistant coach from 1954 to 1972 at Jackson St. Johns High School. The highlight at St. Johns was the chance to coach in the 1964 Class B State Championship game.

Elwyn, who is called "Rabbit" by friends due to his speed has coached football at Jackson St. Johns and is a member of the Jackson Parks and Recreation committee. Elwyn has been a member of the University of Michigan Football Stats team since 1963.

Elwyn's family includes wife Vanza and children Bunny and Bill.



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### FRIEND OF BASKETBALL - FRANK SWIONTONOWSKI, Monroe

Every coach appreciates the people who support the basketball team and help with the many jobs that go along with coaching a team. Since 1962, Frank Swiontonowski has been taking tickets at all the home basketball games at Monroe St. Mary's Catholic Central High School. Frank also attended many of the away games. Frank also volunteered his time by driving players to and from practice. Frank also donated his time at St. Mary's football games as the ticket taker.

Frank received awards in 1973 and 1993 from Monroe St. Mary's Catholic Central for his outstanding service and support. In 1988, Frank received the S.M.C.C. Super Fan Award. In 1989 he was nominated for the Concerned Citizens Award program and in 1995 was a Golden Rule nominee.

Frank and his wife Rita have seven children. They include, Michael, Connie, Dennis, Robert, Annette, Larry and Mary.

### MEDIA - LEN HOYES, Flint / Saginaw

The Flint and Saginaw areas are known throughout Michigan and America as one of the best producers of basketball talent. For these players to receive the recognition they need and deserve, they need someone to publicize them. Len Hoyes has been covering prep basketball in the Flint and Saginaw area since 1950. Len retired in 1992, but still works part-time. Len has covered numerous state championship teams and watched some players go from the prep level to college and then to the National Basketball Association. Many area coaches credit Len for publicizing teams and players at the state and national levels.

Len's outstanding career has earned him many honors. Len was awarded a distinguished service award by the Association of Track Officials of Michigan in 1995. The Detroit Tigers honored Len in 1977 for appreciation and recognition for service to amateur baseball. MITCA awarded Len in 1988 a "Finish Line Award" for contributions to track and field.

Len's family include wife Luann and their two children John and Elizabeth.



### MEDIA - DEL NEWELL, Kalamazoo

Most sports writers dream of covering professional sports teams and only write about the preps because it is part of their job. Del Newell has covered high school basketball as well as other sports for 31 years. During this time Del has developed area ratings and standings for the Kalamazoo area. Del also has had the "help" of Gus the Guesser when it comes to making predictions of the prep games. Del has worked with the Associated Press rating basketball teams and helping select All-State teams. Before becoming a prep sports writer, Del coached for four years at Constantine and one year at Comstock.

Del was inducted into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame and honored by the Kalamazoo Amateur Athletic Federation for outstanding softball coverage. Del also has been honored by the Wolverine Conference and Kalamazoo Valley Association.

Del's family includes wife Mary Jane and children Todd and Amy.

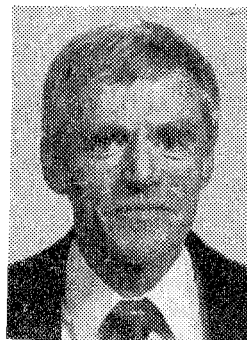


### OFFICIAL - RICHARD "Dick" LAMBERT, Bloomfield Hills

Most officials dream of doing a state basketball championship because it means you are one of the best. Richard "Dick" Lambert has officiated two state championships in basketball. In 1982, Dick worked the Class A State Championship boys' game and in 1987, officiated the girls' Class C State Championships. Dick started his officiating career in 1972 and is now beginning his 27th year as an official. He not only is a top prep official, but he also has officiated 20 years of Men's and Women's college basketball at the Division II and Division III levels. Dick is currently the Basketball Commissioner of the prestigious Oakland Activities Association where he assigns, observes and evaluates all the officials in the 28 team league.

Dick also stays busy as a part-time ticket seller for the Detroit Tigers and Detroit Lions. He has coached his children in many sports. The Catholic Officials Hall of Fame inducted Dick for his outstanding work.

Dick and his wife Nancy have two children, Ross and Margaret.



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### OFFICIAL - SAM PALAMARA, Wyandotte

Every league, division and conference, desires to have the best officials to work their basketball games. For 36 years, Sam Palamara was requested by many of the top conferences such as the Catholic, Saginaw Valley and the Wolverine Leagues to name a few.

Sam started officiating in 1954 and continued to referee some of the best games in the state until 1990 when he retired. Considered by many coaches as dedicated and fair, Sam took pride in officiating the High School Basketball All-Star game at Michigan State University with such stars as Roy Tarpley and Paul Jokish.

Sam is also an outstanding football official and baseball umpire. In 1980, Sam umpired the Class A State baseball finals and in 1982 officiated the Class A State Championship football game at the Pontiac Silverdome. He was inducted into the Catholic Officials Hall of Fame in 1982.

Sam and his wife Eleanor have four children: Joseph, Susan, Jill and Thomas.

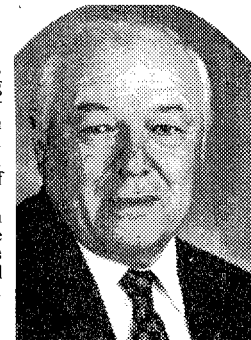


### OFFICIAL - HAROLD POPP, Wyandotte

From old fashioned basketball shorts to the baggy shorts of today, set shots to the three-point shot, Harold L. Popp has seen it all. Starting in 1954, Harold officiated because he loved the game of basketball. For the next 36 years, he demonstrated professionalism as he officiated in some of the top leagues in the Detroit area. As one local coach stated, "You always wanted Harold doing your games because you knew you were getting the best". Besides officiating, Harold coached 22 years of varsity and reserve basketball in the state of Michigan.

Harold has received numerous honors for his achievements. In 1965 he was named the Detroit News Catholic Football Coach of the Year. Boystown awarded Harold an Outstanding National Alumnus Award in 1973 and in 1977 was inducted into the Detroit Parochial School Hall of Fame. Harold also has been honored by the M.H.S.A.A. for officiating 35 years and Sport Sages.

Harold's family includes his wife, Yvonna and children Harold Jr., Steven, Bruce, Harriet, Jeffrey, David and Joseph.



### OFFICIAL - LEN TRUSEWICZ, Wyandotte

Officials never receive the praise they deserve while officiating and always hear the complaints. When many coaches comment that they felt their game was officiated fairly and professionally by Len Trusewicz, you know you have a very good official. For 41 years, Len has officiated basketball games throughout the Detroit area. Len's officiating partners Sam Palamara and Harold Popp are also entering the BCAM Hall of Honor.

Len was a successful baseball coach winning seven championships at Mt. Carmel High School. Len also has worked State Championship games in football and baseball. In 1983, Len was inducted into the Catholic Officials Hall of Fame.

Len's family includes wife Marcia and three children, Laura, Susan and Julie.



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