

HALL of HONOR INDUCTEES



ASSISTANT * RAY HAACK
St Joseph High School

Ray Haack has coached basketball for 45 years with 40 years at St. Joseph High School. He served as Junior Varsity, Varsity Assistant and Varsity coach during that time. Ray's devotion to the youth of St Joseph is evident by the many programs he started to provide opportunities for participation when none were available.

Ray began his coaching career in 1941 at Reese where they played their games in a dance hall. He also made a stop in Mt Pleasant for two years until 1944 where he coached JV basketball and football. During World War II he entered the service for two years where he coached a base basketball team to a 16-6 record. Beginning at St. Joseph in 1946, Ray began to have a great success being involved in 8 District and two Regional titles. His teams were also involved in two State championships.

Ray's family includes his wife Esther and children; Carole, Sally, Craig, Brian and Christopher.

ASSISTANT * RON SCHAFFER
Lake Michigan College



When you think of Michigan State University basketball, you think of Magic Johnson. When you think of Lake Michigan College (LMC) basketball, you think of Ron Schaffer. Ron played mens' basketball for LMC in the 1950's where he was a member of the Regional Championship team. Fifty-four years later, he was part of the next Regional Championship team in 2004, this time as the assistant coach.

After leaving LMC, Ron began his coaching career at Baroda High School as the Varsity Boys basketball coach. The following year he served as Athletic Director and Varsity basketball and baseball coach at Bridgman High School where he led the Bees to the State semi-finals in 1960. Following a three year stint as basketball and baseball coach at Berrien Springs High School, Ron was the assistant basketball and baseball coach at River Valley High School for 22 years, until 1998. Since then, he serves as the assistant coach at LMC.

Ron's contributions to Southwest Michigan extend into the classroom as well where he taught Social Studies for 30 years before retiring in 1986 from River Valley. Upon retirement from teaching, he was the first director of the adult-education program and was instrumental in bringing evening classes from LMC to the River Valley campus.

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FRIEND of BASKETBALL
SCOTT GOVITZ * Beaverton



Just like the pep band and cheerleaders, the announcer at a high school basketball game creates plenty of excitement. The excitement of Beaverton High School is created by Scott Govitz.

Scott was born and raised in Beaverton but was unable to participate in athletics due to a medical condition. Throughout his middle and high school years he found other ways to contribute to the sports programs such as serving as a concessionaire, ticket taker, statistician and scorekeeper. Driven by a desire to be an on-air personality, Scott eventually made his way on the air as a local DJ and the full time "Voice of the Beavers" as the PA announcer in the early 1980's. With the exception of a short stint in the late 1990's, it is a position he still holds.

Scott has announced around 300 games over the PA and many more on the radio for the Beavers. He also has announced a variety of other high school and college sports.

Scott is extremely involved serving on many community boards and service clubs. He is a past Gladwin County Chamber Citizen of the Year.

FRIEND of BASKETBALL
JERRY INMAN * Kingsley



The official scorer at a high school basketball game is an integral part of the game, just as the players, officials and coaches are. Finding a dependable one is never easy, but Kingsley High School has found a good one who has been a part of the program since 1969. That scorekeeper is Jerry Inman.

As the scorekeeper for both boys and girls at Kingsley, Jerry will be quite busy this season. As the voice of basketball games at Grosse Ile, he announces home games, tournament and state tournament games.

Besides involvement with Kingsley High School, Jerry is involved as a volunteer instructor for the Inland Seas Education Association. He was named Volunteer Instructor of the Year in 2002.

Jerry's family includes wife Carol; children Andrew, Emily and Lucas; and four grandchildren.

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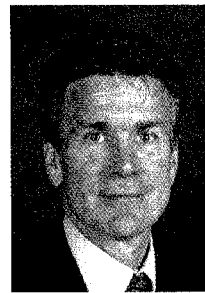


FRIEND of BASKETBALL
DR LARRY POEL * Grand Haven

Basketball teams have a greater chance of success if their players are healthy. Grand Haven High School has been fortunate to have a doctor willing to look after its student athletes. That doctor is Dr. Larry Poel.

Larry was born and raised in Grand Haven and attended Western Michigan Christian High School. After high school he attended Ferris State University earning his degree in pharmacy. After earning his Doctorate in Osteopathic Medicine and completing his internship at Metropolitan Hospital in Grand Rapids he began private practice in Grand Haven in 1974 and became the Team Physician for the Grand Haven Area Public Schools.

Larry received the Honorary Member Award given by the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association in 2001, the Distinguished Service Award given by the Muskegon Area Sports Hall of Fame in 2004 and the Excellence in Education Award in 2005.



FRIEND of BASKETBALL
JACK ROBERTS * MHSAA

The philosophy of the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) is to promote educational athletics. As Executive Director of the MHSAA, Jack Roberts has promoted Michigan's student athletes and the great sport of basketball since 1986, most recently high-lighted by the fight for preserving the sports seasons.

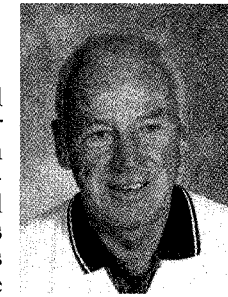
Jack's passion for educational athletics began as a young boy who attended many events of the WIAA (Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association), where his father was Executive Director for almost 30 years. As a student athlete, Jack participated in the 1965 WIAA State Basketball Tournament where he experienced the "thrill of a lifetime" by his team's successful quarterfinal run.

It is these experiences that helped him to follow in his father's footsteps in order to help Michigan's youth. Jack has a great respect for Tom Hursey and the coaches of BCAM who understand and strive to protect the philosophy of educational athletics in our great state.

Jack is married to wife Peggy.

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OFFICIAL * RICHARD KALAHAR
Jackson

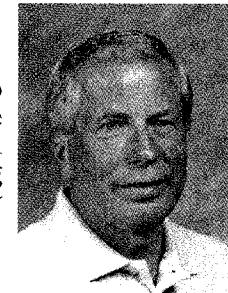


Richard Kalahar has been a basketball official for 42 years. Richard is a retired teacher of 31 years from Jackson County Western High School. He contributed to the game of basketball by serving as a high school basketball coach for 14 years. In addition, He also was a baseball coach for three years. Richard is recognized as one of the top officials in the country. He has been rewarded by being assigned to officiate at four MHSAA boys' final contests and two MHSAA girls' final games. Richard is a member of several Division I, II and III officiating staffs where he has officiated numerous college tournament games. The MHSAA awarded him the "Vern Norris Award" in 1999, with the National Federation honoring him in 1997 as "Official of the Year".

During the off-season, Richard serves as an instructor at many officiating camps through out the state for high school and Women's College officials. Richard is an active member of the Capital Area and the Jackson Area Officials Associations where he was honored as "Official of the Year" in 1992.

Richard with his wife Janet of 45 years have 6 children and 13 grandchildren. He plays golf, volunteers with the American Cancer Society and is head groundskeeper for the Southwest Little League.

OFFICIAL * DAVID ST. ONGE
Ishpeming



David St. Onge is a US Navy veteran who has been a basketball official since 1970. He has also coached Little League and Babe Ruth baseball. In 2005 he retired as Ishpeming business owner, St. Onge Insurance Agency where he had worked since 1979.

David is one of the top officials in Michigan. He has been a member of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Division II officiating staff for over 30 years and also officiates at the Junior College level. The MHSAA has assigned him to several semi-final games and has officiated at the MHSAA Final competition in both boys and girls basketball. He has officiated football for 22 years and works with "Gus Macker" and Special Olympic games.

David has served as mentor to son, Jim, who has been a basketball official for 13 years and they have worked over 150 games together.

Living in Ishpeming with wife Lois (43 years) they enjoy time with children Lisa and Jim, and grandchildren, Jacob and Katelyn. David is active with the St. Joseph's Parish, Ishpeming American Legion, Riverside Club and the Elks Club.