

Ken-West Spirit

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Kenmore West Athletic Hall of Fame 2019 Inductees

Left to right (front row seated): Tara Kibrick, Lexi Panepinto, Phyllis Sava, Jim McNally for John Theobald (deceased), (second row): Brandon Lathrop, Bernie Santa Maria, Rob Santa Maria, Paul Santa Maria, Jennifer Wilcox, Marissa Dressel, Jenna Panepinto, Bill Tepas, Michael Licata

Tara Kibrick '97 - At KW she had 10 varsity letters in field hockey, basketball and track and field as well as qualifying for the NYS Championship in the shot put. At Brockport State College she was the two-time SUNYAC Champion in both the weight throw and hammer throw and holds the school record in both of those events. Tara is the throwing coach at Brockport and the University of Rochester.

Lexi Panepinto '12 - Lexi accumulated 14 varsity letters in soccer, basketball and track and field while at KW. She was named Niagara Frontier All-Star 11 times, was a 9 time NFL track and field champion and had two NFL and Sectional soccer titles. Lexi was on the Colgate University soccer team 2012-15 and Captain in 2015. They were the Patriot League Champions in '12 and '14.

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Phyllis Sava '76 - She earned 16 varsity letters at KW in soccer, volleyball, basketball and softball. Phyllis was named the 1976 Outstanding Athlete. She went on to coach Special Olympics basketball and led the team to the NYS Championship in 2015.

John Theobald '47 - John lettered in football, basketball and baseball at Kenmore Senior High School. He was part of the '47 NFL baseball champions and the '47 NFL football champions. He co-captained the basketball team and was the leading scorer. He went on to play football for Niagara University for three years.

Brandon Lathrop '12 - He was on the football, wrestling and track and field teams. He was All-State and All-WNY in football. Brandon was All-Conference for three years at Buffalo State and selected for the USA Football All-American Team. He also was a Section VI wrestling Champion and the NFL Shot Put Champion.

Santa Maria brothers: Bernie '62, Paul '65 and Rob '68 - They all played varsity football and were Captain or Co-Captain of their team. Each were named to the All NFL team and contributed to the famed Radar Defense. They all were officers of Varsity Club and KW student government.

Jennifer Wilcox '90 - Jennifer played volleyball, basketball and softball. She was named to the NFL All-Star Volleyball team and the All WNY Senior Mizumo Volleyball team. In '90 she was the MVP for the KW basketball and softball teams as well as being named to the NFL All-Star basketball and softball teams. She went on to play volleyball for the University of Buffalo for four years.

Marissa Dressel '10 - Marissa made her mark as a swimmer. She was a 20 time NFL Champion, a 16 time Section VI Champion and holds the 200 freestyle record. Marissa was a four time NYS Champion with two victories in '08 and '09. She earned All-American honors 3 times and academically was ranked 12th in her graduating class. She later swam for the University of Alabama.

Jenna Panepinto '12 - Jenna received 14 varsity letters in soccer, basketball and track and field and was a 13 time NFL All-Star. She is the career goals and points leader in soccer with two NFL and Sectional titles. In track and field she was a 14 time NFL Champion with the NFL record in the 400 meter hurdles and school record holder in the 1500 meter run. She was the Colgate University soccer team MVP for 3 years and also served as a Captain. Jenna was part of the Patriot League Champions in '12 and '14.

William Tepas '70 - Bill played football and baseball. As a receiver, he was named to the All NFL team in '68 and '69 and was member of the KW 1969 National Championship Football Team. He played outfield on the baseball team and was All NFL in '70. He became an All WNY softball player and played in two Softball World Tournaments. In 2013 he was named to the WNY Softball Hall of Fame.

Michael Licata: Coach - KW Lady Blue Devils Basketball Coach for 28 years. Led them to the Section VI Championship in 2004 and earned 332 victories during his tenure as coach. He is responsible for starting the Ken-Ton Girls Summer Basketball Camp. He retired as a Special Education teacher after 37 years.

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SUMMER NIGHT OUT 2019



A group from the early '70's



Two guys from the '40's - Don Unkrich '49
& Bob Grimmer '48



John Strom
Reunion
Chair for '79
and Ron
Wheeler '64
KWAA
Treasurer



Three guys from '52

Sam Falcone '75 and Steve
Ash (Ret. Fac.) getting ready
to sell 50/50 tickets



2020 SUMMER NIGHT
OUT is FRIDAY, AUGUST
7th at 7 pm at the Dome

There were plenty of ladies there, but most were camera shy :(!

REUNION NEWS

THE CLASS OF 1960 WILL BE HAVING THEIR 60TH REUNION AUGUST 7-9, 2020.

FRIDAY AUGUST 7TH WE WILL JOIN THE SUMMER NIGHT OUT AT THE PADDOCK DOME.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH WE WILL HAVE A BLAST ON THE HARBOR QUEEN BOAT CRUISE AND
THEN DINNER AT THE TEWKSBURY LODGE.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH WE WILL MEET FOR BRUNCH: TBA.

CONTACT BETTY DUSZYNSKI (191942@AOL.COM), OR COLLEEN FRYE (CFRYE9@COX.NET)
FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Kenmore West Class of 1980 will hold their 40th Reunion on Saturday, August 8, 2020 at the Aqua Banquet Hall, 2192 Niagara Street, Buffalo. Details to follow! There will be a tour of the school on Saturday (8/8) from 10 - 12 am. Questions: Call Judy (716) 877-9555. You are always invited to the Summer Night Out alumni gathering at the Dome on Friday, August 7th at 7 pm.

An Investment

In the list of contributions to the Scholarship Fund in the last *Ken West Spirit*, donations, with two exceptions, were made by graduates who were 40 or more years out of school. Said another way, all who gave to the Fund in this particular six month period were at least 58. Old folks.

In recent years, the Scholarship Fund has given about \$50,000 annually in scholarships to dozens and dozens of worthy students. Young folks.

It's a timeless story. The old—who have some means—help the young—who are in need to continue their education so they can earn money as they grow old. They too can help the young. That's the way it works. The cycle.

Ah, but not so fast. It doesn't just happen. A Scholarship Fund isn't automatic. It requires core spirit.

Out of the spirit that brought almost 5,000 graduates to the Buffalo Convention Center in 1990 for a sit-down dinner under one roof to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Kenmore Senior High School, that spirit also gave rebirth to the Kenmore West Alumni Association (KWAA). And out of KWAA was born a special committee that created the Scholarship Fund and subsequently the Foundation.

Here one could credit a host of founding members—many who still serve today, 30 years later—but the message is that a cause was identified, steadfastly undertaken, and today thrives as both a very real force in the continuing education of our young people, and as an investment in the spirit of Kenmore High, now Kenmore West High School.

Over the years, hundreds of alumni have put 10's of thousands of hours into this investment. Total giving to the Scholarship Fund now approaches, in dollars, close to 600,000. For the hundreds of recipients, this investment of money and time helps advance their life endeavors. For contributors, giving lifts their spirit—the spirit of youth, of high school, of the Kenmore experience. Giving allows continuing involvement in that experience.

Donations can begin at 58, but giving should begin the minute you say to yourself, "I wish someone would have invested in me." Or maybe someone did, so your message is, "I'm so much better off because someone did invest in me." Either way, you are urged to strongly consider funding students who live in your hometown and attend your alma mater. No matter the amount. No matter your age.

SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS**WALKWAY**

Richard Utz '45
Class of 1953 for David Fleischman
Sr. '53 (Ret. Fac.)
Patricia "Skip" Hollister Sutton '55
Donald I. Dussing Jr. '59
Class of '69

5-Digit Club

George Ferris '57

4-Digit Club

Sandra Wade Hoehn '55
Dianne Schmelzer Large '61
Wolf Blitzer '66
Stephen & Eleanor Ash (Ret. Fac.)

3-Digit Club

Irene Nendze '41 IMO Betty
Kirkwood Cooper '43
Roger & Edith Doerr Moore '43/45
Donald Ewart '48
Edwin Crocker '49 IMO Dr. Robert
Berner '35
Barbara Lewis Flynn '53 IMO Mellie
Mooshie (Ret. Fac.)
Bradford Banks '54
David Brackenridge '55
Don Brisbin '55
Grace Mowatt Burritt '55 IMO David
Mowatt '43
Morris Hesch '55
Joanne Horner Misener '55 IMO Joan
Root '55
Charles M. Mitschow '55
Richard & Deanna Denz Rohe '55/55
Barbara Smith '55 IMO David
Fleischman Sr. '53
Ethel Wielock Warner '55 IMO
Gene Warner '55
Cameron Benson '56 IMO Gordon
Molloy '55
Cameron Benson '56
Joan Miner Freeman '56
Robert B. Goergen '56
Charles Erb '57
Charles Erb '57
Stuart Hempel '57
W. Patrick Cooley '58
Bonnie Winkelman Aleksandrowicz
'59 IMO David Aleksandrowicz

Bonnie Green Bruning '59
Fox (Richard) Ferrel '59 IMO
Jan Bouton Cramer '59 &
William Goss '59
Marjorie Gillies '60
Joel Maten '60
Gloria Chase MacGamwell '63
Michael Gross '64 IMO Dennis Bell
'64
William Tepas '70
Mary Thomas Scott '71 - IHO John
Milner '53 (Ret. Fac.)
Frank Collins
Dawn Grundhofer
Sandra Allen (Ret. Fac.)
Evelyn Swarts (Ret. Fac.)
Kenmore West Retired Faculty

General Scholarship Fund

James W. McLernon '45 IMO Nancy
Stilwell McLernon '48
June McCall Obler '45
Carol Morey Crane '48 IMO Dave
Morey '50
Jerry Ann Saltarelli '49
Don & Joan Unkrich '49/50
Joan Brewer '50
Suzanne Taylor Cruickshank '50
James Dennison '50 IHO Class of '50
James Behrens '51
Gary & Barbara Ritter Neureuter
'53/55
Paul Loree, DDS, FACS '54
Tom & Mary Zimmerman
McCullough '56/56 IHO of
Our 60th Anniversary
Barbara Moore Frank '57
Barbara Shea Tilton '57
Richard Vargo '58
Joyce Rosen Marion '59
Joseph Rowbottom '59
Gerald Shreve '59
James Logerquist '61
Kevin Ryan '61 IMO Karen Anna '62
Cheryl Brock '64 IMO Edward
Summer '64
Carol Millard DiLallo '64 IMO Al &
Kay Dyer
Frederick Niedermeyer '64
Richard Schugar '64
David Easterbrook '65 IMO Molly
Benton '96

Carol MacDermont '67 IMO Linda
Mongiolo MacPherson '67
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(Ret. Fac.)
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Beach Yacht Club) IMO Dave
Fleischmann Sr. '53 (Ret. Fac.)
Sandy Lewandowski (Ret. Fac.)
John Mirabella
Patricia Rankin IMO Dave
Fleischmann Sr. '53 (Ret. Fac.)
Sue Scanlon IMO Dave Fleischman
Sr. '53 (Ret. Fac.)
Barbara Wier IMO Richard Wier
(Ret. Fac.)

**MAY THEIR SPIRIT LIVE
ON...**

Betty Kirkwood Cooper '43,
3/8/19
Robert M. Smith '43, 12/7/18
Shirley Clarke Daugherty '44,
1/5/19
Dorothy Fitch Adamson '45, /16
Betty Brookshaw Fix '45,
10/10/19
James Bauer '47, 9/30/17
Robert C. Ouderkirk '48, 5/22/19
Kenneth Gollman '49, 9/6/10
Eugenia Porter Witner '49, /17
Marilyn Gregoire Schneggenburger
'50, 5/23/19
William (Bill) Duffy '52, 6/19
Donald P. Pray '53, 9/9/19
Jack Greis '54, 1/8/19
Roy Shelton '54, 9/22/19 Raymond
Hammett '55, 1/8/18
Pam Klock Barnaby '57,
5/18/19
Karen Anna '62
Michael R. Taylor '62,
10/31/18
Jerry D. LaMotte '64, /19
Gretchen A. Ludwig '66, 1/8/19
Jennifer Vincent Rymarczyk
'86, 8/5/19
Iva Scone Pitman '04
John Lane
Carleton Masten

NEWS FROM KW



Charles Kristich '52 (former Principal of KW), Patricia Hanny (retired KW librarian), Dean Johnson (present Principal of KW)

Pat Hanny and Dean Johnson join with Honoree Charles Kristich for the unveiling of a plaque at the interior entrance on October 21, 2019. It reflects his unwillingness to accept a 20th century library in the new 21st century academic era. The library was completed in 1999. The plaque states "In Appreciation and Gratitude to Charles R. Kristich Alumnus and Visionary Educator For his support of Learning and our Library Center". A brief program preceded the unveiling and reception concluded the afternoon. A number of KWAA members were proud to be in attendance and the KWAA lent support for the honor.

KENMORE WEST SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

In the quiet, solemn glow of this candlelight
In this borrowed state of grace
We gather, not in grief but in gratitude,
For our collective remembrance of those we have lost...
Classmates, teammates...close friends...
time spent together
In a math class, in a study hall, at a lunch table, a Friday night dance,
or just talking after school.
All of these memories woven into the fabric of our lives....
So in this quiet, comforting candlelight we gather not in grief
but in celebration.
Our friends will always be with us,
and even though the days of wine and roses are not long,
our memory will make sure that the wine will always taste sweet
and that the roses will never ever fade away.

Kenneth Feltges

The Class of 1979 had their reunion on the weekend of September 13 - 15. From all reports, it was a wonderful time. John Strom, Reunion Chair, shared this special gift from Ken Feltges, who attended the festivities with his wife. It is what reunions are all about.

Ken-Ton's longtime Athletics Director Brett Banker has served as the president of the NYS Athletic Administrators Association since last March. This organization supports administrators in hundreds of school districts and secondary schools and helps facilitate interscholastic sports across NYS. In addition, Brett has earned his certification as a Master Athletic Administrator from the NIAAA.

Laura Jelonek (KW Health Teacher) received the NYSHPERD Western Zone Health Teacher of the Year. It is presented to one outstanding health teacher who demonstrate excellence in teaching and overall performance in K-12 health education.

Steve Bovino, Superintendent of Schools, has announced his intent to retire at the end of the 2019-2020 school year. The Board of Education has expressed their grateful thanks for his service. They will work with Erie One BOCES District Superintendent Lynn Fusco to conduct a thorough, extensive, and exhaustive search for a successor.

Remember the Old Cheers - The KW Band under Ken Belote's direction has recorded a few on youtube: Here We Go Ken West, Let's Go Kenmore West, Go Devils, Blue Devils, Go Ken West

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For your convenience, please send any donations in the enclosed envelope and don't forget the postage.

The Booster Fee of \$10 covers the newsletter, office expenses, and postage... don't forget to send yours in annually. Thank you!

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A THANK YOU

Many thanks to Victoria Weiss '03 for her many contributions as a member of the Board of Directors for over ten years. She and her husband Steve are relocating to France where he has taken a position for three years + with Lactalis. Vicki was a KWAf scholarship winner and returned for payback time. Thank you, Victoria!

MAIL CALL

If you have a seasonal address, please let us know by mail, phone or the website so your newsletter may be accurately directed. Each returned newsletter costs \$.55 and seldom provides us with an updated address.

ATTENTION

The revamped and info filled kenwestalumni.org website is open for business! Visit your website and let the webmaster know if you wish to post important alumni news. Submissions should occur by the 10th of the month. Be aware there is a website called alumni.class.com which is hosting a Ken West link that has NO CONNECTION to the KWAA/ KWAf or the school. It has been rated 4F by the BBB.