



WILBUR WRIGHT DON MEINEKE MEMORIAL
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

AWARDS DINNER



Induction Ceremonies

Milton Athletic Club
Dayton, Ohio

November 6, 2015

Good Evening...

Welcome to the third Wilbur Wright High School, Don Meineke Memorial, Athletic Hall of Fame Awards Dinner.

Tonight there will be a new twist: In addition to recognizing ten outstanding athletes strictly for what they have accomplished as individuals, we are also paying tribute to the members of three championship teams from the 40's (thankfully, four of those team members are still with us); to a great coach from the 70's and 80's; and to 29-year alumni president, Diana Lee Schwieterman.

The number of hall of famers, based on individual performance, on our composite plaque now totals 47. We are working on a companion composite plaque which will display the names of all of the school's championship teams (with their key players listed under each) and, if room allows, the names of 10-12 winning coaches. Should room not allow, the vague plan is to have a third plaque for coaches, teachers, administrators, and non-athletic highly successful alumni (Vic Cassano, e.g.).

We are always receptive to constructive criticism and suggestions. If there is a deserving athlete whom you feel we have overlooked (we have incomplete info, for almost 100 athletes), please mail your suggestion to Dave Swartz, 201 Big Pine Rd., Dayton, OH 45431-1840.

The Wilbur Wright Athletic Hall of Fame Committee:

Todd Carmichael, Gail DeSpain, Tom Hatton
Dave Swartz, Lee Wiedeke

Schedule of Events

Registration and Reception	5:30 pm
Dinner	6:45 pm
Award Presentation	8:00 pm

Wilbur Wright High School Athletic Hall of Fame



Individual Honorees

Ben Hardin	'45	Ron Wellman	'66
Darwin "Red" West	'49	Kevin R. Conley	'72
Chuck Malloy	'53	Eric D. Bradley	'80
Jerry L. Warner	'55	Todd Carmichael	'81
Kenny Booher	'62	Jon Moreland	'82

Team Honorees

Cecil Lewis	'47	
Tom Niehus	'47	
Bob Smock	'47	
Denny Walters	'49	1946, 1947, 1948 and 1949
Larry Shute	'49	City Golf Champions
George Frankenfeld	'50	
Ralph Goecke	'50	
Bill Conley	'48	
Loren "Dutch" Myers	'48	
Eldon Pohl	'48	
Jack Schweizer	'48	1948
Howie Padgett	'49	City Basketball Champions
Jim Stidham	'49	
Vaughn Taylor	'49	

Hall of Fame Coach

Donald Janes '72 – '82 Coach and Teacher

Alumni President

Diana Lee Schwieterman '62 Alumni President



Ben Hardin

Class of 1945

Football Basketball Track Baseball

Letters: Football (1) Basketball (1) Track (1)

Football: Second Team All-City guard, 1944.

Basketball: Second Team All-City, 1945.

Track: High Jump, placed 5th in City Meet in 1944, 4th in 1945. Wilbur Wright won City in 1945.

Baseball: 2nd Base. No spring team. Played for Wilbur Wright Summer sponsor, Gem City Roofing, four years.

Post-WW: **Basketball:** NCR AAU team went 26-0 in 1949 and played in National AAU Tourney. Played a few years with Delco DIAA League. **Baseball:** One year U.S. Navy Pacific and one year NCR (both undefeated), One year Statesville, N.C. (Boston Braves), several years Dayton AA with West Milton and Local 801. **Softball:** played both fast-pitch and slow-pitch for Delco. **Slow-Pitch:** won two City championships, played in World Tourney in Pittsburgh. He was inducted into Slow-Pitch Hall of Fame in 1977.



Darwin "Red" West

Class of 1949

Football Basketball Baseball

Letters: Football (3) Baseball (2)

Football: Center and Linebacker 1947 and 1948. (Co-captain, 1948).

Basketball: Played two years but with many good players on 1948 City champs, he was no longer needed.

Baseball: 3rd Base-- All-City caliber (no AC named). Four years with WW's Summer team, Gem City Roofing. Helped Gem City win two championships in 1948 and 1949.

Post-WW: Signed pro contract with Pittsburgh Pirates. Played with Bluebird Pies, in Dayton AA league, for two years.



Chuck Malloy

Class of 1953

Football

Letters: Football (2)

Football: Running back all four years.

Post-WW: Football: University of Dayton, two letters, started as a Sophomore. Dayton Triangles/ Colts Semi-pro, 11 years. From 1962 thru 1966, scored 56 TDs, averaged 95 yards per game. Admitted to team's Hall of Fame. Coached and played **Flag Football** for Urban & Suburban, 5 years. **Bowling:** Averaged 209 for Poelking Lanes over a 12-year period. Won 64, lost 16 in 1964. **Slow-Pitch Softball:** Sponsored 5 years, managed 11 years, was Vice President of Dayton Amateur Softball Commission, was named to Slow-Pitch Hall of Fame.



Jerry L. Warner

Class of 1955

Football Baseball

Letters: Football (1) Baseball (1)

Football: Second Team All-City end, both Offense and Defense in 1954.

Baseball: Leftfielder and .300 hitter. Member of 1955 team that was District champ/ Regional runner-up.

Post WW: Baseball: Two yrs. Dayton AA Riverside Merchants. **Football:** Two years Semi-pro Dayton Triangles in the American Football Conference. All-Conf. offensive end and named to Dayton Triangles/Colts FB Hall of Fame 2002. **Basketball:** Starter on 1956-1957, Class A, City championship team. **Slow-Pitch Softball:** 11 yrs. with NCR and others. Played in National and World tournaments. Member, Slow-Pitch Hall of Fame.



Kenny Booher

Class of 1962

Basketball Baseball

Letters: Basketball (2) Baseball (3)

Basketball: Averaged 20 points. per game for JVs in 1960, Special Mention All-City 1961, Third Team All-City and All-District Tournament Team 1962 (MVP).

Baseball: A .300 hitter, received Best Outfielder Award.

Post WW: Basketball: Murray State University: Led freshmen in scoring 1963-1964, 6th man as sophomore, drafted by U.S. Army. 1965-1967 Inter-service League Championship and 4th Army Championship. MVP in 1966, All-Tournament in 1967. Undefeated in a 15 game/ 5-country U.S. goodwill tour of Central America. Bethel University (Tenn.) All-Volunteer State League and Tournament 1970 and 1971, League champs 1970, Tourney champs 1971 (MVP), Bethel University Hall of Fame. **Coaching:** WW Girls' Softball three years, Assistant Boys' Basketball four years. Sinclair Community College Assistant Men's basketball 4 years. Dayton-Area and Ohio Slow-Pitch Softball Halls of Fame.



Ron Wellman

Class of 1966

Cross Country Football Basketball Baseball

Letters: Football (1) Basketball (3) Baseball (3)

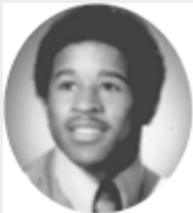
Football: Wide Receiver, scored a touchdown or two.

Basketball: Second Team All-City 1965 and 1966; Honorable Mention All-Greater Dayton and Team MVP 1966.

Baseball: Right Handed Pitcher plus some 1st and 3rd base. First Team All-City 1965 and 1966. Team MVP in 1966.

Post-WW: Baseball: Pitcher, 1 year Dayton AA, Riverside Merchants; 3 years. Bowling Green State University (6 wins in 1969 set school record); 1 year Chatham, Mass. of Cape Cod League. **Coaching:** Head Baseball Coach, Elmhurst College, ten years (also Assistant Basketball and Football Coach). Head Baseball Coach, Northwestern University, 6 years. **Director of Athletics:** Athletic Director: Elmhurst College four years, Mankato State University two years, Illinois State University five years. Currently in twenty-fourth year as Director of Athletics, Wake Forest University.

Probably the only person in NCAA history to have chaired the NCAA Management Council, Baseball Committee, and the Basketball Selection Committee.



Kevin R. Conley

Class of 1972

Football Baseball Wrestling

Letters: Football (2) Baseball (3) Wrestling (2)

Football: Running Back and Defensive Back. First Team All-City, First Team All-Greater Dayton, City co-leader in points scored as RB in 1971. Also All-Area Defensive Back and Team MVP. Wilbur Wright won City Co-Championship with Patterson Co-Op.

Baseball: (2nd Base and SS) First Team All-City and hit .375 in 1972.

Wrestling: (145 Weight Division) Second in City and Sectional, Third in District, Team MVP, State Qualifier.

Post-WW: Football: Four years as Running Back at University of Dayton and earned three letters. **U.S. Air Force Football:** Spangdahlem AFB, Germany (1 year), All-Conference Wide Receiver and Team MVP.



Eric D. Bradley

Class of 1980

Football Basketball

Letters: Basketball (3)

Basketball: 1979 First Team All-City, Second Team All-Greater-Dayton, Second Team All-Southwest-Ohio, Honorable Mention All-State, Public League Player of the Year, 16-5 team record and Sectional Championship. 1980 Second Team All-City.

Basketball Wilbur Wright Career: Top rebounder of all-time and one of top 10 scorers. Journal Herald and 5-Star Basketball Camp All-Star both 1979 and 1980.

Post-WW: Basketball: Eastern Arizona Junior College: (1 year) AJC Athletic Association Freshman of the Year 1981. Northern Arizona, Division 1: (full 3-year scholarship) Was 3-year starter, team upset Arizona State. **Coaching:** Over 100 career wins at Patterson Co-Op High School. Made Sectional finals 1991, 1995 and 1997. Won first and only District Championship 1991, won Kettering Invitational Championship 1992. Won first and only Dayton Public League Championship 1995. Public League Coach of the Year 1995 and 1997. Only person to earn both Dayton Player of the Year and Coach of the Year awards.

Professional: General Manager of the Dayton Jets of the International Basketball League (2005). Finished season 15-2, lost league championship game to Battle Creek 124-121.



Todd Carmichael

Class of 1981

Football Wrestling Tennis

Letters: Football (3) Wrestling (4) Tennis (1)

Football: Offensive Running Back and Defensive Back. Honorable Mention All-City 1980.

Wrestling: (126 Pound Division) District Qualifier 1981, City Champ 1981, third most wins in Wilbur Wright history. Team Honors: City Runner-up 1979, City Champs 1980 and 1981. **Athlete of the Month:** Once each 1979, 1980, and 1981.

Post-WW: **Wrestling:** Earned 1 letter at Wright State University.
Slow-Pitch Softball: Played until age 45.



Jon Moreland

Class of 1982

Football Basketball Baseball

Letters: Football (2) Basketball (2) Baseball (3)

Football: Starting QB and Safety, 1980 & 1981. Honorable Mention All-City in 1981.

Basketball: Starting point guard 1981 and 1982, Averaged 8 points per game.

Baseball: Pitcher, Outfielder, and 1st Base. All-City 1981 and 1982, hitting well over .300.

Overall: Played four years in all three sports.

1948

City Basketball Champions



Bill Conley

Class of 1948

Played two years, lettered one. Honorable Mention All-City guard 1948. Usually the playmaker, however scored 19 on one occasion.



Loren "Dutch" Myers

Class of 1948

Played varsity four years, earned three letters. Was First Team All-City guard 1948. **Baseball:** Also played Centerfield on 1948 championship team, and on Gem City Roofing Summer championship team.



Eldon Pohl

Class of 1948

Played two years, earned one letter. Honorable Mention All-City 1948. Also played football: Honorable Mention All-City center in 1947. **Baseball:** 2nd Base for 1948 championship team and Gem City Roofing Summer team.



Jack Schweizer

Class of 1948

Played three years, earned one letter. Was Second Team All-City 1948. Tough on rebounding and defense, but also averaged 7 points per game. **Track:** shotput/ discus for three years and earned one letter.



Howie Padgett

Class of 1949

Four years, two letters. Became starter in '49. Also played **Football:** three letters, First Team All-City Offensive End 1948. **Baseball:** Shortstop, two letters, City Champs 1948. Also two championships with Gem City Roofing. 2013 Wilbur Wright Hall of Fame Charter Member.



Jim Stidham

Class of 1949

Played three years, earned two letters. Honorable Mention All-City 1949. Also played **Football:** Offensive End three years and earned one letter.



Vaughn Taylor

Class of 1949

Four years, three letters. First Team All-City Center, both 1948 and 1949. Led City in scoring, both 1948 and 1949. **Football:** earned three letters, Second Team All-City 1948. **Basketball:** University of Dayton Back-up Center on 1951 and 1952 NIT runners-up. 2013 Wilbur Wright Hall of Fame Charter Member.

1946, 1947, 1948, 1949 City Golf Champions



Cecil Lewis

Class of 1947

Lettered only two years, as the school had no golf team until 1946. Shot a 70 against Fairview as a junior. **Basketball:** played two years.



Tom Niehus

Class of 1947

Lettered in 1946 and 1947. Usually shot in the 80's. **Basketball:** also played in a few games.



Bob Smock

Class of 1947

Lettered in 1946 and 1947. Shot in the low 80's. **Basketball:** Was Second Team All-City in 1947. **Track:** Won City pole vault in 1947 at 10'3".



Denny Walters

Class of 1949

Started and lettered for all four championship teams. Shot in the 70's, often low 70's. Competed with team at State. Won City Men's Amateur Championship at Moraine in 1950.



Larry Shute

Class of 1949

Lettered in 1948 and 1949. Shot in 70's and 80's. Competed at State. Became a professional. Was the Pro at Cincinnati Western Hills seven years, also Cincinnati Wyoming seven years. Taught other Professionals. Was Pepsi's "golf guy" for commercials. Owned his own golf course in Bluffton, Ohio.



George Frankenfeld

Class of 1950

Lettered in 1948, 1949, and 1950. Was often low scorer (medalist). Tied for State individual honors in 1950 with a 78-70. Also competed at State with his team. Three years of golf for Ohio State.

Basketball: One letter at Wilbur Wright.



Ralph Goecke

Class of 1950

Lettered in 1948, 1949, and 1950. Was on team as standby in 1947. Shot in the 80's. Competed with team at state. Assisted brother Will at Will-Goe Driving Range and Putt-Putt On Linden Ave. in the 50's.

Alumni President 1986-2015



Diana Lee Schwieterman Class of 1962

Mom and Dad (Riddlebaugh) owned the Double "R" Dairy Bar on Huffman Ave. just east of Smithville. Their customers made Diana Lee a Wilbur Wright High School booster at age 4.

Assumed the duties of alumni president in 1986 with the opening of the alumni room (in the lower area where the girls' locker room and showers had previously been). All composite class pictures, team sports pictures, school newspapers, drama-related stuff, and other memorabilia were neatly arranged.

Organized four cruises for Wilbur Wright alumni: East Caribbean, West Caribbean, Alaska, and Hawaii.

Helped with repairs to the auditorium, and then convinced Dayton Public Schools and the State of Ohio to build the new school around the old auditorium.

Organized the moving of everything in the alumni room to storage at Carlson school when most of Wilbur Wright was demolished.

Organized the moving of everything again (to Wright State University, Dayton historical sites, etc.) when Carlson was demolished.

Arranged for every class to have a brick on the Riverscape walkway in downtown Dayton on Monument Ave.

Hall of Fame Coach



Donald Janes

1972 - 1982

Coach & Teacher

Assistant wrestling coach at Wilbur Wright in 1972 and became Head Coach in 1973. Wrestling teams won City championships 1973, 1977, 1980, and 1981. His Tennis teams (boys) won City championships in 1973 and 1974.

Won four wrestling championships at Patterson Co-Op High School after Wilbur Wright High School closed. Coached seven State qualifiers. Teacher for thirty-seven years, primarily teaching math. He was voted into Greater Dayton Area Wrestling Hall of Fame.

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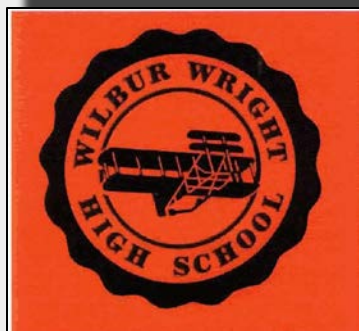
The logistics in making an event like this successful requires the support of more than a few people. The Committee would like to extend a thank you to the following individuals for going that extra yard in making tonight a memory maker.

Milton Athletic Club Team

Chuck Ray '56

Ron Vincent '56





THE WILBUR WRIGHT HIGH SCHOOL FIGHT SONG

*Down the field to Victory
Roll up the score for Wilbur Wright!
Here's to fame and loyalty;
Let's win the game, so fight! Team fight!
Red and Black we're all for you
we'll never let your colors trail!
Cheer let's cheer for Wilbur Wright.
Her spirit will not let us fail.
Fight! Fight! Fight!
Fight! Fight! Fight!*

(Repeat the song)

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