

Galion Connections Weekend

Hall of Fame Induction Dinner 2009



Welcome ...

It is truly a pleasure to welcome you to the first annual Galion City School District Hall of Fame Induction Dinner. Tonight we are celebrating the accomplishments of ten Galion graduates. This group represents an outstanding cross section of Galion alumni spanning seventy years.

This Hall of Fame event, along with the other Connections Weekend activities, is truly a celebration of Galion. It is my sincere hope that you have found this to be a memorable experience and one you will return to year-after-year.

Connections Weekend started with a conversation and grew into a weekend full of special events. The Synergy Committee, who planned the weekend activities, is made up of a group of dedicated volunteers who capitalized on the combined energy of several community organizations including the Galion City Schools, the Galion Alumni Association, the Galion Community Education Foundation, The Galion Tiger Alumni Band, the Galion Community Center/YMCA, the Galion Community Foundation, the Galion Booster Club and the Galion Parent Teacher Organizations.

Our hope is that Connections Weekend will become a Galion tradition, providing opportunity for Galion alumni, community members, and students to connect and form bonds that will last a lifetime. Whether it is through the Career Day activities, cheering at the football game, playing in the band, or attending the Hall of Fame Dinner, the strong alumni support from Galion alumni will only enhance the overall educational experience for the children of the Galion City Schools.

Finally, proceeds from the weekend events, and the generosity of individual donors, will be earmarked for the planning and construction of a Center for the Arts on the Galion City School District campus. We want to establish Galion's reputation as the state's premiere institute for the education of the arts, which will allow us to introduce the children of Galion to the importance of the arts. We want to continue the tradition established in 1918 with the original auditorium, which was dedicated by members of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra and the New York Metropolitan Opera.

Our history is rich and our future is bright. Thank you for being here and for your continued support of the Galion City School District and the Galion community.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kathleen Jerney". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the title "Galion City Schools Superintendent".

Galion City Schools Superintendent

Hall of Fame Induction Program

Welcome & Acknowledgements.....	Dr. Kathleen Jenney Superintendent
Invocation.....	Mr. Terry Gribble Director, Galion YMCA
Introduction of Special Guests.....	Mr. Brian Treisch, President Galion Alumni Association
Special Guests Remarks.....	Mr. Jerry Tischer Class of 1963 Mr. Brent Gledhill Class of 1987
Induction Ceremony	Mr. Brian Treisch, President Galion Alumni Association
Closing Remarks.....	Dr. Kathleen Jenney Superintendent

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Galion Community Education Foundation
Galion Community Foundation
Galion Parent Teacher Organization
Galion Tiger Alumni Band

Miriam Sayre

Class of 1926

It has been said that Miss Sayre was Galion's grand lady of education. For those that were in her classroom, the experience was unforgettable.

Miriam Sayre was the daughter of Ralph B. and Alma (Klopp) Sayre. She attended Galion Senior High School, graduating in 1926. Following her graduation, she attended The Ohio State University, where she earned both her bachelor and master degrees in education. She returned to Galion where she taught for over 40 years. She became a legendary teacher, dramatist, and historian. It is estimated that she directed more than 120 plays in her career at Galion.



Her impact on her students to strive for excellence is still being felt. Her former students such as Peter Lawrence and A. Elaine Hottenroth have gone on to notable careers in theater and education.

Along with her teaching career, she was the organist at the First United Church of Christ, (Reformed Church) for more than sixty years. She was active in the church all her life.

She was a member of the Galion Historical Society, the Sorosis Club, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Crawford County Humane Society, American Legion Scarborough Post 243 Auxiliary, The Ohio State University Alumni Association, and the Galion Community Theater.

Her ties to Galion include involvement in the Galion retail market with Klopp's and the Clothes Horse and working with famed Bishop William Montgomery Brown as his reader when his eyesight began to fail. According to Craig Clinger, President of the Galion Historical Society, "She knew far more about Galion than what could be found in books. She knew the people and their personalities.

Miss Sayre died Tuesday, September 23, 2003. Receiving the award tonight is Miss Sayre's great-great niece, Ashleigh Ogburn, a 2007 graduate of Galion Senior High School.

Mr. Ralph Cobey

Class of 1928

Through his business endeavors and his support of education, scouting and Ohio, Ralph Cobey made his mark on the community, the state and the nation.

Mr. Cobey graduated from Galion Senior High School in 1928. While in school he was in many activities and was proudest of his football achievements. His yearbook identified him as one of the best lineman Galion ever had.

Following graduation, he attended the Carnegie Institute of Technology (now Carnegie-Mellon University) pursuing a mechanical engineering degree. The Great Depression and family illness led to his returning home in 1930 to join his father in the family manufacturing business, Perfection Steel Body Company. In 1940, prior to the United States entry into WWII, he became a Dollar-a-Year Man appointed by President Franklin Roosevelt to serve in the Office of Production Management in charge of Army Tank Production and Facilities. He entered active military service in 1942, achieving the rank of Captain by his discharge in 1945. He was recalled to military service for the Korean War in 1951.

Ralph's interests include the Boy Scouts of America, agriculture, conservation, politics, and philanthropy. His efforts to save Malabar Farm, home of his friend Louis Bromfield, culminated in the property being gifted to the State of Ohio to become a state park and demonstration farm.

He was a lifelong Scout receiving his Eagle badge in 1926 from scouting founder Lord Baden-Powell. Sixty-six years later, Sweden's King Carl Gustav XVI presented him with the Baden-Powell World Fellowship Award. More recently, he received the Silver Beaver Award and the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouting Award.

In his decades of public and private service, he worked for five Presidents on various taxation and industrial committees from 1939 to 1966 and served as a Morrow County mounted deputy sheriff from 1974-1984. He was a 32nd Degree Mason. Among his many contributions are the pool at the Center-Y, the gazebo in Public Square, the addition to the Galion Public Library, and Cobey Park. He served on many boards throughout his long life.

He and his wife, Hortense, were married in 1944 and lived in Galion. He loved hosting his family and friends at his home and relating the endless stories of his childhood years, his near drowning at the age of six, and his fascinating encounters with presidents and notables of the 20th Century.

Mr. Cobey died peacefully on January 16, 2009.



Dr. Bernard M. Mansfield

Class of 1940

Dr. Bernard M. Mansfield has served Galion for many years, working to improve the community.

Bernard M. Mansfield is a member of the Class of 1940. While in school, Dr. Mansfield played guard on the 1938 championship football team and was in dramatics. He has described himself as “an undeserving student.”

World War II called him to service. His service was deferred in order to attend medical school. He completed his undergraduate degree at Miami University and earned his Medical Doctorate at the University of Louisville in Kentucky.

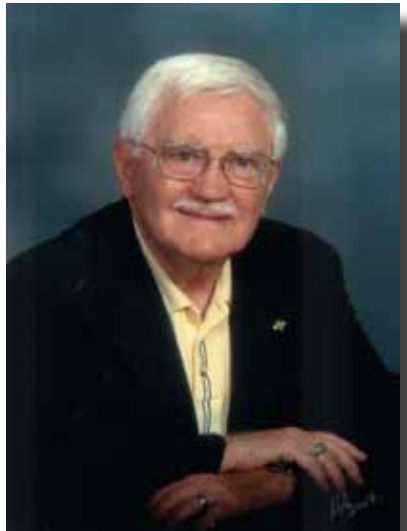
Following one year in Cleveland, Dr. Mansfield came to Galion in 1949. As his practice grew, he built a new facility on Bucyrus Road in 1962. He retired from active practice in 1999.

He married Helen Taylor in 1943 and , together, they raised five children. Mrs. Mansfield died in 2001. Dr. Mansfield still resides in Galion.

In 1955 with several other community members, Dr. Mansfield organized the Galion Historical Society. This organization continues today and is housed in Brownella Cottage.

Dr. Mansfield has traveled extensively, visiting all the continents in his travels. He continues to travel and to be active in Galion, providing photographs to the Galion Inquirer regarding historic Galion.

He has earned many awards for his service to the community and his work with the historical society. He was named “Citizen of the Year” by the Galion Betterment Commission. When interviewed, Dr. Mansfield admitted that “I love Galion; I really do.”



Dr. David R. Curfman

Class of 1960

An active figure in the fields of medicine, music, and heraldry, David R. Curfman always maintained ties to Galion.

While in high school, David was active in a wide range of student activities and was a noted pipe organ recitalist, often playing at Peace Lutheran Church.

Following his graduation from Galion High School in 1960, David attended Capital University and Columbia Union College earning his Bachelor of Arts. He then earned his Masters of Science from George Washington University. He continued extended graduate studies in Neuroanatomy at Georgetown University. He earned his Medical Doctorate in 1973 from the George Washington University School of Medicine.



He maintained a private practice in Neurological Surgery in Washington, D.C., as well as serving as Clinical Professor and Instructor in Neurosurgery at the George Washington University Medical Center and was Chief of the Division of Neurological Surgery at Providence Hospital at his death 2007.

Dr. Curfman's list of memberships and awards is extensive. He was a proud member of the Sons of the American Revolution, a charter member of the Galion Historical Society, a charter member of the Galion Alumni Association, founding member and board member of the United States Capitol Historical Society, President and Historian for the National Christmas Tree Lighting Pageant of Peace, and Dean of the American Guild of Organists. He received many awards from the American Association of Neurosurgeons and the American Medical Association. He was particularly honored to be invited back to Galion to lecture chemistry classes for special occasions.

A loving and devoted husband, Dr. Curfman cared for all people and remembered Galion fondly all of his life.

Mr. Peter Lawrence

Class of 1962

Leaving Galion to pursue a career in theater, Peter Lawrence has made his mark working with major Broadway productions.

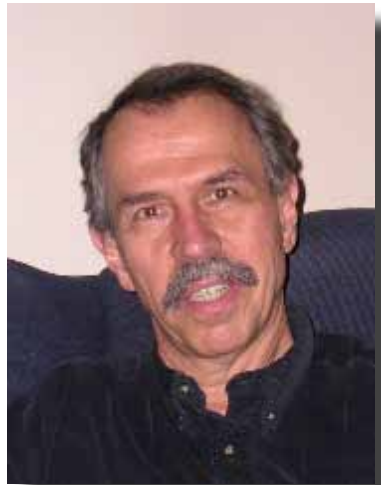
A 1962 graduate of Galion Senior High School, Peter was active in dramatics under the direction of fellow Hall of Fame inductee Miss Miriam Sayre, whom he credits for his interest in theater.

He began his college work at the College of Wooster, intending to become a lawyer. Left to enter the theater, his interest since kindergarten. However, he soon transferred to Ohio State University where he earned his BA in Theater. He began teaching theater history, stagecraft and lighting at Transylvania College in Lexington, KY. He worked in summer stock with professional actors and claimed that “Nothing was ever the same for me.” He decided to move to New York and begin an active theater career but first earned his Master of Fine Arts from the University of Hawaii.

Since 1977 when he began his Broadway career, Peter has filled many roles and has had many titles, including: associate director, production stage manager, production supervisor, associate producer, production manager, stage manager, and director of national tours. His credits include *Miss Saigon*, *Sunset Boulevard*, *Hurlyburly*, revivals of *Annie Get Your Gun* and *Gypsy*, Neil Simon’s *Broadway Bound*, *Lost in Yonkers*, and *Jake’s Women*. He was part of the Tony Award winning production team for “Spamalot”. He is currently working on the revival of “Ragtime”.

He holds memberships in Actor’s Equity Association, the Society of Stage Directors & Choreographers, and the Stage Manager’s Association.

In a published interview, Peter has said, “I’m the luckiest guy in the world to have been tapped by the theater. I have had a much more interesting life than a kid from a farm town in Ohio should have ever had.”



Colleen A. Conry

Class of 1980

Colleen Conry graduated from Galion High School in 1980. While at Galion, she was very active in school, participating in volleyball, softball, basketball and much more.

Following her high school career, she attended The Ohio State University, earning her Bachelor of Science in Accounting, graduating cum laude. She then earned her Juris Doctorate at Boston College, in 1990. While at Boston College she served as supervising editor and staff writer for Uniform Commercial Code Reporter Digest. She has bar admissions in Ohio and Washington, D.C.



She joined the Department of Justice and worked for seven years in the Commercial Litigation Branch of the Civil Division where she tried multiple cases involving claims in excess of \$3 billion against the Federal Government.

Colleen then served as a federal prosecutor in the Fraud Section of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice. In this role, she prosecuted several high-profile, white-collar cases. Among these cases were *United States v. Nacchio* where she was co-lead counsel in an insider trading case, *United States v. Gagalis, et al*, *United States v. Scrusby*, and *United States v. Ferguson, et al*.

Colleen is currently a partner in Ropes & Gray's Government Enforcement Group, focusing her practice on white-collar criminal defense in the areas of securities fraud, health care fraud, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act violations, as well as complex commercial litigation matters. She joined Ropes & Gray in April 2008.

She has earned the Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service in 2007, the Director's Annual Award for Outstanding Criminal Investigations, Federal Bureau of Investigation also in 2007, the Chief Inspector Award, United States Postal Inspection Service in 2007 and many other citations.

Carl Johnson

Class of 1986

Around Galion, Carl Johnson might best be remembered as the dynamic leader and quarterback of the 1985 state championship football team. However, it is not his football heroics that have earned him inclusion in the inaugural class of the Galion Alumni Hall of Fame. But the same skills he displayed on the playing field have played a role in his selection.

Following his 1986 graduation from Galion High School, Carl attended the University of Cincinnati where he majored in history and played quarterback for the football team. He later attended Regents College of New York, earning a Bachelor of Science degree, and the University of Houston, receiving his Master of Business Administration.



Carl began his career with Honeywell in October 1998. His company biography notes that five years ago, he was appointed General Manager of Honeywell Analytics, a new division of the parent company and that he “believes in the Servant Leader mentality.” Coupled with that, Carl believes in “giving back.”

Carl resides in League City, Texas, where he is active with the American Cancer Society, Child Advocates (CASA), and Project Joy and Hope for Texas. He returns to Galion each year to donate his time to the Galion Community Education Foundation’s “Golf for Education” Tournament, which he helped start in 2007, as a way of “giving back” to the town where he grew up.

Brent Gledhill

Class of 1987

An internet search for Brent Gledhill finds three men of that name living in the United States, but only one – Brent W. Gledhill – has a direct connection to Galion, Ohio.

A Certified Public Accountant, Brent is a graduate of Galion Senior High School (1987), Miami University (Bachelor of Science 1991), and Harvard University (Master of Business Administration 1997).

He has had a distinguished career. He joined William Blair & Company in 1997 where he is currently a principal, serving as the Global Head of Investment Banking and sitting on Executive Committee. Before assuming his current position, he was Head of European and Asian Banking for Blair & Company. His company biography notes that “He has successfully served more than 100 clients in both growth financing and merger-and-acquisition advisory projects.”

Brent has also served in various capacities with Price Waterhouse, the United States Congress where he worked with Congressman Michael Oxley, and as the vice president of business development at Broadhead Sports.

Brent lived in London, England, from 2000 to 2009 and recently relocated to Chicago, Illinois, with his wife and two children. When asked for his favorite Galion memory, he indicated the “football and basketball games.”



Robert Philion

Class of 1989

Robert Philion is a 1989 graduate of Galion High School where he was involved in a wide range of activities. A member of the golf and basketball teams as well as the Ohio Mathematics League, Bob was recognized for his abilities by being inducted in the National Honor Society and the Zeisler Scholarship Award of Distinction. In athletics, Bob was a member of the district golf championship team that competed at the state tournament.



Following his high school graduation, Bob received a golf and academic scholarship at Xavier University and earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, with a marketing emphasis. He continued his athletic career by earning a golf and academic scholarship at Xavier. He finished his undergraduate degree as one of the top 12 marketing students. He has continued his education with studies at the Insead Business School in Paris, France.

After earning his undergraduate degree, he joined Reebok and began a rapid climb up the corporate ladder. His final position with Reebok was as the Vice President of Footwear for Europe, the Middle East, and Africa, living with his family in Den Hague, Netherlands.

In 2005 Bob was recruited by PUMA to start their new golf division, taking the position as Global Business Unit Manager, PUMA Golf. In 2006 he oversaw the launch of PUMA globally. He has continued to grow the PUMA Golf business and serves as brand spokesman. He has received many citations and awards for his contributions to both Reebok, PUMA and the golf profession.

Bob has helped the Galion Community Education Foundation with its golf tournament and firmly believes in giving back.” In addition to his business career, he is committed to his family.

Nichole Paluga

Class of 1998

Nichole Paluga, a 1998 graduate of Galion High School, has pursued her career in film with intensity. While she wishes she could go back in time and tell her 18 year old self to pay attention in English, her career using the written word has been a success.

Following her graduation, Nicki attended Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio, where she concentrated in theatre and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication in 2002. During her undergraduate studies, she twice traveled abroad, including an actor's conservatory program in Edinburgh, Scotland and a unique shipboard education called "Semester at Sea." During her semester at sea, she traveled the world visiting a dozen foreign lands.

Nicki then attended Columbia University's MFA Film Program in New York City, graduating in 2005. During her time at Columbia, she was the recipient of numerous awards, including the Zaki Gordon Award for Excellence in Screenwriting, the Kathryn Parlan Hearst Screenwriting Award, the ScriptConnect Fellowship, and the Columbia Casting Fellowship. While pursuing her master's degree, she also penned a feature-length horror script, *The Swiss Village*, which was selected for the Film Independent's Director Lab and the 2007 Nantucket Screenwriters Colony.

Currently, Nicki is living in Los Angeles, California, where she writes for the fantasy based television series *Legend of the Seeker*. This program is syndicated and in its second season.



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Galion High School

Class of 1960

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