

## 2011 Inductees Bios

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Sara Ethel Goorley Beegle

Class of 1918

As stated in a 2001 edition of the Galion Inquirer, Sara Ethel Goorley Beegle was, "A woman ahead of her time... the kindest caring person... she had a great inner peace... and always a smile. . . Sara Beegle made an indelible impression on generations of Galionites." She was the director of Sara Beegle Galion Day Child Care Center for fifty seven years. The children who attended the Center matured to be contributing citizens of Galion as workers in industry, business owners, policemen, nurses, and other service personnel.

During the worst depression this country ever faced, the Federal Emergency Relief Act was passed in the 1930s. This government program was designed to help the unemployed and to establish daycare centers for children in need. Sara Beegle designed a nurturing environment where children received healthy meals and were cared for in a secure and loving environment. Social skills, tolerance, respect for one another, strong moral values, manners, and experiences in art, music and literature permeated the day at the Center. During her tenure of fifty seven years, thousands of children were impacted by the love and devotion 'to her children.' Upon her retirement at the age of 90, Sara had cared for three generations of students, some, grandchildren of former students, individuals who went on to spread throughout the world, working in many different careers.

Upon graduation from Galion High School in 1918, Sara attended Bowling Green State University, earning a Normal School Degree. She married Charles Benjamin Beegle and together had three children, Betty Jane Sproles (a 1941 Galion grad), Charles William Beegle (a 1946 Galion grad), and Robert Goorley Beegle (a 1948 Galion grad). Although eventually having to raise her children as a single mother during the difficulty of the depression era, she always met life with a smile and strong determination.

Mrs. Beegle was recognized for her dedication to the Galion area, being named into the Crawford County Hall of Fame in

1979 and being recognized as The King's Daughters and Sons Flowers for the Living: Unselfish Dedication and Great Commitment to Youth Over Half a Century. October 12, 1999 was declared as Sara Beegle Proclamation Day in Galion. Mrs. Beegle was a fifty year member of the First Presbyterian Church. Her epitaph most fittingly read, "Let the children come unto me."

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Reynold J. Sentieri

Class of 1936

Reynold Sentieri moved to Galion in 1921 and graduated from Galion High

School in 1936. Referred to by his classmates as "our boy soprano," his stated

ambition in the Spy was "to get as far away from Galion as possible, as quickly

as possible." To this end, Reynold enlisted in the US Army and served the

country as an infantryman in Columbia, South Carolina. He was discharged from the Infantry on December 6, 1942, the day before Pearl Harbor was attacked. In January 1943, he re-enlisted. Later that year, Reynold was commissioned a Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps and was flying C-46 cargo planes over the Himalayan Mountains - quite a distance from Galion. In December of 1944, he was assigned to the US Army's Ferry Command to transport military aircraft stateside. When this active duty enlistment ended, Reynold returned to Galion and enlisted in the Ohio National Guard from which he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel after 38 years of military service.

Reynold returned to Galion in 1948 to work with his father in their monument business. In 1956, he began his political career, serving as a city Councilman until he was elected Mayor in 1959. He served the city in this capacity for 2 terms. During this period, the city was in need of infrastructure upgrades to support potential industrial and population growth. Along with a host of other community leaders, Mayor Sentieri marched the city through significant upgrades and changes in zoning, water reservoirs and supply systems, sewer systems, traffic planning, labor negotiations, and many other systemic improvements that led to the most prosperous decade to date in Galion's history.

Reynold continued his public service after leaving the Mayor's office by serving on the Civil Service Commission, the Galion Planning Commission, the Galion School Board and as Galion's Postmaster. He also served as Chairman of the Salvation Army Board, the Red Cross, and the Galion Community Foundation. Mr. Sentieri was an active member of the Moose Lodge, the American Legion, and the Masonic bodies.

Reynold Sentieri will be remembered by his family as a loving and caring husband, father, uncle, and grandfather. Others will remember him as a citizen of Galion that truly cared about his country and his community - a citizen who worked long and hard to make Galion a better place.

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Robert C. Blanz

Class of 1950

Some people have a job, some have a career, and still others live a life of service. Robert C. Blanz is one of the latter. Bob graduated from Galion High School as class valedictorian and Heise Award winner in 1950. While at Galion, he lettered in football and basketball, and ran track, was a member of National Honor Society, and was active in the performing arts and yearbook staff.

Upon graduation, Bob attended Case Institute of Technology at Case Western Reserve, earning an electrical engineering degree in 1954. Over the years, he participated in graduate programs at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Princeton University, Carleton College, and Rutgers.

Mr. Blanz served this great nation in the US Army Signal Corps as a military advisor in Taiwan from 1955-1956. Upon completion of his military service, Bob joined the Bell System for a distinguished career in various Bell Operating Companies. Relocating fifteen times, Bob rose from entry level management to positions as President and CEO of Nevada Bell in Reno and of Mountain Bell in Denver, retiring in 1993 to Petoskey, Michigan.

Throughout his career, Bob has led a life of community service and accomplishment. He has been a member of countless civic and organizational advisory boards including the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada, the C.M. Russell Museum in Great Falls, Montana; Interlochen Center for the Arts in Interlochen, Michigan; the Alabama Symphony Orchestra, and served as the 1985 Chair of the Denver United Way Campaign, President of the Rotary Club and Chair of the Board of Directors, North Central Michigan College.

Family is a lifelong focus for Bob. He is the father of five daughters and proud grandfather of five. For leisure Bob enjoys downhill skiing, enter taining, traveling, reading, collecting art and taking in the sunset over Lake Michigan from the deck of his lakeside home.

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Dr. Kathleen J. Kehrer Mikan

## Class of 1957

After graduation, Kathleen Kehrer Mikan left Galion to pursue a career - first in nursing and second, as a college professor of nursing. Her formal education included a baccalaureate in nursing from the Ohio State University, a masters in nursing from the University of Colorado, a doctoral degree in Instructional Development from Michigan State University, and later post-doctoral studies in Nursing Informatics at the University of Utah.

Dr. Mikan was one of the first nurses to become doctorally prepared in the use of technologies in higher (nursing) education. She pioneered the development of Learning Resource Centers (LRCs) in schools of nursing and advocated their use as an independent study alternative to classroom lectures. Because of her expertise, she was frequently asked to be an LRC consultant, both nationally and internationally, for schools of nursing and the World Health Organization.

Throughout her career, Dr. Mikan was an agent of change. She conducted numerous faculty development workshops teaching other nursing faculty how to use the emerging instructional technologies such as microcomputers and the Internet. One of her consultation projects was for the Southern Region Education Board, (SREB) to provide continuing education opportunities to the faculty in over four hundred collegiate nursing programs in the fifteen southern states - from Maryland to Texas. This was the beginning of a nationwide effort to prepare nurse faculty for the information age.

Dr. Mikan presented and published widely. She served as the production coordinator for over fourteen nationally and internationally distributed videotapes on nursing. She also served on research and project review panels for several health-related federal agencies in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Mikan received many professional honors for her work including fellowship in the American Academy of Nursing, one of the nursing profession's highest honors. She has served as the Secretary of Sigma Theta Tau International. This international honor society is the second largest nursing organization in the United States with members from countries

around the world.

After retirement, Dr. Mikan and her husband, Kurt, moved from Alabama to rural Georgia so they could be closer to their two sons and six grandchildren. In retirement, she continues to be a strong organizational leader within her local community.

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Dr. James D. Young, Colonel, USAF, (retired)

Class of 1959

Dr. Jim Young graduated from Galion High School in 1959 and since then has matured into an intellectual scholar and military leader, but has never forgotten his roots and the success that was enabled by his early preparations while a student of Galion High School.

Since graduating from Galion in 1959, Dr. Young has continued his support of Galion High School and never lost his ties to the community he grew up in. He served as the Galion High School graduation speaker for the class of 2009, on the 50th anniversary of his own graduation, he was a major donor to the new Galion Education Complex for the new entrance welcome sign, he served as the MC for his class's 40th reunion, remains on the Class of '59's planning committee, and holds a Class of '59 mini-reunion every year at his Summer home at Lakeside, Ohio.

In his life's travels, while remaining loyal to his Galion roots and returning several times a year to the community to visit with family and friends, he has earned recognition in numerous ways. Jim retired from the U.S. Air Force as a Colonel, earned his doctoral degree and became a University Vice President upon retiring from the Air Force. After his second retirement he now works as a college professor and consultant to other Universities and Federal Agencies. Dr. Young is also an active real estate investor in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Ohio.

During his Air Force career then Colonel Young traveled to every Air Force base in the world, and many of the other military service installations. He was awarded numerous prestigious medals. As a Lieutenant Colonel, he was selected to teach full time on staff at the prestigious Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama.

As the Troy University Vice President he was responsible for managing and developing a world-wide educational enterprise that spanned the globe from Thailand to Europe to China with a variety of Bachelor and Master degree programs for the US military and civilians on over 76 locations in 32 countries for over 12,000 students. He currently lives in Atlanta, Georgia with his wife. They have four grown and married children along with ten grandchildren.

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Dr. H. Allen Garverick

Class of 1962

Dr. Garverick has excelled since childhood. He was a scholar and athlete while attending the Galion City Schools. Allen entered college on an athletic scholarship but was unable to continue his participation in football due to an injury. Allen continued supporting the team as an athletic trainer and completed his education through academic grants and scholarships. Allen graduated from the University of Tennessee (Martin) in 1966 with a degree in General Agriculture. He went on to receive a masters (1968) and doctoral degree (1971) in Reproductive Physiology from Purdue University.

From 1971 until his retirement in late 2008, Dr. Garverick was a Professor of Dairy Science at the University of Missouri with responsibilities in teaching and research. Over the years, he taught a variety of courses and served as an advisor to numerous master, doctorate, and post doctorate candidates. Dr. Garverick has had an outstanding research career in reproductive biology. In addition to his research at the university, he has collaborated with scientists from many parts of the world and has conducted research at Cambridge University, England; Roslin Institute, Edinburgh, Scotland; and Wallaceville, New Zealand.

Allen has published 128 refereed journal articles, 138 abstracts, and has been a contributing author in numerous research related books and publications. Dr. Garverick has been invited to present his research findings internationally and has secured over \$3,500,000 in research funding. Allen has earned numerous awards including being named Fellow of the American society of Animal Science in 2009 and Fellow of the American Dairy Science Association in 2011. He has served as chair for a variety of collegiate and community organizations and committees. Allen is a member of Alpha Gamma Rho, an agricultural fraternity.

Allen has a strong sense of family. He and his wife, Genelle, have raised three children, and welcomed their first grandchild, a grandson, June 15, 2011. Over the years, many of his non-working hours were spent supporting his children's academic, social and athletic endeavors. He has also been an active supporter of the Missouri Valley US Swim Club, serving as an Officials Chairman, and participating in activities sponsored by the Missouri Columbia Track Club.

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Jack B. Arlen

## Outstanding Galion Educator 1966-1987

Jack B. Arlen is being recognized as an outstanding faculty manager of the Galion City Schools, serving as Band Director from 1966 to 1987. Prior to joining the faculty at Galion, Mr. Arlen taught at Pandora-Gilboa for five years. Mr. Arlen attended the Ohio State University and was a member of the OSU Marching Band. He graduated with a degree in Music Education in 1957. Mr. Arlen later earned a Masters Degree from Bowling Green State University in 1965, and a Specialist Degree in Educational Administration in 1969. He is an honorary member of Kappa Kappa Psi, a national band fraternity.

Mr. Arlen also showed his dedication to our country by serving in the Air Force as the Public Affairs Officer for the Mansfield 179th Fighter/Airlift group for 17 years as the Public Affairs Officer for the Ohio National Guard in Columbus, Ohio for 5 years. He was named Outstanding Public Affairs Officer for the State of Ohio and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Nominated by a group of students, Mr. Arlen is described as a very goal oriented leader who inspired those around him (staff and students) to live with integrity, courage, and honor. His band was known as "Arlen's Army" with students and alumni proudly marching under his leadership. During his innovative career, Mr. Arlen secured over \$70,000 in donations and grants to establish an All Brass Band, started the first Jazz Band, and traveled extensively with the Galion band to events like the Indy 500, the American Legion National Convention, and State Fair competitions. Galion was also the feature band at the NFL Hall of Fame Game between the Cleveland Browns and The Minnesota Vikings in Canton, Ohio. In reflecting on his career, Mr. Arlen stated, "My favorite performance was the alumni band half-time show at Galion when we performed the 1812 Overture with the 125 piece Tiger Marching Band, 175 alumni band members and cannons furnished by the Marion Army National Guard.

Mr. Arlen is thoroughly enjoying retirement, spending winters in Florida. Mr. Arlen was a member of the Galion Jaycees and the Galion Kiwanis Club. He also served for a number of years as Chair for the Toys for Tots Program. He and his wife, Carol have three sons - Steve, David, and Douglas.

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## Class of 1978

During his years at Galion High School, Bill Epperson was a member of Student Council, Swimming, various sports teams and the National Honor Society. After graduating from High School, Bill Epperson went on to a distinguished career as Dr. William Epperson.

Dr. Bill Epperson attended The Ohio State University, receiving a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine in 1985. He was in clinical practice for five years before earning a Masters Degree in Veterinary Preventive Medicine from OSU in 1990. He is a diplomate in the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine (1990), with specialty certification in Epidemiology (1992). He worked for three years as Research Veterinarian at a pharmaceutical discovery company, which is presently part of Pfizer.

Dr. Epperson served as extension veterinarian at South Dakota State University (1994-2004) and Ohio State University (2004-2007). These appointments featured a high proportion of outreach activity, with interest focused on infectious disease control and biosecurity in food producing animals. In these roles, Dr. Epperson has made over 400 extension presentations and conducted 200 field visits to investigate herd health problems. He has been primary professor for twenty students pursuing PhD, MS, MPH, or undergraduate honor, and served on numerous graduate committees. He has authored sixty seven proceedings, twenty referred manuscripts and many extension and lay publications. Currently, he serves as Professor and Department Head of the Department of Pathobiology and Population Medicine at the Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine. In this role, he directs the teaching, clinical service and research program for thirty five faculty composed of specialists in veterinary diagnostic medicine, food animal production (including poultry and aquaculture), and veterinary public health.

Dr. Epperson has received numerous international travel awards associated with extension teaching to Bolivia, France, and the Caribbean, including SDSU Dean's Team Award, the Distinguished Service Award for Extension Specialists, Meritorious Service Award and was selected for the faculty exchange program to the University of Carmen Pampa, Bolivia.

Bill and his wife Lori currently reside in Starkville, Mississippi. Bill enjoys leisure activities including hunting, watching NASCAR and completing home improvement / renovation projects. His advice to current Galion students: Aim high. Expect to have to give a lot of effort, but retain lofty goals.