2006
Hall of Fame Banquet

October 5, 2006
7:00 p.m.

Summit on the Park
Canton, Michigan
The 2006 Class of the MRPA Hall of Fame

Jim Beers
Michigan Department of Natural Resources

Jim Bruce
Flint

John Considine
Detroit

Jack Golden
Eastpointe

William Kreger
Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority

Harold Myron
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Jim Perry
Royal Oak

James Reid
Hamtramck/Midland

Henry Schubert
Dearborn

Lewis Wint
Oakland County Parks & Recreation Commission
Welcome to the 2006 MRPA Hall of Fame Banquet

Welcome
Stu Alderman, MRPA President

Invocation
Hurley Coleman, Master of Ceremonies

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Dan Stencil, MRPA Hall of Fame Committee Chair
Mike Maisner, MRPA Executive Director

-DESSERT-
Michigan Recreation and Park Association (MRPA)

The following are the names and corresponding years of the organization from its inception until the present. These acronyms are utilized throughout this program.

MMAAA (1935-1937) Michigan Municipal Amateur Athletic Association

MRA (1938-1957) Michigan Recreation Association

RAM (1958-1965) Recreation Association of Michigan

MRPA (1966-present) Michigan Recreation and Park Association

NRA (1906-1965) National Recreation Association

NRPA (1966-present) National Recreation and Park Association

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND EFFORT!

The Hall of Fame Committee takes this opportunity to thank those family members, friends, colleagues and agencies for their invaluable assistance in providing significant personal and professional information about the 2006 inductees. We will continually strive to enhance the background information, both personal and professional of our inductees. We encourage family members, friends, colleagues and agencies to continue to assist us in this endeavor enabling us to maintain the integrity of the information being presented.
Jim Beers

James (Jim) R. Beers received his Associate of Arts degree from Henry Ford Community College and B.S. Degree in Recreation Administration from Eastern Michigan University. Jim was the first student (with Barbara Jo Bestervelt and Eric Reickel-1958) to receive a $200 scholarship from the MRPA Henry D. Schubert scholarship fund. His professional career began when he became the Assistant Director of Recreation in the Parks and Recreation Department, Jackson, MI. He then became Director of Parks and Recreation, Berkley, MI; Recreation Specialist-Grant Program, Recreation Services Division, DNR; Director, Parks and Recreation, Hazel Park, MI and at the time of his untimely death in 1988 he was Fiscal Analyst-House Fiscal Agency, Lansing, MI. His professional career in the recreation and park profession covered a period of over 30 years.

Jim was an active member of our professional organizations for 30 years, a member of MRA, RAM and MRPA. During his membership to our professional organizations he has served as President, Second Vice President, Board of Directors, Great Lakes Regional Advisory and as committee member or chair, including scholarship and recruitment, awards, information and publications.

In his 30 years, Jim presented numerous times to various conferences and committees. He served as chair of the Great Lakes Council of Presidents. As a member of the National Recreation and Park Association he served on several committees and was chair NRPA Facility Construction Cost Committee. His work with the Recreation Services Division and the House Fiscal Agency required many appearances and presentations to local, state elected officials and lay recreation boards. Jim had awards bestowed on him, of those he was particularly proud of were the MRPA Presidents Award and the MRPA Fellowship Award.

Jim was responsible for spearheading the first legislative golf outing which was designed to enable the positive interaction between state legislators and recreation and park services personal in a relaxed atmosphere. This established an invaluable networking opportunity related to recreation and park needs and issues. In addition, he worked with the MRPA's Executive Director to create the first MRPA convention session directed toward recreation and park board and commission members to upgrade and coordinate the work of these mostly volunteers.
Jim Beers continued

As a Community Planning Specialist with Recreation Services Division of Department of Natural Resources, he served as coordinator of programs between division sections and served as liaison among local, state and federal agencies on recreation issues. In this role he was instrumental in alerting local officials to the need for recreation in their communities and provided technical assistance for creating recreation services in new and developing communities. While serving with the Michigan State House Fiscal Agency, Jim worked diligently making sure that recreation services and state parks were in the forefront of the legislative needs agenda.

When Jim worked with the Recreation Services Division of DNR he was responsible for and made major contributions to the Division’s quarterly publication distributed throughout the state reporting on pending legislation and providing grant information affecting potential park development. In addition, he was responsible for the development and publication of the division’s report to the Governor and state legislators regarding the recreation bond program detailing its progress and success.

James R. Beers is recognized as one of the most positive and committed recreation and park professionals to have served Michigan communities and the State Association. His humor placed everyone at ease establishing a positive tone for whatever task he was tackling.

James A. Bruce

James Arthur Bruce served the profession of Recreation and Park Services for more than 40 years, starting as Summer Playground Leader (1947) moving through the Flint Recreation and Park Board System, to become the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation "retiring" in 1976. His "retirement" took on a whole new meaning. Lou Twardzik chairperson, Department of Park and Recreation and Resources at MSU recognizing the value of Jim's professional experiences, leadership, organizational abilities and commitment to professional excellence hired Jim as an Associate Professor in 1977, he retired in 1986, REALLY!

As Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Jim was very active in the Flint Community serving on numerous local councils and commissions. He addressed the Flint Service Clubs and other community groups visiting and consulting with them. These relationships provided support for multiple use of facilities, passage of mileages, program enhancement, volunteerism and planning and design strategies.
James Bruce continued

A major accomplishment of Jim's efforts in establishing these cooperative relationships resulted in a five year Capital Improvement Program. This Program enabled the construction of numerous facilities and programs including a Senior Citizens Center, nine hole, par three golf course and club house at Pierce Park; a swimming pool, artificial ice rink, a Class A diamond with lights and two Class A softball diamonds with lights at Whaley Park; a swimming pool and artificial ice rink at Lincoln Park; a swimming pool and artificial ice rink at Kennedy Park; Astroturf at Atwood Stadium; a Soap Box Derby Hill, 19 park school sites and 26 new or revised playground sites. These facilities and services provided experiences for all ages during his tenure as superintendent and for generations to come.

His loyalty and support of MRPA is exemplified by Jim's involvement in organizing and establishing the MRPA Central Office in Lansing, chairing the Executive Director Search Committee and was involved in writing the duties and policies associated with MRPA. These occurrences have stood the test of time. In addition, Jim served as President of MRPA, on the Board of Directors for six years and represented us on the NRPA Great Lakes District Council for three years.

Jim was also active in the American Park and Recreation Society serving as chair or committee member of several different committees. NRPA benefited from Jim's recognized leadership and writing skills requesting him to write articles in the NRPA magazine related to professional training and cooperative responsibilities.

Jim received several prestigious awards for his outstanding leadership and service to the profession, including the State of Michigan (Resolution #377) for Outstanding Contributions to the Parks and Recreation Profession and the people of the State of Michigan, the NRPA Special Citation for Distinguished Professional Services, the APRS Certificate of Appreciation of Dedicated Leadership and the MRPA Fellowship Award.

James A. Bruce believed "As a member of our professional organizations we have an obligation to be involved at different levels where we can positively impact the direction of our professional services." He serves as a role model of service for the recreation and parks profession.
John J. Considine

John J. Considine was born in Ireland, attended public school in Ireland moving to New York City graduating from high school in Yonkers, N.Y. He enlisted as a private in the US infantry (World War I-1914) and in 1918 was honorable discharged as a First Lieutenant. He became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 1917 while serving in the Armed Forces. After being discharged he attended the University of Detroit and the University of Michigan. He was affiliated with the Detroit Department of Recreation for 42 years.

His experience in the professional field of recreation and parks started in Detroit (1921). John was hired as a playground leader. He then became Head Supervisor for men and boys activities, Assistant General Superintendent-coordinator of special events and lastly General Superintendent. He organized the Detroit Bicentennial which served as a model for the Detroit Tercentennial.

Through his vision, respect and understanding of the importance of recreation and park services for all people, his emphasis of equal opportunities that he began in the 1930's is still in operation today. Few public servants have contributed as much to any city as John did. He advocated for women and minorities at a time when the city of Detroit was under tremendous racial tension.

John was General Superintendent of Detroit during an era of explosive growth for the city, in large measure it was John's leadership, innovative ideas and integrity that kept public recreation facilities abreast of the needs of the broad constituent groups that came to these facilities. When John became General Superintendent there were 25 playgrounds in Detroit, when he retired the number of playgrounds had increased to 444. In addition, he was a strong supporter of providing specialized recreation opportunities for persons with disabilities - blind, deaf, and older persons. Detroit has numerous public recreation facilities because of John's hard driving insistence. Detroit's new generations will find a better quality of life because John had a vision and the determination to make that vision come alive.

Appropriately John was recognized for his distinguished professional career as a provider of recreation and park services to the citizens of Detroit. The City of Detroit purchased from the Jewish Welfare Federation, the Arron Deroy Community Center and it became the property of the Parks and Recreation Department. The Center was renamed the John J. Considine Recreation Center (located on Woodward Avenue). The Center was renovated and a professional staff of 12 full, parttime and custodial staff was hired to operate the building from 9:00 AM to 11:30 PM, seven days a week.
John Considine continued
The Center is often utilized for special school classes and special school programs. In addition, the John J. Considine Spirit of the Games Award conceived in 1963, is a rotating trophy given to the Detroit Cities Youth Fitness Program team that best exhibits enthusiasm, preparedness, contact and attitude at the meet. This award is a tribute to John who personified positive direction often demonstrated by his personal relationships with participants and colleagues throughout his professional career. He was instrumental in developing and implementing the first Youth Fitness Program in 1957. The event was held on Belle Isle and appropriately John welcomed the participants. Another award that had professional significance for John was his receiving the First Fellow Award presented by RAM (with Jim Reid and Henry Schubert).

John J. Considine, a person who not only believed in diversity but he lived it!

Jack Golden
Jack Golden was born in Orlando, Florida. His grandparents raised Jack and his younger sister in Maryville, Tennessee. As a young man Jack demonstrated his sales skills through his involvement in fundraising efforts with the Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs that he represented in his hometown. He enrolled in Vanderbilt University but rather than complete his studies dropped out of school, he joined the Air Force in Memphis Tennessee, rising to the rank of Captain, flying numerous bombing missions from England during World War II.

Jack was an avid golfer and met his wife Myra at a golf outing in Sterling Heights, Michigan. They met on July 1 and were married three weeks later becoming a great sales team, Myra was a staunch supporter in all of Jack’s endeavors; "Jack handled the sales and I handled the manufacturing" stated Myra. During this time he began to interface with recreation department personnel.

Jack worked for Mexico Forge as a sales representative for the State of Michigan. He was an enthusiastic and exemplary employee, noted by his customers for his fairness. As a result of this successful endeavor, Jack and Myra established their own company: Jack Golden and Associates, Inc.

Joe Seavy, then President of MRPA encouraged Jack as a vendor to become more involved in MRPA.
Jack Golden continued

As a result Jack met and shared his expertise and resources with recreation professionals throughout the State of Michigan. He was truly committed to the purpose, objectives and continued development of MRPA.

He served on the MRPA Board representing vendors. As a board member he committed his time and business resources in support of legislation for recreation and parks throughout the State. He was among the first vendors to become a charter member of MRPA and a primary supporter of scholarship funding activities. Jack provided a venue for many innovative social functions at the MRPA conferences, which offered opportunities for conference attendees to meet and interact. Through the years Jack supported the MRPA golf outings, GERMS and was a member of NERPA for many years.

Throughout his career, Jack received numerous awards for the volume of his sales, the positive manner in which he dealt with his customers, the guaranteed quality of his products and services, his invaluable support for the recreation and park profession in Michigan, in MRPA. The most appropriate way to recognize him and his company’s efforts was the presentation of the Grand Award, presented posthumously to the Golden family at the MRPA State Conference in 2001.

Jack Golden is remembered for his passion in working with and for Recreation and Park Personnel, his efforts in supporting MRPA, his personal interest in helping young professionals and students and of course his lifetime team member Myra.

William E. Kreger

William E. Kreger has devoted more than one-half of his life to supporting the recreation needs of the people of Southeast Michigan through nearly 50 years of service representing Wayne County on the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority Board of Commissioners. But his leadership in public recreation began in 1940, more than ten years before he was appointed to the HCMA Board.

While in high school, Bill played football, basketball, swim and became active in rowing. He helped start a rowing program for the Wyandotte High School in 1940, and in 1942 began to coach rowing. In 1944 he procured 11 acres of land for the Wyandotte Boat Club and the rowing program in the city. The teams he coached at Wyandotte High School and the Wyandotte Boat club won many national and international championships.
William E. Kreger continued

In 1954, the Wayne County Board of commissioners appointed Bill to represent Wayne County on the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority Board of Commissioners. He was reappointed for four more terms through 1983. In 1988, the Wayne County Board of Commissioners again appointed Bill to the HCMA Board. He has since been reappointed to serve three consecutive terms, with his last reappointment made in 2001, which will end in 2007.

Nearly 17000 acres of the 24000 acre Metropark system, now one of the largest regional park systems in the country, was developed during Commissioner Kreger's tenure. Practically all the facilities that exist today, with the exception of the swimming beaches at Kensington and Metro Beach Metroparks, and some of the picnic areas in other parks, were planned or opened under Commissioner Kreger's direction. Bill currently serves as the Chairman of the HCMA Board of Commissioners.

Bill has been inducted into the Wyandotte Sports Hall of Fame, the Michigan Amateur Sports Hall of Fame and the Wyandotte Boat club Hall of Fame.

Bill is also a past member of the Wayne County Board of Supervisors, the Wayne county road Commission and the Michigan Transportation council. He served as commissioner of the Wayne County Airport for 15 years. He has received the Distinguished Service Award from the Wyandotte Junior Chamber of Commerce, Henry Ford Lifetime Achievement Award from the Wyandotte Henry Ford Hospital, Salute to Excellence Award from the Downriver Council of the Arts and the Man of the year in Athletics Award from the Wyandotte Athletic Association. The William E. Kreger Marshlands Museum and Nature Center at Lake Erie Metropark was named in his honor. He is a long-time resident of Wyandotte, where he served as mayor and was publisher of the Wyandotte News-Herald Newspaper.

He has also been associated with several business interests, with a lifetime interest in the beverage industry. Bill was vice president of the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Wyandotte for forty years and served as the president of the Coco-Cola Bottling Company of Port Huron for ten years. He is Chairman of All Star Services Inc. of Port Huron.

He also served on the Board of Directors of Downriver Federal Savings & Loan Association, for over 23 years (from 1965 to 1988) and also served on the Board of Directors of the Heritage Bancorp Inc. (from 1989-1992). He was designated Director Emeritus-1992. He served as a former Director of the Board of Directors for both Dearborn Bancorp Inc. and the Community Bank of Dearborn in 1998.

William E. Kreger is recognized for ensuring that all citizens in the five county region (Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority) will have access to exceptional outdoor recreation facilities and services now and for generations to come.

A true sportsman.
Harold G. Myron

Harold George Myron was born in 1907 on a farm near Blaine, Michigan in Huron County and moved with his family to Highland Park when he was nine years old. He was recognized as an athlete in different sports when he attended Parker High School, winning all state honors in basketball and all city honors in baseball. After graduating from high school in 1926 he enrolled at the University of Michigan. While at the university in 1929 the baseball team went on a five month trip playing in various leagues throughout Japan. He graduated from college in 1930.

In 1934 Harold became the Director of the Highland Park Recreation Department, during the Great Depression, controlling a total budget of $20,000 which included his salary. He continued in this administrative position for 36 years. The Recreation Department was jointly sponsored by the Highland public schools and municipal government. His responsibilities included the organizing and developing comprehensive programs utilizing the total resources of the schools and municipality. He was recognized for working "harmoniously" with local civic, social, religious and fraternal organizations in establishing recreation services and programs with and for them. He was recognized for establishing policies and procedures that provided direction for our present professional organizations and his program served as a model for other cities in Michigan.

As a member of MRA, RAM and MRPA for approximately 20 years, Harold served as President, First Vice President (2 years), Second Vice President and on numerous committees as chair including Constitution and Bylaws, College Curriculum, Scholarship, Professional Standards, Legislative, State Plan, State Recreation Policy, Michigan Softball Association. In addition, he was a charter member of MRPA, helped author our Constitution and was recipient of the prestigious Fellow Award; charter member of ARS, member of the Administrative Council; member of NRPA serving on the National Research Committee and National Conference Program Evaluation Committee; and President, Metropolitan Detroit Inter-City Recreation Association.

Harold was a specialist lecturer and instructor for 13 years in the graduate school at Wayne State University teaching six core courses Administration, Supervision, Community Organization Foundations for Recreation and Current Problem. He also served as a committee for several years to cities in and around Detroit especially in personnel selection in cooperation with the Michigan Municipal League.
Harold G. Myron continued

He was involved in numerous community activities including organizing and past board member of the Boys Club, co-organizer and charter member of Junior Chamber of Congress; member of Mayor’s Youth Commission, Past President of Board of Directors and Trustees of Camp Rankin (A private agency specializing in camping integrating handicapped and non-handicapped children) and co-organizer of the Wayne Oakland Macomb Recreation Board Members Workshop.

Harold G. Myron was remembered by the Highland Park recreation commission as "the person who initiated a public recreation program from scratch and built it into a streamlined organization known for its progressiveness."

James T. Perry

James (Jim) T. Perry began his professional career as a Recreation Instructor in the Detroit Parks and Recreation Department and was immediately recognized by his colleagues for his supervisory and management prowess. He then became Program Supervisor, City of Oak Park; Director of Recreation and Adult Education, Shorewood School District, Wisconsin; Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry, City of Oak Park; and in consecutive years, Director of Parks and Recreation and Director of Recreation and Public Services, City of Royal Oak, MI. His professional legacy spanned a period of 40 years.

Jim received his undergraduate degree (graduating with honors), Michigan State University; Masters Degree, Wayne State University and the Revenue Sources Management School Certification, North Carolina State University. In addition, he taught graduate school for six years at Wayne State University "Performance Budgeting for Park and Recreation Services" and "Supervision."

Jim's enthusiasm for his chosen profession can easily be identified in the myriad of ways he served our professional organizations including MRPA: President, Board member (2 years), chair and member of several committees, awards, public relations, summer and winter conferences, legislation and certification, NRPA: Revenue Sources Management School - Board of Regents, Great Lakes Council, Northwest Park and Recreation Association: President, Vice Chair, Secretary.
James T. Perry continued

In addition, establishing cooperative relationships with other agencies for the common good was another hallmark of his professional career including: Royal Oak Salvation Army Advisory Council, Chair, Vice-Chair, Program Committee Chair, and Lake Oakland Estates Association: President and Vice President.

Jim demonstrated his working and speaking skills with articles, such as; Recreation Magazine, Oak Park, MI "Community Planning for Joint Development of City School Sites", American City Magazine "Community Pride in Winning National Gold Medal Award", and Park and Recreation Magazine "Lease-Rental Agreements-A Way to Provide Special Facilities (at no expense to the taxpayers)", and major presentations including National Recreation Congress "School Districts and Recreation Services" and Governor's Labor Management Conferences "Royal Oak-Workings of a Joint Labor/Management Committee."

He received numerous awards for the outstanding service he provided to our profession and professional organizations which include the national Gold Medal Award for outstanding Park and Recreation Management (Oak Park was the first Michigan city to receive award - 1973), MRPA-Fellowship Award, American Society for Public Administration-Detroit Metropolitan Chapter-Career Public Service Award, State of Michigan-Project Independence Award; and Michigan Municipal League-Municipal Achievement Award (1st place).

Keys to the success of Jim's major accomplishments were his use of innovative strategies, his positive perseverance when interacting with other persons and organizations and recognition of his integrity by his peers. These major accomplishments included: incorporation of the Village of Shorewood's Beach operation and Senior Citizen programs into the Shorewood School District, WI; under a lease/rental agreement with a private entrepreneur developed the first indoor tennis club on public land in metro-Detroit (Oak Park); in an agreement with the School District the City (Royal Oak) provided an undeveloped portion of park land adjacent to middle school, in return school district paid for development of a soccer field, tennis courts, a playground and tot-lot; established a foundation to receive gifts for recreation and park facility development, equipment purchases and recreation programming; in partnership with the National Labor Relations Board, the UAW/GM Human Resource Center and Local 270M of Service Employees International. The Royal Oak Department of Recreation and Public Service was the only municipal agency in Michigan to participate in a "National Quality of Work Life Study." As a result of the study a Quality for Work Life program was developed for municipal agencies. The Royal Oak Department of Recreation and Public Service became a model for the National Relations Board.

James T. Perry exemplifies the kind of person the hall of fame was created to honor, a dedicated family man and citizen as well as a successful and respected leader, in the communities he served and in our association.
Charles James Thomas Reid

C. Jim Reid was a graduate of Michigan State Normal College (Eastern Michigan University). He became athletic director of Highland Park High School and Highland Park Junior College in 1917. Except for a period during World War I, Jim had this position until 1925 when he became director of the Hamtramck Recreation Department and Health Department. He started the annual Intercity Basketball Tournament in 1931, an event bringing together the champions of the metropolitan Detroit area. The basketball tournament drew nine teams and the Hamtramck Grand Trunk team won the tournament. In addition, the Hamtramck team was involved in other MMAAA sponsored tournaments, baseball, tennis and volleyball held in the Metropolitan Detroit area. During this time the Hamtramck Recreation Department was recognized as one of the best in the State of Michigan. In 1942, he accepted the position Commissioner of Parks and Recreation for Midland, Michigan. He was the first full-time director of Parks and Recreation for Midland. Jim was recognized as a pioneer and leader in our profession for a period of 40 years.

In 1948, as President of RAM he represented the lower peninsula at the first recreation directors meeting held in the Upper Peninsula. This meeting resulted in the formation of the Upper Peninsula Michigan Recreation Association which became an integral part of MRA.

Jim is well known for his active participation in our professional organization. A person who dealt with challenges and controversies in a positive manner. He was involved in our professional organization for approximately 22 years, a member of MRA and RAM. His service involved President (3 years), Vice President, including chair and committee member of softball, membership and budget, youth guidance, constitution, awards and conference and institute planning.

He received the first Service Award presented to a member of MRA and the first Fellow Award presented to a member of MRA (with John Considine and Henry Shubert). In addition, he was a member of the National Recreation Association, American Recreation Society and charter member of the Michigan Sports Sages, President of the Michigan Softball Association (MSA), Commissioner of MSA’s District II and Vice President of the Michigan Hockey Association. Jim recalled, at his retirement, an unforgettable experience that of being included into Sigma Delta Psi, a national athletic honorary fraternity which required a member to pass rigid physical requirements before being accepted.
Charles James Thomas Reid continued

As Midland's Parks and Recreation Director, Jim was instrumental in carrying out a vast number of improvements in programs and services. He was involved in the expansion of Central Park—enlarging the wading pool, building two intermediate pools along with four tennis courts. He also developed Midland's neighborhood ice skating rink program, helped in the construction of the City Forest toboggan run and the construction of two Currie Municipal golf courses.

Charles James Thomas Reid is remembered for his devotion to the profession as part of the important history of Midland and his recognition that helping people utilize leisure is a necessary and welcome function of local government.

Henry D. Schubert

Henry D. Schubert was Superintendent of Recreation for the City of Dearborn for 28 years retiring in 1958. He was born in Ford City, PA (1890), attended the University of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Tech and Northwestern University. He studied community organization and recreation at the Natural Recreation School.

His first interest in recreation came during WWI when he served overseas as Lieutenant Bandmaster in charge of soldier entertainment on leave at the French Rivera. Henry directed a 50 piece military concert band and was responsible for organizing regimental sports, parades, shows and circuses. After his army career he played clarinet in the Pittsburgh Philharmonic Orchestra.

During the depression years he organized an extensive entertainment program in all sections of Dearborn. Henry was also responsible for Dearborn becoming a center for ice hockey in the 1930's. Games were played on a lighted rink and featured top amateur teams from Southeastern Michigan and Canada. The success of this program led to his appointment as Michigan Chair of AAU hockey. He was also a master of the U.S. Olympic ice hockey committee, 1932.

Henry was an active member of MMAAA, for approximately 20 years. He was President, Vice President, chaired numerous committees including sports, Governor's Youth Guidance, membership recruitment, scholarship and was representative to the ARS. He was very interested in the preparation of young people planning to enter our profession.
In 1945, Henry presented the Association with two $50 war bonds, thus initiating the first scholarship fund from our organization "to further the college and university training in community recreation leadership".

As a follow-up (1956) the MRPA scholarship fund was named the Henry D. Schubert fund and our Association provided three, two hundred dollar scholarships-information was sent to all students with a major or minor, attending a State of Michigan college or university.

Henry is remembered by Dearborn residents for his gigantic historical pageants, his department sponsored for six summers before World War II. These productions had as many as 1,500 residents in the casts and approximately 50,000 attended. Some of the recreation projects that came into fruition during his tenure at Dearborn include Seashore Pool in Levageed Park, Camp Dearborn in Milford, the annual All-Sports Banquet and a vast array of baseball, softball and basketball activities.

In reorganization of the quality recreation services he provided for Dearborn residents, the U.S. State Department selected Henry to inspect, review and report on recreation programs in German cities. He spent four months in Germany and also served as a consultant to German municipal officials about city recreation activities and projects.

Henry D. Schubert is fondly remembered by his colleagues for his Achievements in founding and nurturing Dearborn's vast recreation program and services recognized as one of the finest in the nation.

Lewis E. "Lew" Wint

Lewis E. "Lew" Wint was the epitome of a citizen who volunteered tremendous time and effort to fostering the Oakland County Parks and Recreation system.

He was chairman of the parks and recreation commission for 15 years, and a board member for a total of 18 years from 1975-1992, having also served as vice chairman and secretary.

Among his honors were the MRPA Special Award for outstanding contributions to parks and recreation in 1985; the APRS Meritorious Services Award in 1985; NRPA Great Lakes Region Award as
Lewis E. "Lew" Wint continued

outstanding board and commission member in 1989.

Lew was a founding member and trustee for Oakland Parks Foundation, a non-profit citizens group committed to preserving parklands and enhancing recreation in Oakland County.

In his memory, MRPA Created the Lew Wint Award to recognize his commitment to quality and excellence in the field of parks and recreation. Nominees for the award are judged on department programs, volunteer involvement and evaluation tools.

A supporter, innovator and advocate for recreation in all its forms, Lew was instrumental in gaining legislative support to apply a state grant to a project that helped fund the construction of the first wave-action swimming pool, north of the Mason/Dixon line, at Waterford Oaks County Park in 1976. A second water park opened in Madison Heights in 1986.

During his tenure, the parks system acquired Glen Oaks Golf Course in Farmington Hills, Orion Oaks in Orion Twp. and Lyon Oaks in Lyon Twp. More than 1.6 million persons visit the Oakland County Parks each year.

Lew was a supporter of persons with disabilities. He was a founding member of Clarkston SCAMP and served as its first president. The annual Wint/SCAMP Golf Outing raises funds for that organization's summer camps and nature center programs.

Lew not only served the parks commission as one of its most supportive ambassadors; he was genuinely committed to his community, Clarkston. In 1985, he received the Detroit United Way Foundation "Heart of Gold" Award for outstanding volunteer contributions. He also was very active in the Greater Pontiac Chamber of Commerce and served as its president.

As a funeral director, Lewis Wint served and comforted hundreds of families over his long career. His role in parks and recreation allowed him to provide limitless opportunities for families to appreciate the outdoors together.

In 1995, the nature center at Independence Oaks County Parks was named The Lewis E. Wint Nature Center in his honor.

**Lewis E. "Lew" Wint will always be remembered as a dedicated supporter to the "Quality of Life" and always had great enjoyment & personal reward in serving on the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission. Oakland County is a great place to reside because of Lew’s commitment.**


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