WELCOME TO THE 2017 HALL OF FAME BANQUET & INDUCTION CEREMONY PRESENTED BY THE MICHIGAN RECREATION & PARK ASSOCIATION THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2017 | 6:00PM SUMMIT ON THE PARK | CANTON, MI
Welcome and Introductions
Clayton Summers, mParks President

Opening Remarks
Roger Coles, Master of Ceremonies

Invocation
Marilyn Troshak, mParks Past President

Dinner

Induction Ceremony
H. Lee Bancroft
Edward Deeb
Bob Tooley
Marye Miller
Timothy John Doyle
Gerald Jaloszynski

Tour of mParks Hall of Fame

Dessert in Lobby

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THE mPARKS HALL OF FAME

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2017 Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony
H. Lee Bancroft

Parks and Recreation is a field made possible by all types of people and roles, from custodians to secretaries to directors. Among these many roles, occasionally someone comes along as something of a “pacesetter,” encouraging others around them and creating much greater impact than would seem possible for an individual. H. Lee Bancroft embodies that description, having essentially served as the “Father of Lansing’s Park and Recreation System” through the years.

Bancroft received his Bachelor’s Degree in Forestry from Michigan State University back when it was known as Michigan Agriculture College, beginning his career immediately after graduation as a forester and superintendent of parks for the City of Lansing in 1913. At the time, Lansing had just 2 parks, and early on, Bancroft began laying the cornerstone for a Department of Parks and Recreation which would become one of the most outstanding in the nation.

Some of Bancroft’s notable achievements were starting the city’s first organized baseball program; establishing the Lincoln Center; and writing an ordinance to protect, maintain, and propagate city street trees, which helped the city to become affectionately known as “City in the Forest.” Later Bancroft brought his zeal to other elements of city offerings as he became responsible for city recreation programs and cemeteries. By his retirement, he had paved the way for major expansion and improvement of the park and recreation system, allowing residents and visitors to enjoy a municipal golf course, 30 playgrounds, and 32 parks, one of which is named after him as Bancroft Park.

Bancroft also served a critical role in the founding of mParks in 1935, when it was established as Michigan Municipal Amateur Athletic Association. Without the work of members like Bancroft, the valuable work of the Association for parks and recreation professionals would have never been possible. He also served his community and the parks and recreation profession as Vice President of the American Institute of Park Executives; a charter member and president of the Michigan Forestry and Park Association, and as a member of the MSU Downtown Coaches Club. As a member of the Lansing City Planning Commission, he further helped Lansing develop its extensive parks and recreation system through the envisioning of future public park sites and developing critical relationships with other city officials.

mParks is pleased today to recognize the founding role Bancroft played in Lansing Parks and Recreation, in mParks, and beyond.
Parks and recreation are a valuable community offering for all ages, but it plays a particularly important role in the lives of youth, and mParks is pleased to recognize Edward Deeb in this year’s Hall of Fame for his vital work in youth parks and recreation.

Deeb’s centerpiece involvement in the parks and recreation industry began with a simple request from then-Mayor of Detroit Coleman Young, seeking to improve relations between Detroit youth and local business owners. At the time Deeb had already built a strong background in community engagement and improvement through his work in the nonprofit world, and those experiences, in collaboration with a group of other community leaders, led Deeb to found the first-ever Metro Detroit Youth Day. The concept was simple enough: invite youth to enjoy a day of sports, recreation, and other constructive activities to show that the community cares for and respects them.

36 years later, Deeb’s continued involvement in the event has helped Metro Detroit Youth Day to impact more than a million lives and to serve as a nationally- and presidentially-recognized example of the power of parks and recreation. The event, with its mission of “inspiring youth to do the most good,” now serves as a hallmark community tradition, serving more than 35,000 students annually not only with valuable recreational opportunities, but also with a wide range of mentorship resources, motivational speakers, college and career information, and 100+ scholarship opportunities.

Aside from major contributions to the parks and recreation industry through his work with Metro Detroit Youth Day, Deeb has also served as a central figure in other parks and recreation efforts, such as the community-building farmer’s market at Detroit’s historic Eastern Market; founding of the Michigan Youth Appreciation Foundation to recognize student community service; and working with the Boy Scouts’ Handicapped Scouting Program. Beyond this, Deeb has supported and served organizations for countless community causes, including civil rights, economic development, educational councils, disaster relief, small business, hunger and poverty relief, historical preservation, and much more.

From the life-changing annual impact of Metro Detroit Youth Day to the celebrated tradition of the Eastern Market, Deeb’s diverse achievements and contributions are a sterling testament to his commitment to the parks and recreation industry, and his well-deserved induction to the Hall of Fame.
Service to the parks and recreation industry is one of the cornerstones of the mParks Hall of Fame, and with his extensive professional accomplishments and mParks involvement, Robert Tooley is an undeniable representation of that quality.

Tooley’s journey in parks and recreation began in Wisconsin, where he completed a Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation and Sociology and began an early career as a senior recreation counselor, then as a recreation leader for the Department of the Army. In 1968 he joined the vibrant parks and recreation industry of Michigan, beginning a Master of Arts degree in Recreation and Parks Services at Wayne State University and accepting a position as the assistant recreation director for the City of Hazel Park. Later, Tooley became the Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Berkley, where he helped foster impressive department growth through efforts like the planning and construction of a Community Center and Indoor Ice Arena, and a partnership with the local school district to enhance and upgrade park properties.

Tooley also maintained an ongoing commitment to personal growth throughout his career, attending the National Recreation and Park Association Revenue Sources Management School and completing a degree in Landscape Design from Oakland University in 1979.

Beyond his work as director, Tooley became a major contributor to the statewide parks and recreation industry through his many years of involvement in mParks. From early in his career, Tooley began serving the Association in nearly every imaginable capacity, joining committees for Research, Publicity, Building, Finance, Senior Citizen, and Special Projects. He later joined the mParks Board, serving two non-consecutive terms as treasurer and one term as president.

Tooley showed a relentless commitment to serving the profession and Association. He pioneered the amusement park ticket program, which continues to provide revenue and promotion for mParks member agencies today. He also compiled the first-ever history of the Association, creating an invaluable record of the work and progression of the parks and recreation profession.

Through the years, Tooley’s many contributions have been recognized through prestigious honors such as mParks’ Fellowship Award and Presidential Award, and the Association is now proud to continue that recognition of excellence as we welcome him to the Hall of Fame.
If there is anyone in Michigan who represents advocacy and service to senior citizens, it's Marye Miller. After her initial involvement in the parks and recreation industry as a mini bus driver and accountant for Rochester Avon Recreational Authority, she began working more heavily with older populations as acting director of senior programming, where she gained valuable experience and found the niche that would define the rest of her career.

In 1982 Miller put her expertise with senior programming to work in founding the Older Person’s Commission in Rochester. As executive director of the commission, she would become a champion of senior citizen services, believing strongly in the importance of a positive aging experience and undertaking any endeavor to make that possible. Miller helped to establish one of Michigan’s finest Meals on Wheels Program; secured millage funding for exceptional senior facilities; and provided many services like wellness lectures and physical therapy through partnerships with Oakland University. Another major contribution was serving as chair of the Michigan Senior Olympics for 35 years, during which she networked with schools, sought grants, and even made personal contributions to keep the valuable program running.

Miller also served as a member of mParks’ senior committee, bringing her extensive expertise to peers and helping advance the industry’s service to senior citizens. She also served as secretary of mParks’ Board to help keep the diverse operations of the Association organized. She catered to the specific efforts of parks and recreation professionals in her local region by working with the Northwest Parks and Recreation Association. Miller’s other community involvement efforts included working with the National Council on Aging, the National Association of Nutrition and Aging, Michigan Gerontology Society, and the National and Regional Games Association.

Peers who have worked with Miller recount her tremendous generosity, such as sharing her knowledge and experience establishing successful senior facilities. She has demonstrated great respect for and service to older generations and the people who serve them, a value which she developed thanks to her own grandmother. Miller’s induction to the mParks Hall of Fame is a testament to this unending respect and dedication to older citizens, which is a critical function of the parks and recreation industry.
One of mParks’ central goals is to mentor parks and recreation professionals in their careers, and to create not only quality work but passionate work. Timothy Doyle displayed these values and more during his career, spanning across three states and impacting both professionals and community members through parks and recreation.

Starting as a Physical Education major and working during college breaks as a lifeguard, playground director, and coach, Doyle graduated with a Bachelor’s degree in Parks and Recreation Administration from the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse and later worked as a Student Recreation Director at Virginia Polytechnical University. In 1973 he joined Michigan’s parks and recreation industry as the first director of Independence Township’s new Parks and Recreation Department.

As director, Doyle kicked off the department’s activities by initiating and hiring staff for youth and adult sports programming and senior citizen recreation. His grant-writing efforts led to the township’s acquisition and development of the areas that are now known as Clintonwood Park and Sashabaw Plains Park, providing important recreation spaces for the community. While working for the township, Doyle also completed his Master’s Degree in Parks and Recreation Administration and Resource Development at Michigan State University.

Doyle found great opportunity and pride in serving the parks and recreation industry through mParks. He became a familiar face with his multiple involvements as Conference Committee Chair, Student Committee Chair, Basketball Commissioner, and President. He also helped keep the membership updated and involved by writing many articles about the state of the Association, emerging trends, value of the parks and recreation industry, and the importance of involvement. He personally mentored and inspired many young parks and recreation professionals through his work with mParks, demonstrating and instilling the values of service and professionalism to further advance the industry. Doyle was recognized in 2002 with the mParks Fellowship Award. He also served the community as a Metro Detroit Amateur Softball Association commissioner and board member as well as serving in national capacities with the Amateur Softball Association and the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Nearly 45 years after Doyle’s initial work establishing the Independence Township Parks and Recreation system, his work continues to impact lives. Many of his programs still exist, and the parks he established remain some of the best in the region, helping to make his legacy a well-remembered one in the Hall of Fame.

Timothy John Doyle

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Starting from his first parks and recreation job as a summer park ranger with the Department of Natural Resources, Gerald Jaloszynski has maintained a longstanding hands-on approach which has led to an impressive list of accomplishments and community service.

Jaloszynski studied parks and recreation at the associate, bachelor’s, and master’s levels, and as his knowledge and experience grew, so did his responsibility and contributions to the industry. One of the cornerstones of Jaloszynski’s career has been his work with park and trail acquisition and development, including the Pere Marquette Rail Trail, the Fred Meijer CIS Trail, and the first two county-owned parks in Clinton County, which received multiple design and accessibility awards. His tireless work helped secure critical funding and transform these properties into accessible public recreational havens, proving the undeniable value of parks and recreation. He carried the county’s Board of Commissioners from a position of initial hesitation to full and continued support. Jaloszynski also created numerous publications to guide continued success through recreation plans, revenue plans, risk management guides, and Clinton County’s first-ever county-wide bicycle circulation plan.

Jaloszynski’s work in parks and recreation represents strong service and a connection to the community, which extended to diverse and valuable additional forms of involvement. Building upon his parks and recreation legacy, Jaloszynski also served as a member and a leader to community organizations such as the Knights of Columbus, Isabella County Board of Commissioners, MSU Extension Advisory Council, Chippewa Watershed Conservancy, and CMU Parks and Recreation Curriculum Advisory Board.

As with many Hall of Fame inductees, Jaloszynski was also committed to networking and advancing the parks and recreation industry through his membership with mParks. Aside from his basic professional commitment to remaining informed and engaged as a member since 1977, he contributed knowledge from his own career experience by making presentations at mParks’ Annual Conference. He served the Association as a board member from 1987-1991, including a term as secretary from 1990-1991.

It’s the often-unsung work of mParks members and leaders which keeps the association running and advances the profession of parks and recreation. Jaloszynski represents precisely that work which we are pleased to recognize today.
CONGRATULATIONS
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About the Hall of Fame

The mParks Hall of Fame provides recognition for professionals and special individuals who have made outstanding, unique, lasting, and extraordinary contributions through recreation and park services in Michigan. The Hall of Fame is on permanent display at the Summit on the Park in Canton, Michigan.