

CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS SCHOOLS
HALL OF FAME
Second Induction 1993

W. G. Bahner

(Deceased 10/29/69)

Superintendent of Cuyahoga Heights Schools
1943 – 1958

**Major Contributions
To Cuyahoga Heights Schools**

While Superintendent of the Cuyahoga County Board of Education (1935-1943), Mr. W. G. Bahner worked with local industries, community leaders and the State Department of Education to create the Cuyahoga Heights School District. There was sufficient industrial wealth to support the system, and sufficient enrollment if students from Brooklyn Heights, and Valley View were included.

Mr. Bahner became Superintendent of the Cuyahoga Heights Schools in 1943, his main objectives being the welfare and education of all students, as well as the welfare of all employees. Seeking input from his staff, he maintained an advisory committee comprised of beginning and career teachers, a practice considered unique at that time.

Mr. Bahner considered the entire staff (certified and non-certified) to be a family, and it was through his efforts that the Annual Honor Banquet was initiated and continues to this day. His daily interactions with students, employees, parents and staff were his major contributions and his finest accomplishments.

Recognized throughout Ohio as a leading administrator, Mr. Bahner served as Secretary-Treasurer of the OHIO SUPERINTENDENT'S ASSOCIATION for 11 years and Commissioner of the CUYAHOGA COUNTY ATHLETIC LEAGUE for 16 years.

His education included a BA from Wittenberg College, and MA in School Administration from Columbia University and additional graduate work as Penn State, Miami University and Western Reserve University.

Greatly admired for his INTEGRITY, SINCERETY, PROFESSIONAL ETHICS AND DEDICATION, W. G. Bahner devoted his career to maintain Cuyahoga Heights as an outstanding School.

Michael J. Bohdan

(Deceased 3/8/90)

Class of 1969

**Athletic/Career/Humanitarian
Accomplishments**

As a true scholar maintaining a 3.89 GPA at CHS, Michael Bohdan also was an outstanding athlete in football, baseball, basketball and track, earning many awards, including MVP in track and football, relay team STATE CHAMPION, football PRESS STAR, and Plain Dealer DREAM TEAM, and Class A DISTRICT TRACK CHAMPION. He was Junior Class President, Senior Class Vice-President and nominated for GOLDEN DEEDS AWARD.

After graduating from Wittenberg University in 1973, Michael was employed by SOHIO, now BP America. A distinguished career promoted him to Director of Corporate Real Estate, his leadership responsible for expanding ProCare shops from 6 sites to more than 100. He was the first recipient of the BP OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION AWARD, which now carries his name and is awarded in his memory honoring the qualities of his exemplary character. Employee appreciation was part of his corporate regimen.

as he initiated a variety of activities and rewards. At ProCare Michael is remembered as someone who encouraged individuals through his example, applauded all for their accomplishments and left a legacy of achievements to inspire everyone in the future.

The Many humanitarian efforts of Michael Bohdan were recognized by the LIONS CLUB HERITAGE AWARD, given only to “an outstanding special person who has dedicated a large part of his life to helping others.” Completely dedicated to the LEPRECHAUN FOUNDATION, an organization fulfilling wishes of terminally and chronically children, Michael served as President, initiated widespread growth and instituted long-term support from corporations. He also served on the Board of Trustees of the Metro and Ridgewood YMCA’s and launched a major fund-raising drive to renovate and rebuild Ridgewood facility.

The outstanding courage Michael exhibited on the athletic field and in the corporate world was never greater than when he fought the ravages of a brain tumor that took his fruitful and exemplary life in 1990.

Robert B. Boyer
CHS faculty 1938 – 1972
**Academic/Career Accomplishments
And Major Contributions
To Cuyahoga Heights High School**

Mr. Robert B. Boyer was one of the initial cadre of teachers carefully selected to lead a new school to the highest level of educational excellence. He worked with the building architect to design all industrial arts facilities, developed the industrial arts departments and programs, pioneered the innovative audio-visual development programs, participated in and supervised war production work in the school machine shop during World War II, conducted evening adult training classes, and began the first school newspaper – *The Comet*.

Memberships in all professional organizations of education were part of R. B. Boyer’s career. Offices held include Chairman of the Cuyahoga County Teachers Association, District Representative to the Ohio Educational Association, Secretary of the Ohio Industrial Arts Teachers Association, founder and President of the Northeastern Ohio Industrial Arts Association, and co-founder of the North Central Industrial Education Association.

A distinguished member of Epsilon Pi Tau, the national honorary for technical teachers, Mr. Boyer was chosen Ohio Teacher-of-the-Year in 1964 by the American Industrial Arts Association, and also named a Jennings Scholar, an honor for excellence in teaching.

In developing the audio visual department, R. B. Boyer helped to preserve the history of CHS as he captured life and progress at our school on pictures and 16mm sound movies. One color-sound movie entitled “*In Pursuit of Excellence*” was featured at the national convention of the NEA in 1965. He conducted workshops on “*Construction and Use of Slides and Filmstrips in Cuyahoga County Schools.*” He also pioneered television’s *Mr. Fix-It* shows, appearing weekly as “*The Home Lumberman*” on Channel 5, and continued in public relations work as a do-it yourself expert.

Donald J. Doskey
Class of 1965
Career Accomplishments

Don Doskey combines a career of interior design, which has received national acclaim and international recognition with intense efforts devoted to historic preservation and restoration, especially Cleveland landmarks

After graduating from Miami University, Don served three years with VISTA as a group social worker in the inner city. His community contributions continue on the Board of Trustees of the Golden Age Centers of Cleveland, Benefit Committees for UNICEFF and Malachi House, the downtown Restoration Society, the Cleveland Museum of Art, the Center for Contemporary Art, and Board of Trustees for the Tom Evert Dance Co. He is active in DIFFA, the Newport Development, and the Clifton Arts Festival.

Don won the Cleveland Interior Designer's (C.I.D.) Award for "Johnny's Bar", a recognition of the finest quality contract design in Ohio. He received national recognition for the design of Heck's Café when it won the "Editor's Choice Award" of *Restaurant Hospitality* magazine.

After gaining celebrity status, Don began the "high profile" jobs in Cleveland, including renovation and restoration of the historic Westlake Hotel and the Burgess Grand Café in the Warehouse District. Featured in the recently published "Showcase of Interior Design," Don is among 40 international interior designers whose works were spotlighted as outstanding.

Having studied historic renovation and restoration, Don is dedicated to restoration and community redevelopment in Ohio City, Tremont and the Warehouse District. Major efforts are made through his works and community involvement to make Cleveland "The Come-Back City."

Dr. J. Lindsley Foote

Class of 1946

Academic/Career Accomplishments/Contributions

Dr. J. Lindsley Foote, who is Professor Emeritus at Western Michigan University, has been teacher, professor, chemist, biochemist and research biochemist. The recipient of two National Science Foundation Fellowships and a National Heart Institute Grant, Dr. Foote researched the field of lipids, studying the effects of various agents and diets on the fatty tissue in the brain, blood vessels and blood, including studies of arteriosclerosis, a disease of the arteries, phenylketonuria, a cause of mental retardation, brain damage caused by lead, organic chemical reaction mechanisms, and the function of biotin (a B vitamin).

University contributions include holding offices in the Faculty Senate and in the American Association of University Professors. Of special interest were his mentoring minority chemistry students and furthering affirmative action programs.

Dr. Foote is a member, by invitation, of the American Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Phi Beta Kappa, the American Chemical Society, and numerous other honoraries. He has published over 30 research journal articles, giving presentation at national meetings, and critiques manuscripts for chemistry tests.

Having received a BS from Miami University and a PhD from Case Institute of Technology with two years doctoral NSF fellowship work, Dr. Foote then completed two years of post-doctoral NFS fellowship work in the department of Biological Chemistry and three years in the Mental Health Research Institute at the University of Michigan. On sabbatical leave, Dr. Foote studies neurochemistry and did research on Acetylcholine and Epilepsy at Montreal Neurological Institute and hospital.

Dr. Howard C Kirsch

Class of 1962

Academic/Career Accomplishments

Having excelled academically at CHS, Howard Kirsch continued his education earning a BS with Highest Honors in Engineering Science from Case Institute of Technology in 1966, his junior year spent as an exchange student at El Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey. His graduate work in the Department of Applied Physics at Stanford University earned a MS in 1967 and a PhD in 1972.

Dr. Kirsch is a Senior Member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, a member of the Technical Committee for the IEEE International Electron Devices Meeting (IEDM), the ranking annual international physics meetings, a member of the Technical Committee for the International Solid State Circuits Conference (ISSCC) and a member or chairman of panel sessions at IEDM and ISSCC. Dr. Kirsch was listed in Science Digest as one of “100 Top Innovators for 1985” for leading the development of AT&T’s pioneering 1 Megabit Dynamic Random Access Memory (DRAM – i.e. computer main memory). He also received the United Technologies’ 1980 George Mead Medal for Engineering Achievement for the 256 Kilobit DRAM design.

Widely published in technical journals, Dr. Kirsch also has 20 US Patents issued and several more pending in IC circuit design and technology development.

Dr. Kirsch is presently heading teams working on BiCMOS Integrated Circuit (IC) technologies for 16 MB and 64Mb Fast Static Random Access Memories (FSRAM) and for advances logic circuits, such as microcomputers. These developments are comparable to the most advanced integrated circuit technology being developed anywhere in the world.

Patricia Walcutt Nobili
Class of 1964
Humanitarian/Career Accomplishments

As Director of the Forensic Unit at Western Reserve Psychiatric Hospital, and at Cleveland Psychiatric Institute, Pat Walcutt Nobili authored, implemented and directed the Restoration to Competency Program for the mentally ill criminal offenders, which became the model replicated in other forensic psychiatric hospitals. As Executive Director of the Epilepsy Foundation of Northeast Ohio, she has written numerous grants and programs to provide increased services and opportunities to those affected by Epilepsy. The agency has grown 500% in staff, budget and persons served during her administration.

Pat was chosen a US delegate to the International Vatican Conference on Disabilities Council, named the Cuyahoga County Commissioners’ Advisory Committee on Disabilities, the advisory committee to the Director of the Ohio Department of Mental Retardation and Development Disabilities, the Ohio Develop Disabilities Planning Council, and served as President of the National Epilepsy Executive Leadership Council.

Her outstanding work has brought local and national recognition to herself and her agency including “Career Woman of Achievement” in Human Services from the Greater Cleveland YWCA, “Executive Director of the Year” and “Epilepsy Affiliate of the Year” from the Epilepsy Foundation of America and “Organization of the Year” in Ohio from the Ohio Rehabilitation Association. Pat was named to the National Distinguished Service Registry in Medical and Vocational Rehabilitation, and was named as one of the 90 most interesting people of 1990 by Cleveland Magazine.

Pat attended Miami, Cleveland State and Case Western Universities, earning a BA in Sociology and Psychology and a MA in Social Work Administration.