



ROCK COUNTY HALL OF HONOR COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2019 - 4:00 P.M.

CONFERENCE ROOM N-2 – FIFTH FLOOR

ROCK COUNTY COURTHOUSE-EAST

Agenda

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes – April 20, 2016
3. Discussion of Procedure to be Used in Selection of 2016 Hall of Honor Inductee(s)
4. Review Nominations
5. Recommendation of Inductee(s) to 2019 Hall of Honor
6. Adjournment

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NOTE: Please contact Marilyn, Rock County Administrator's Office, at 608/757-5510 and advise if you will/will not be attending this meeting.

ROCK COUNTY HALL OF HONOR COMMITTEE
Minutes – April 20, 2016

Call to Order. Chair Podzilni called the meeting of the Rock County Hall of Honor Committee to order at 4:00 P.M. in Conference Room N1 on the fifth floor of the Rock County Courthouse-East.

Committee Members Present: Supervisor J. Russell Podzilni, Chair, Rock County Board of Supervisors; Supervisor Henry Brill, Chair, General Services Committee; Tim Maahs, President, Rock County Historical Society; Richard Bostwick, President, Arrowhead Library System Board; Diane Shadel, UW-Rock County Foundation Board, and Charles Clark, Dean, UW-Rock County.

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Rick Richard, Chair, Education, Veterans & Aging Services Committee; Teri Downing, President, Beloit Historical Society; Robert Hoerler, President, Luther Valley Historical Society, Inc.; Tom Sveum, President, Milton Historical Society; and Jennifer Eager Ehle, President, The Grove Society of Evansville.

Staff Members Present: Nick Osborne, Assistant to the County Administrator.

Others Present: Supervisor Sandra Kraft.

Approval of Agenda. Supervisor Bostwick moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Dean Charles Clark. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes – May 13, 2015. Ms. Shadel moved approval of the minutes of May 13, 2015, second by Supervisor Brill. ADOPTED.

Discussion of Procedure to be Used in Selection of 2016 Hall of Honor Inductee(s). Mr. Osborne gave a brief history of the Rock County Hall of Honor and the criteria for selection set by the County Board is as follows:

“The Rock County Hall of Honor was established to recognize Rock County people, past and present, who have made significant contributions to the county and its people. The selection committee is seeking persons from all walks of life who have contributed their services and talents to the community. The selection committee is particularly looking for information on the broad contributions the candidate has made to the community, in addition to their employment contributions.”

Mr. Osborne said the Committee can select up to three inductees to the 2016 Hall of Honor. Generally the process is to review and discuss qualifications and decide on the number of people you would like to recommend. A vote is taken by ballot and the Hall of Honor Committee’s recommendation is forwarded by resolution to the Education,

Veterans and Aging Services Committee on May 17, 2016 and on to the County Board on May 26, 2016 for approval.

Review of Nominations. Chair Podzilni said, for clarification purposes, the Rock County Hall of Honor was established to recognize individuals and not groups or organizations.

Recommendation of Inductee(s) to the 2016 Hall of Honor. Chair Podzilni and the Committee discussed the nominee's contributions to the citizens of Rock County.

Dean Charles Clark said that what impressed him about Mr. Wartmann was the breadth of his contributions.

Ms. Shadel said that Mr. Erickson has had significant contributions to the Fourth Ward which go unnoticed by many.

Mr. Maahs said that Mr. Paynter has dedicated much of his time to the Ice Age Trail.

Supervisor Brill moved to recommend all three nominees for the Hall of Honor, second by Supervisor Bostwick. ADOPTED.

Supervisor Kraft said that she will deliver the recognition personally to Mr. Wartmann. She believes that Mr. Wartmann will be able to attend the Hall of Honor Ceremony.

The ceremony will be held at UW-Rock County and the date has not yet been set. Invitations will be mailed.

Adjournment. Mr. Maahs moved adjournment at 4:21 P.M., second by Ms. Shadel. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey VanZandt
HR Secretary

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HALL OF HONOR NOMINATIONS – 2019

NOMINEE

Albert "Al" Funk

Tom Hathaway

Jim Haugen

Harry Hauri Sr.

Sandra Kraft

Frank Marsden

Tom Presny

NOMINATED BY

Claude Eakins

Gerald Rosenfield

Patty Hansberry

Brittany Kelly

John & Marilyn Eyster

Kristi Hayden & David Luebke

Dean Paynter

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NOMINATING INFORMATION MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THIS FORM. Failure to complete this form will result in the nomination being returned.

NAME OF NOMINEE: Albert "Al" L. Funk

ADDRESS: 1800 Escalibur Dr.

Janesville, WI 53546

TELEPHONE: 608 752.6627

E-MAIL: fun4al@charter.net

VOLUNTEER: He serves on the Rock County Veteran's Service Commission since 2002. Chaired the American Legion's former Rock County Youth Government Day which, each year, had served approximately (100) high school juniors from Rock County area high schools. Serves as Chairman of the Nurses Training Scholarship Committee of La Societe des 40 et 8 since 1995 ... raising money, arranging awards luncheons and scholarship presentation of two (2) \$400.00 nursing scholarships for student nurses. He had been invited into the 40 et 8 in 1958. He held many offices including Chef de Gare (Commander) and a nine year run as Corresspondent (Secretary). He led the Locomotive crew at the same time and campaigned the #844 Loco in many area parades and visits to the Wisc. School for the Deaf and the Wisc. School for the Blind to delight the students with toys, games and train rides and entertainment by the 40 et 8 clown group. He was the 40 et 8 Grand Aumonier (Chaplain) for two years and brought the organization's 2004 MidWinter Conference to Janesville and had chaired a similar event in 1970. For several years he teamed with the late Rev. Jim Haertry, in providing Christmas cards, candy and gum to approximately (100) Veterans who were residents at Cedar Crest, Rock Haven, Caravilla and Mercy Manor. (The project ended when the resources dried up) Beginning in 2002 thru 2005 he worked with the Activity Director at Huntington Place, on planning and presentation of a Veteran's Day Program until she left the facility. Became a Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell ringer in 1956 in 2018, marked his 63rd annual bell ringer ringer dia. And, for several years up thru 2016 he led the Post's S.A. Red Kettle at which time, he and (20) volunteers were the S.A.'s top money raisers with \$5,413.14. In 1991 he established the Seeds of Hope fundraising project for The Janesville Council #108, United Commercial Travelers of America (UCT). He continues to lead the project which supports people with intellectual disabilities thru Special Olympics. To date the effort has raised \$16,500.00. As a member of the Knights of Columbus, he volunteers to distribute TOOTSIE ROLLS each year. This is a fund raiser for Special Olympics and other organizations which serve people with intellectual disabilities. He previously headed K. of C. Council #10363's TOOTSIE ROLL project between 1990 thru 1995. He earned his Fourth Degree designation in 1986 and joined the 4th Degree Honor Guard as a participant in parades, funerals and civic events over the next 42 years, until stepping down at his 82nd birthday.

LEADERSHIP: Since joining Janesville's American Legion Post #205 in 1954, he was elected to the office of Post Commander (5) times: 1958-59, 1965-66, 1993-94, 1988-89 and 1993-94. He served for many years as the Post's Legion Athletic Medal program Chairman and medal presenter. He served as Commander of the Legion's Rock County Council. He led the Wisconsin American Legion's 1st District as Commander for 1984-86 and served as a State Vice Commander for 1986-87 and State Chaplain, 1994-95. Other leadership positions have included: 5 years as Chairman of the P.R. Committee that oversees operations of the Wisconsin Legion's Badger Legionnaire newspaper. Back in 1960-1963 he served as a member of the Legion's State Legislative Committee. He was President of The Wisc. American Legion Press Assoc. (WALPA) for several years President of the Wisconsin American Legion Past Commander's Club. Chairman of the State Legion's Religious Emphasis Committee for several years and as First District Chaplain for 15 years where he chaired Memorial and Religious Services. President of the Southern Wisconsin Assoc. of Life Underwriters for 1 year. Also, co-chaired the SWALU Public Service Committee in 1977, earning The National Underwriter's prestigious Gold Dublin Award for Public Service which he received at the 1977 NALU Convention in Dallas, TX. For their project, The local Assoc. had chosen to equip a city ambulance with emergency respiratory equipment. President of the Janesville Patriotic Society in the 1990s and Chairman of the Society's Memorial Day Committee from 1967 thru 1976. Also led flag distributions on Vet's graves.

Funk joined the United Commercial Travelers in 1966 and served as the local President and other offices including Secy/treas since 1989. He served the Wisc. Region of UCT as President, and the other offices, including 6 years as Treasurer.

INTREPRENERIAL: Between 1966 and 1995, Al and his wife Marge proudly owned and operated three rental properties, providing comfortable, market rate apartments for over for over (100) Janesville households. Furthermore, the Funk properties always "passed" the City of Janesville inspections.

From 1973 to mid 1995, Al operated the Al Funk Agency and was licensed to underwrite Life and Health Insurance plus Annuities.

For thirty years, 1970-2000, he had assisted his wife with her busy craft business where-in they participated in 500 Arts and Craft Fairs across Wisconsin, Iowa and Northern Illinois. After retiring from the insurance business, Al devoted more time to to "crafting" including producing over 250 theme mailboxes.

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS: While in the US Air Force (1950-54) he began donating blood, ultimately reaching the 5-Gallon Mark on 11-30-1994. He had to forgo further donations due to medical reasons.

Al joined St. Mary's Parish in 1954 and continues as a faithful member to this day. Over the years he belonged to the St. Marys Holy Name Society, and served as President in 1967. During this time, the longtime Pastor, Msgr. E. J. Beck retired. Al led a committee that hosted Msgr. Beck's retirement celebration.

He served on the Parish Council and headed up the Parish Action Commission which conducted four (4) very successful combination pleasure/fund raisers: An Octoberfest, A Roaring Twenties Party, An Ice Cream Social and a New Years Eve Party.

As a member of the former Beloit Catholic High Board, he co-chaired a venture to procure a 15-passenger school bus, to transport Janesville students to BCH.

As chair of the school's fund raising activities, he headed-up a gala dinner party.

He spearheaded the purchase and installation of two (2) \$1,000.00 "Heritage Benches" at Janesville's remodeled Camden Play ground as projects for the Janesville UCT Council #108 and LaSociete des 40 et 8 Voiture #844.

Al has enjoyed ownership of convertibles since the late '50s and has entered them in area parades as American Legion floats and as conveyances for Legion members, other Veterans and dignitaries.

BRIEF STATEMENT: Al established his love for volunteer work at an early age. While in grade he served on as a crossing guard on the school safety patrol. Later on, for the "War Effort," Al gathered milkweed pods from along brooks and ditches near his country home. The "Kapok" afforded buoyancy to life preservers for the military. He also served as an Altar Boy in his parish. While in High School, he volunteered in the school store and as a hall guide. Immediately after his graduation from Aquinas High School, at LaCrosse, WI, he enlisted in the US Air Force for four years. He worked with "radar" and earned three stripes as an Airman 1st Class and the good conduct medal.

Al has a remarkable ability to share his time and talent with his family, his God, his community and his business associates. He has distinguished himself in all quarters.
"Volunteering is a HEALTHY HABIT"

NOMINATOR NAME: Claude E. Eakin
ADDRESS: Claude, E. Eakin
1424 Liberty Ln.
Janesville, WI 53545
TELEPHONE: Home: 608-757-7687 Work: _____

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NAME OF NOMINEE: TOM HATHAWAY
ADDRESS: 604 N. ADAMS ST.
JANESVILLE, WI 53545-2519
TELEPHONE: 608-290-9522

SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO ROCK COUNTY AND ITS PEOPLE:

VOLUNTEER: HELPING THE HOMELESS FUNDRAISER - WHICH
BENEFITS - GIFTS MEN'S SHELTER, HEALTH NET OF ROCK
COUNTY, PROJECT 1649, EMCO, HOUSE OF MERCY, AND THE
HUMANITARIAN SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN WISCONSIN

LEADERSHIP: TO FUNDRAISING AND GOOD SERVICE TO
THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

ENTREPRENEURIAL: _____

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS: _____

BRIEF STATEMENT: TAM IS ALWAYS LOOKING TO HELP
OTHERS BE IT HIS FUNDRAISING, SHARING HELPFUL
INFO ON FACE BOOK, OR OTHERS THAT ALSO
DO GOOD OR HELP IN OTHER WAYS

NOMINATOR NAME: GERALD R ROYANFIELD

ADDRESS: 46 S. RINGOLD ST.
JANESVILLE, WI 53545

TELEPHONE: Home: 262-325-8493 Work: _____

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NAME OF NOMINEE: Jim Aaugen
ADDRESS: 846 Suffolk
Wausau WI 53546
TELEPHONE: 608-754-8401

SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO ROCK COUNTY AND ITS PEOPLE:

VOLUNTEER: Jim volunteers for the Seniors Volunteering for Seniors program. He is always willing to take fellow seniors to various appts. Jim not only drives these people he has become a lifetime friend to all who has entered his automobile. He has always gone above & beyond to help his neighbors. He also has contributed many times to helping other non-profits in Wausau.

LEADERSHIP: _____

ENTREPRENEURIAL: _____

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS: In 2018 Jim gave 557 hours and drove 6175 miles. In April our program was low on funding and we were unable to provide rides that month. Jim stepped up and still took all of his clients the normal fare. Three of his rides have cancel appts and he felt they couldn't miss. At least 2 times a year Jim donates his mileage reimbursement to RSVP.

BRIEF STATEMENT: Jim is one of many drivers in my program who is deserving of this award. I think he would be a very deserving recipient of this award. I enjoy working with him. He is a family member to most of the clients he takes, and genuinely cares about each & everyone of them. Please consider Jim for your honor.

NOMINATOR NAME:

Patty Hansbury

ADDRESS:

2433 S Riverside Dr #1
Bellevue WI 53511

TELEPHONE:

Home: 608-365-6665 Work: 608-362-9593

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NAME OF NOMINEE: Harry Hauki Sr.
ADDRESS: 6306 W. Lowry Rd.
Janesville WI 53548
TELEPHONE: (608) 754-9105

SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO ROCK COUNTY AND ITS PEOPLE:

VOLUNTEER: My grandfather has volunteered for years, alongside my Aunt Christine Janisch, delivering meals on wheels. His time in the military instilled a need to make sure people were fed. This is why my grandfather also donates a large amount of oatmeal to the salvation Army every year. As he likes to say, "I saw too many people starving overseas No one should starve. Oatmeal is a cheap way to feed a lot of people."

LEADERSHIP: Being a father of 14 children, means that you must inherently have some leadership (even though it was really my grandmother who ran the show), but my grandfather's leadership was on full display when building the "Where Tears Run Deep" walkway at Rotary Gardens. My grandfather donated the necessary money to build the walkway, and rallied his rather large family to provide the physical labor to install it. This walkway was incredibly important to my grandfather.

ENTREPRENEURIAL: My grandparents ran a family farm in Rock County for many years. My grandfather still lives there. While running the farm, my grandfather also worked until retirement at Fairbanks Morse. This work history provided him with the funding needed for his volunteer work now. A saying that sticks in my mind is when he told me, "It's not how much money you make, it's what you do with it."

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS: My grandfather served in World War II as a paratrooper. This experience, along with losing a child, has largely shaped who he is today. While being a grandfather is not necessarily a benefit to the county, it is a job in itself. There are currently over 100 grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and he has proven to be a great example for us all. He has also donated benches to area schools.

BRIEF STATEMENT: "It's not how much money you make, it's what you do with it." This statement sums up a person's life. My grandfather saved for years to support his large family. And now, he is taking the time to give back. I don't know his net worth, and frankly, I don't need to know. But I do know his worth. My grandfather is a kind man. He is the smartest man I know. ~~97~~ 97 years of life experience has taught him so much. I just hope we get a chance to learn as much as possible before he leaves us.

NOMINATOR NAME: Brittany Kelly

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Janesville WI 53546

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NAME OF NOMINEE: Sandra Kraft

ADDRESS: 383 Samuelson Drive,

Edgerton, WI 53534

TELEPHONE: 608-751-6249

SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO ROCK COUNTY AND ITS PEOPLE:

VOLUNTEER: Volunteer, Friends of Noah; Treasurer; Led creation of the Rock Co. Rabies Clinic with Friends of Noah, 2013.

Lois Crowin, Creator of Friends of Noah, told us about Sandy's long-term active volunteer work with the group. She was elected the group's Treasurer mid-2016 and has faithfully served in that office to date. She worked with the group to support the Rock Co. Public Health Department's Rabies Clinic. Significant combination of her professional and volunteer involvements!

Certificate of Citizen of Rock Co. presented by Rock Co. Sheriff – recognizing Sandy's creating and managing flood related station during the major flood of 2009.

Sandy is a very modest person who has done a GREAT DEAL OF GOOD without special recognitions. She did receive recognition from Rock Co. Sheriff for her volunteer work creating and managing flood related station during the major flood of 2009 and her personal sandbagging work.

LEADERSHIP:

Retiring Rock Co. Supervisor – elected 2000, retiring 2018. Vice-chair for 10 years. Professional career with WI state certifications as Municipal Clerk, Municipal Treasurer, Certified Public Manager and Certified Parliamentarian.

Treasurer, Town of Fulton, 1986-1993

Clerk/Treasurer, Town of Fulton, 1993-2000

Clerk/Treasurer, City of Evansville, 2000-2005

ENTREPRENEURIAL:

Sandy has demonstrated very sincere interest in and been supportive of others in every involvement she's had. Talking with persons who've worked with her in both professional and personal situations, we've heard again and again illustrations of her encouraging spirit!

Sandy has worked conscientiously as a mentor of members of the Rock Co. Board with special attention to newly elected supervisors. She mentors through her availability and listening ear made valuable by her own experience.

Sandy has been an active advocate for and supporter of women and girls throughout her life. She took special action last year to get the Rock Co. Board to pass a resolution celebrating the 95th anniversary of the Rock Co. YWCA on November 16, 2017.

Sandy is a role model in both her profession serving as Clerk/Treasurer for public municipalities as well as Rock Co. Board Supervisor. Talking with the founder of Friends of Noah, Lois Corwin, we were told of her significant role model in that volunteer group.

FOR SURE! Sandy has been an open and accepting person of ALL persons regardless of race, religion, economic or social status, gender or sexual orientation. A key contribution she's made is in mentoring leaders for Rock Co. Board!

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

She was 1 of only 7 women on the Rock County Board with 29 supervisors. Women supervisors are only 24% of our Rock County Board! Sandy has mentored women to run for election to the Rock Co. Board and helped them gain valuable leadership roles on the Board once elected.

She has been a VERY active and committed participant as the single Board representative on the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) since its creation which was noted in responses, we got from former Rock Co. Administrator, Craig Knutson and other Rock Co. leaders. She has been PROactive for the special courts and programs created to make our Rock Co. judicial system more equitable for ALL persons. It is important to note that the special courts have included: Drug, Veterans and OWI. Rock Co. has received state and national recognition for its leadership in providing for special treatment courts. Sandy has been a strong advocate for the treatment courts.

BRIEF STATEMENT:

Marilyn, my wife, & I know Sandy Kraft very, very well as a close friend for 46-years - since we moved onto Cox Road in the Town of Fulton in June 1973. We've known her as someone we could count on. If Sandy gave her word, she would carry through with it. She has worked most of her life in the public sector doing her work diligently and quietly treating all people with kindness and respect.

One way to describe Sandy is to say that she is very modest. She is not one to boast of her many accomplishments thus she often does not get the kind of recognition she so richly deserves. The many years that she has worked at the township, city and county level, she has served Rock County faithfully with her integrity and ability to work with all types of people.

When the town of Fulton built a new town hall, Sandy was serving there as town clerk/treasurer and played an important role in the design of the new building. She is extremely hard working and dedicated to whatever project she sets out to do.

NOMINATOR NAME: John W. and Marilyn M. Eyster

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Edgerton, WI 53534-9761

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John -- (608-332-5811. Marilyn -- (608) 332-5814

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MARILYN BONDEHAGEN

From: Packers Badgers <parkplace40@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2019 11:04 AM
To: MARILYN BONDEHAGEN
Cc: MARILYN BONDEHAGEN
Subject: Supr. Kraft

Hi Marilyn, I have two email addresses for you so will send this to both of them, please let me know that you received these as well as the email I sent to you on Wednesday.

I've been apart from County Board now for quite some time so bear with me and I ask that you fill in some of the dates and correct various commentary as is necessary as my home resource's are very limited. I hope the following is what "they" are looking for, if not cut and paste. Thank you.

I had the privilege of working along side Sandy Kraft on the Rock County Board for 10 of her 18 years that she served on the County Board. Sandy served ten years as Vice Chair of the County Board.

Sandy was a dedicated hardworking official always representing her District #3 to the fullest as well as all of Rock Counties citizenary. Sandy was appointed to the position of Committee Chair of the Board of Health and as such she did a outstanding job. Sandy further served as VC on the County Staff Committee and VC of the County Finance Committee where she displayed a wide ranging knowledge of issue's coming before those committee's. Sandy served on various other County Committee's, Commissions and Boards and she was always prepared with her keen skillset of knowledge on the issue's at hand.

Sandy Kraft attended numerous Wisconsin Counties State Conference's and Conventions always seeking to gain additional education and knowledge of matters effecting Rock Counties best interest.

Serving along with Supervisor Kraft was indeed an honor and to this date I am proud to say she is a good friend and a willing helping hand where ever and whenever called upon.

Richard K. Ott
Retired Rock County Board Chairman (2002-2008)

Jacquelin Wood
119 South Wisconsin Street
Janesville, Wisconsin 53545
608-752-0205

April 5 2019

Rock County Jail of Honor
re: Sandra Craft

Having served on the
R.C. Board with Sandra Craft
I can unequivocally say she
was a joy to work with and
was a true professional in
all she did.

I admired her calm,
quiet demeanor and intelligence
she brought to The Board.

She served diligently and
served us well with all her
hard work. I was very proud
of her achievement of becoming the
Vice-Chairman - and always knew she
would have been a wonderful Chairman -
as everything she does she does very
very well - She certainly deserves The
Jail of Honor - Jacquelin Wood

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NAME OF NOMINEE: Frank J. Marsden

ADDRESS: Died January 29, 2013

TELEPHONE: Previous Residence 1575
Lincoln Heights, Beloit, WI 53511

SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO ROCK COUNTY AND ITS PEOPLE:

VOLUNTEER: Volunteer of The Month - Beloit Daily News June 1993, Beloit Ambassador of The Year 1973
Volunteer - Turtle Fire Department - 1950's
Beloit Rescue Squad, South Beloit Fire and Rescue
Beloit City Council, starting in 1970
Beloit School Board, Beloit Police and Fire Commission
Beloit City Planning Commission, Rock Co. Board
of Supervisors, Blackhawk Tech Board
Beloit Jaycees, Beloit Boys Club Board, Red Cross
Board, Crime Stoppers, Rock Valley Corrections Board

LEADERSHIP President 2 years - Beloit Boys Club
Chartered Beloit Evening Lions Club - Vice President
Trustee - First Baptist Church

Frank was a Rock County Circuit Court
Baniff for Branch 3 for 22 years
He served Judge Gerald Jaekle and then
Judge Michael Byron. He retired in 2008.

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ENTREPRENEURIAL: Frank and his wife Suzann
Owned and operated M+M Dari
Ripple from 1996-1997

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS Frank was very involved
with First Baptist Church of Beloit.
He served as a Deacon and Usher.
He volunteered with Airfest and
the Heart to Heart Program at
St. Anthony's Hospital.

He was inducted to the Beloit Hall
of Fame in 2016.

BRIEF STATEMENT: Frank truly loved the City of
Beloit and Rock County. He was a
1950 Graduate of Beloit High School.
He served in the US Air Force during the
Korean Conflict. He returned to Beloit
after the service to raise his family.
He shared with his children how important it
is to give back to your community.
He took great pride in his work
and friendships within the Rock County Community.

NOMINATOR NAME: Kristi Hayden and David Webke
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Janesville WI Beloit, WI 53511
53510
TELEPHONE: Home: 608-751-7116 Work: David: 608-365-0345

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NAME OF NOMINEE: Tom Presny
ADDRESS: 5335 N. River Rd.
Janesville, WI 53545
TELEPHONE: 608-754-8571

SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO ROCK COUNTY AND ITS PEOPLE:

VOLUNTEER:

- Long-time member – Janesville Kiwanis Club – President 1993
- Longtime on St John Lutheran Church Building and Grounds Committee
- Eleven years scouting leadership
- 20+ years Rock County Parks Advisory Committee
- Board member Gathering Place Senior Center
- Organizer of the Friends of Turtle Creek
- Organizer of the Gathering Place Fishing Club
- Co-organizer of the Friends of Rock County Parks
- Volunteer at many other organizations' events, especially related to the outdoors

LEADERSHIP:

When Tom sees a need he fills it. He organizes work crews to clear downed trees blocking spring waterways like Turtle Creek and Bass Creek. He is in the water with waders and chainsaws. He organizes crews to work each year at the historic Tiffany 5-Arch bridge opening the views for photographers and sight seers.

He led a crew clearing invasive brush at Gibbs Lake. He led a crew building fish cribs on Clear Lake. He organizes many fishing trips for senior citizen anglers at the Gathering Place, taking folks out who thought they could never get out to fish again, and then cleaning the fish and serving a fish fry. He organizes GB Packer historic events such as Vince Lombardi's last speech as a Packer delivered at what is now JPAC and Bart Starr's first touchdown pass as a Packer which he completed at Monterey Stadium.

Tom was an early developer of the Ice Age Trail with Tom Kautz and Congressman Henry Reuss. He has been an Ice Age member for more than 30 years.

ENTREPRENEURIAL: _____

Professionally, Parks Director with Janesville, Tom has been involved with ground level planning and development of Rotary Gardens, the Youth Sports Complex, Kiwanis Park, the Kiwanis Trail and Optimist Park. He was involved in the acquisition of the North-East Regional Park and led the development of the Peace Park within Rockport Park. Tom has been recognized by his peers as "Parks Professional of the Year" from the Wisconsin Park and Recreation Association. He also received the National Park Service "Public Partner of the Year" award for his service to the Ice Age Trail Alliance.

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS: _____

I have worked with Tom as a volunteer on numerous projects in the parks, on trails projects, in cleanup efforts after floods, on Rock County Parks projects and in many other capacities. I have seen him deal positively with conflicts and diplomatically resolving Not In My Backyard situations. He listens. He resolves. He handles difficult situations with professionalism, compassion and grace. Tom sees a need and organizes a group to address it. He is the consummate professional. In his capacity on the Rock County Parks Advisory Committee his wisdom and advice are respected by the supervisors on the Parks Committee and Parks Directors.

Tom envisioned the Friends of Rock County Parks and got it organized and established so parks volunteers from around the county can share ideas and occasionally work on joint projects.

Tom is making something better for Rock County almost every day. He is very deserving of the Hall of Honor.

NOMINATOR NAME: Dean Paynter

ADDRESS: 2939 Afton Rd.
Janesville, WI 53548

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Deadline: Friday April 5, 2019 at 5 P.M. Please return the completed form to:
County Board Chair, 51 S. Main Street, Janesville, WI 53545.



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April 1, 2019

J. Russell Podzilni, Chairman
Rock County Board

Dear Chairman Podzilni and Hall of Honor Committee:

Enclosed is the nomination for Tom Presny for the 2019 Rock County Hall of Honor. Please excuse my cut and paste approach to filling out the mandatory form, since a recent shoulder surgery my handwriting is almost illegible - even to me.

We hope Tom gets top consideration for this honor. He is a lifelong community servant and volunteer. His leadership skills keep the rest of us on our toes trying to complete whatever service project Tom dreamed up last. Currently he is working on arches at the ends of the Peace Trail to better establish the trail identity and to provide photo-opportunities for trail users and the general public.

His contributions will make Rock County even more of a tourist destination than it is now.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dean Paynter

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dean".

Rock Trail Coalition
Ice Age Trail
Rock County Parks Advisory Committee
Friends of Rock County Parks.

HALL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

1982	Kenneth Bick Joe Carl Welty Rachael Salisbury	1999	Wayne Showers George K. Steil, Sr.
1983	Crawford Gates	2000	Joseph B. Forrestal Dr. Daniel Green Gordon Hill
1984	R. T. Glassco	2001	Marjorie Van Galder Jacquelin Wood
1985	A. W. Agnew	2002	J. Kenneth Austin Jerome Elliott James Van De Bogart
1986	J. L. Wells	2003	James F. Fitzgerald Charles Tubbs
1987	Ella Rote Dunbar	2004	Herbert V. Christiansen Walter / Elizabeth Diedrick
1988	Mildred Horkey Rye Helen C. Smith	2005	Richard C. Knutson
1989	Edwin Hanewall	2006	Richard P. Hartung Gil Sedor
1990	Bernhardt & Lois Westlund	2007	Kay Demrow Lloyd "Hap" Hornbostel
1991	Laurence Raymer Robert Bliss	2008	Kenneth Hendricks Hugo Henry Ruth Ann Montgomery
1992	Fred Holt George S. Parker II	2009	John Eyster Judi Kneece
1993	Marion Allen Philip Johnson	2010	Wayne Flury Rev. Dr. Floyd Prude
1994	Donald & Geraldine Hedberg Donald Upson	2011	Eva Arnold Rob Wilkinson
1995	Pat Dawson Philip Holmes Clifford Wixom	2012	Ronnie Thomas Delores Thomas
1996	John Anderson Thomas Jeffris Joseph Moen	2013	Neil Deupree Kay Deupree
1997	June Divan Richard McNall		
1998	Robert Kimball Walter Knight Maurice Montgomery		

HALL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

2014 Tony Farrell Sr.
 Mark and John Finnegan

2015 Theodore Brown
 Doris Brown

2016 Dean Paynter
 William Wartmann
 Burdette Erickson