

## **Dundee Inducts 7 into Hall of Fame (Dundee Independent October 20, 2015)**

Dundee High School will induct new members into its Hall of Fame at a special Induction Ceremony scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 24 at the school. A social hour will begin at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. The Induction Ceremony will begin after dinner. There are seven inductees this year; three of them are members of the DHS graduating class of 1956.

The 2015 Hall of Fame inductees are: Dr. Luella Chatters, Dr. Donna Craft, Janice Helzer Eckert, Dr. Warren Jaworski, Pam Miller Moskwa, Charles "Jack" Schankin and Dr. Stephen Taylor.

Tickets to the ceremony may be purchased for \$25 each from Deb Rouse in the DHS main office. Contact the high school main office for more information at: 734-529-7008.

Following are short biographies of the inductees.

### **Dr. Luella Chatters**

Luella (Hoagland) Chatters graduated from Dundee High School in 1951. She received a bachelor's degree from Adrian College and a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University. She earned a doctorate in counseling and special education from the University of Toledo.

Upon graduation she worked as a counselor and as a school psychologist. She worked in many states including New York, New Jersey, Michigan and Ohio. In Michigan she worked with Monroe County Community College and as a professor at Adrian College.

In 1987 she received the Academic Achievement Award from the Lenawee Intermediate School District and in 1992 was given the Michigan Campus Compact Award for Service and Learning.

However, Dr. Chatters' true passion was promoting education in Africa. From 1993 to 2007 she taught, consulted and did research in Malawi. This project included teaching, training teachers and doing research for an AIDS orphan project in the Malawi area.

To continue her work, she was granted a prestigious Fulbright Scholar Award in 1998, which allowed her to extend her research.

In retirement, Dr. Chatters has presented programs to adults and students on their experiences in Africa. She is active in Meals on Wheels and other service projects.

### **Dr. Donna Craft**

Donna (Spewock) Craft attended Dundee High School and graduated in 1976. She attended Grand Valley State College and Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa. She graduated with a Doctor of Chiropractic in 1986.

After graduation she settled in Brooklyn, Mich. where she established a practice and became very involved with the community.

Over the past 20 years she has served on the Irish Hills Chamber of Commerce. She progressed from a member to the Board of Directors and from 1995-1997 was president of the organization.

Dr. Craft is also a long time member of the Education Foundation for Columbia Schools and sits on their Board of Directors.

Professionally, in 1999 she received the President Award from the Michigan Chiropractic Society and in 2002 was selected Chiropractor of the Year for the State of Michigan. Dr. Craft has served on the Michigan Board of Chiropractors and on the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners. She was elected president of the National Board in 2014.

## **Janice Helzer Eckert**

Janice (Helzer) Eckert graduated from Dundee High School in 1956. In school, she was valedictorian of her class and vice president of the National Honor Society. She attended Western Michigan where she earned a two-year degree.

In 1959 she was hired by the University of Michigan, where she worked for 52 years. She served as an administrative manager with responsibilities for research administration, human resource management and budget administration. Mrs. Eckert spent 12 years as the Unit Liaison Coordinator for Information and Technology. She coordinated the activities of 102 senior managers from the Ann Arbor, Dearborn and Flint campuses. She also served on the Society of Research Administration as a board member and was chairman of the International Committee.

In 1994 she received the Society of Research Administration Hartford-Nicholson Award, which recognizes leadership in society.

She was part of President Dwight Eisenhower's People Citizen Ambassador Program where she visited Cuba, Great Britain, Germany, Japan, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland and the Peoples Republic of China.

In 2004 she received the "Ability is Ageless" Award from Operation Able for Exceptional contributions and achievements.

## **Dr. Warren Jaworski**

Dr. Jaworski graduated from Dundee High School in 1956. He was very active in 4-H, winning awards for showmanship and vocal achievements. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Michigan. He earned his doctorate in voice performance at Indiana University.

As a performing artist, he enjoyed a worldwide career in entertaining. He performed with famous conductors such as Robert Shaw and Sir David Wilcox. He was a soloist with groups as varied as the Robert Wagner Chorale, the Detroit Symphony and the Los Angeles Orchestra. He has performed roles in operas and recitals and worked with the Columbia Artist Community Concerts. He has appeared in many countries including Spain, Korea, Australia, New Zealand, England, Ireland and Canada. In America, he worked with famous producers such as Fred Waring, with whom he made several vinyl and CD recordings.

In addition to performing, he has taught vocal music in many places, including Florida and Indiana University. At Indiana, he started the Northern Indiana Opera Association. He also served as the Indiana State President of the National Association of Teachers of Singing in 1973. He has developed many successful teachers of music and many performers of opera. Many of his students still perform worldwide today.

## **Pamela Miller Moskwa**

Pamela (Miller) Moskwa graduated in 1964 from Dundee High School. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology in 1968 from Michigan State University.

After college her first job was as an assistant at Friend of the Court in Monroe County. In this job she discovered a passion for the power of the legal system to help people and chose to pursue a law degree from the University of Toledo. Upon graduation from Toledo, she began practicing law with a firm in Monroe County. As a lawyer, she was

very active in various community services. She became recognized as a strong advocate against domestic violence and was one of the original founders of Monroe County's domestic violence program.

In 1993 she was appointed by the Governor of the State of Michigan to the position of Probate Judge in the Monroe County Probate Court. She later ran for the post and was elected to serve her community on the bench for 17 years. During her tenure as judge, she was known as a strong advocate for children and a powerful voice for women's rights. She was respected statewide and was selected to serve on the State Committee for Juvenile Justice.

Judge Moskwa also taught seminars for the Michigan Judicial Institute and the National Juvenile Detention Association. She retired from the legal system in 2010 to enjoy her children and grandchildren.

## **Charles "Jack" Schankin**

Charles J. "Jack" Schankin graduated from Summerfield High School in 1957. He earned a bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree in educational leadership from Eastern Michigan University. Also at EMU, he received an educational specialist degree.

After several years of teaching social studies, he was hired at age 26 to be the principal of Britton High School. He was also the principal at Fowlerville High School until the fall of 1969 when he began a 32-year tenure as the principal of Dundee High School.

At Dundee, Mr. Schankin was known as a strong educational leader and a strict disciplinarian. His working motto was "be firm, fair and consistent." During his 32 years Mr. Schankin established many strong programs at the high school. In 1987 he helped establish the co-op program with Dundee, Ida, Summerfield and Whiteford. He re-established the agricultural science program, which has been an outstanding success for the last 27 years. He also established a student recognition program that issued academic letters. Finally he brought the "Close Up" program to Dundee, which allowed over 500 students to visit Washington, D.C. for a week of scheduled activities.

Outside school, Mr. Schankin served on the Petersburg City Council and was Mayor of Petersburg from 1985 to 1991. For over 20 years he served on the Church Council at Dundee Assembly of God and has served on the Summerfield Board of Education, including serving as its president.

## **Dr. Stephen Taylor**

Stephen Taylor graduated at age 16 from Dundee High School in 1956. While at Dundee, he played football, ran track and acted in school plays. He graduated from Glenville State College in West Virginia. At Glenville he played four years of football and was active in student government. In 1990 he was selected Outstanding Alumnus of the Year and 2012 was inducted into the Glenville State College Hall of Fame.

Following college he earned a master's degree in counseling and psychology and his doctorate in educational management.

In 1973 he joined the faculty at Morehead State University in Kentucky. He steadily rose through the administrative ranks and 1988 he was named Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty. In 1978, Dr. Taylor was honored as the Outstanding Educator of the Year in Kentucky.

Currently, he serves on the Winchester Planning and Zoning Board as well as the Clark County Planning Board. He also established a scholarship endowment at Glenville State College that has been used to help defray college expenses for more than 50 students.