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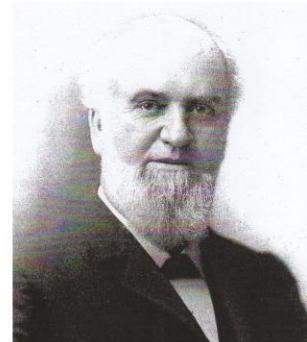
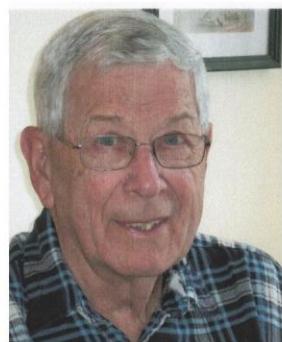
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Announcing the 2017 North Canton Alumni Association Hall of Distinction Induction Banquet. It will be held Wednesday evening, September 27 at 6:30 in the Hoover High School commons. Tickets are \$ 25 each and are available from the North Canton City Schools District Office or by calling Lisa Warburton-Gregory at (330) 305-0779. Requests can be mailed to the Alumni Association at P.O. Box 2534, North Canton, Ohio.

This year's inductees include local ophthalmologist Greg Gray, a fine student and athlete who was a 1960 graduate of Hoover High School. Local writer and sports historian James Phillip Holl is also being recognized. He graduated in 1949. The late William J. Lhota, a 1957 NoCaHi graduate is being recognized for an outstanding career in business management and community service.

Former Greentown resident Lewis Miller is being honored posthumously as an inventor of farm equipment and as co-founder of the Chautauqua Institution. The fifth Inductee is Lee Russell Sahadi who was born in London, England and whose father had been a British Hoover evacuee during World War II. Lee has spent over 30 years in comprehensive human resource management for the Cleveland Clinic.



Greg Gray

Jim Holl

Bill Lhota

Lewis Miller

Lee Sahadi

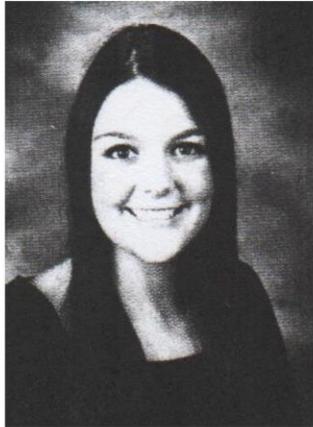
# North Canton Alumni Association

## 2017 Scholarship Recipients

### **Frank Berrodin Citizenship Award**



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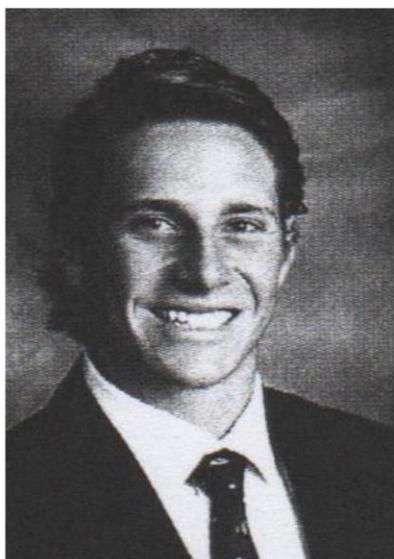
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### **Kenneth Oberlin- Eagle Scout Scholarship**



Nicholas Plentovich

### **Fred & Barbra Stevens Memorial Scholarship**



Reed Davis

### **William DeGregorio Journalism Scholarship**



Kortney Eckelberry

**Hazel Mae Richards- Born: Oct. 8, 1894, Hartville, Ohio**

**Died: Mar. 14, 1977, Canton, Ohio**

**Anabel Richards- Born: Oct. 19, 1918, North Canton, Ohio**

**Died: July 26, 2002, North Canton, Ohio**

The oldest and youngest sisters in a family of nine children, Hazel and Anabel Richards rate as two of the finest female athletes in early North Canton sports history. Along with sisters, Sadye and Genevieve and brothers, Sherwood (Bud), Ralph (Jack) and Roger, they comprised a family sports dynasty that played all sports in all seasons well. In a time when few girls participated in let alone excelled in competitive sports activities, Hazel and Anabel starred in tennis, golf, swimming and softball, before embarking on long and highly successful bowling careers that spanned more than 40 years for both.

Hazel won the county women's singles tennis championship in 1934 while Anabel claimed the same title in 1936. Hazel started bowling in 1928 at the old Community Building lanes. She was reported to have started bowling while still wearing street shoes. She won the Ohio state women's single bowling title in 1936 as well as numerous other local individual and team championships. Hazel was an original inductee into the Greater Canton Women's Bowling Association (GCBWA) Hall of Fame in 1974.

After graduating from high school in 1935, Anabel was active in tennis, golf and softball for several years. Follow in her sister's footsteps, she had an equally productive bowling career starting in 1939. She bowled the first 700 series by a female bowler in Stark County with a 706 series at the North Canton Recreation lanes on October 14, 1963. She was also inducted into the GCWBA Hall of Fame in 1976, and bowled actively until 1982.

Both sisters were long time Hoover Company employees.

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The 2017 Inductees into the North Canton Athletic Hall of Fame include ophthalmologist Dr. Greg Gray, former tennis player and swimmer Scott Green, former wrestling coach Paul Macdonald, softball standout Katie (nee Chain) Miller, three sport player Jack Sponseller and Bill Trumpeter.

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**Recent deaths-** Tom Ashbaugh (67), Marc Blanc (59), Alice Van Vranken Brown (42), Betty Lou (nee Mason) Bushong (52), Tracie Nelson Campbell (50), Brienda Daley-Dickey (03), Robert Decker (60), Margaret (nee Myers) Deibel (35), Donald Floom (54), Bette (nee Bierie) Hammen (42), Larry Herdlick (56), Susan (Nee Holfinger) Kapper (75), Andrew Hoffman, Barbara Jefferson Hoover (46), Paul Hoza (77), Bobbi (nee Kendig) John (70), Kevin Klee(74), Bill Lhota (57) Jeffrey Marapao (73), Michael Maitert (75), Rebecca (nee Evans) McCoy (36), Joe Moledor (53), Shane Mohr (89), Justin Mulheim (00), Kyle Pavkov, John Roberts (47), Fred Ross (67), Tom Schiltz (63), Carrell Fryer Schneider (47), Dave Seeley (67), Terry Sloan (66), Dean Odell Smith, Maybelle Zumbach Smith (44), Susan Smith (67), Mark Stroia (86), Ray Swope, Jr. (62), Jim Van Vranken (44), Paul Venditti (52), Linda Morgan Wilkinson (67).

**Your Alumni Association continues to search for someone to take over our newsletter. We look for new thoughts and ideas. If interested, please contact President Jim Strauch.**