



# VIKING ALERT

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## *Hall of Distinction Inductees - Class of 2020*

*We Proudly Recognize North Canton City School Graduates, Employees and Community Leaders for their Outstanding Contributions to Their Community and Beyond*

Our annual Hall of Distinction Banquet takes on a new twist with the current Covid-19 Pandemic. Temporarily Bypassing our annual banquet for the safety of our inductees and all concerned, we present to you our latest inductees and their stories



**Paul Beinlich**

According to a report in Our Town Magazine, "the humble servitude spirit of Paul Beinlich is why he is such a gift to the hometown he adopted."

Paul was born in Evanston, Illinois, in 1949 to parents Raymond and Mary Beinlich. He attended St. Norbert Elementary School in Northbrook, Illinois, before moving to Wisconsin with his parents and three siblings – David, Tom, and Joan. He graduated from Greendale High School in 1967 and attended the University of Wisconsin, from which he graduated in 1971 with a degree in American Institutions.

After college, Paul began his long and distinguished career with the YMCA. He worked as physical director in Ashland, Ohio, and Danville, Illinois, before coming to North Canton in 1976. He began in North Canton as the senior physical director. He has held a variety of roles – Branch Director

in Columbus, Associate Executive Director in North Canton, and Associate Director of the Central Stark Y before becoming the Executive Director at North Canton in 1997. During his 15-year tenure, he engaged in some major projects. The Gymnastic Center was developed and renovated, a major branch was added on, which allowed for extensive renovations, the parking lot was expanded, the pool was renovated, and there was a complete locker room renovation. The Y as we know it today was made possible under Paul's leadership.

Paul has been active in the community in other ways as well. He has been a member of the North Canton Jaycees, the Plain Rotary Club, and the North Canton Chamber Board. He has served in the North Canton Rotary Club since 1997 and served as president from 2019 to 2020. He has served on the North Canton TAP Committee since 2003 and served as chairman from 2006 to 2008. In 2008, Paul helped to create the Character Counts program in North Canton and served as its Chairman from 2011 to 2012. The program serves to teach and encourage the 6 pillars of character in our schools.

Paul has also been active in his church home at St. Paul's. He is a Helping Hands volunteer, a Eucharistic Minister, and a Community Liaison. From 2015 to 2018, Paul was the Campaign Chair for the church,

school, and parking lot renovation. He worked to help St. Paul's and area businesses better develop the parking area and alley adjacent to the church, and served as Finance Chairman from 2018 to 2019.

Paul has been honored for his service. In 1982, he was named Physical Director of the Year for the Great Lakes Region. In 2007, he was named North Canton Chamber Community Leader of the Year. And St. Paul's named him Volunteer of the Year in 2017.

Paul and his wife, Nancy, still live in and serve North Canton. He enjoys golfing, biking, and traveling. Paul and Nancy have three sons – Christopher, Todd, and Sean – and three grandsons.

Paul Beinlich has been an asset to the North Canton community. The North Canton Alumni Association is pleased to have him as a recipient in its Hall of Distinction.

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**Milo and Betty Bixler**

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Lifelong Methodists and individuals interested in making things better for whomever came in contact with them, Milo and Betty Bixler were the prime organizers in providing North Canton with Faith United Methodist Church.

Betty was born Mary Elizabeth Coder in Muscatine, Iowa, in 1905. She was the youngest of six children and learned to work hard. She and her sister, Mildred, worked together in a one room schoolhouse. They took turns teaching and attending classes at Iowa State Teachers College. There, Betty met Milo Everett Bixler. They married in 1934.

After Milo completed his doctorate at the University of Illinois in 1935, he was hired by the Hoover Company. Betty, Milo, and their son Donald moved to North Canton. During his time at Hoover, Milo worked to become a senior engineer and earned many patents over his 34-year career.

During World War II, Betty put her teaching career on hold to work for the war effort at the Hoover Company. When NoCaHi band director, George Nichols, was drafted in 1943, Betty was approached to take over leadership of the band. She was the director from 1943 to 1945. Milo and Betty continued their relationship with the band. They were members and officers of the North Canton High School

Band Parents organization and chaperoned many bus trips to away games and contests. Following the war, Betty taught at a pre-school in Canton before opening the Betty Bixler School for Four Year-Olds in 1962. Following her retirement, the school relocated to Zion Lutheran Church on Lindy Lane and operated until recently.

In 1956, the Bixlers were approached by realtor George Swindell about a 6.88 acre tract of land on Ninth Street. Swindell knew that the Methodist Church – and Betty and Milo in particular – were interested in having a Methodist Church in North Canton. The Bixlers spent weeks canvassing the town for other supporters of the project. On April 30, 1956, Betty wrote a personal check for \$50 as a 30-day option for the land. Through their efforts, they formed the congregation and constructed the edifice of Faith United Methodist Church. Milo became the first Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Faith, and Betty was the first membership chairman. The church library is named for them.

The Bixlers were instrumental in other ventures as well. Milo was a member of the North Canton Masonic Lodge and founded a Lodge which bears his name at Copeland Oaks where they retired. Milo served on North Canton City Council in the 1940s and served on several West End park committees and work details including the Midget Football program. Betty was a member and officer of the North Canton Chapter of the Philanthropic Educational Organization. She was also one of the original volunteers who canvassed the west end of town collecting monies and pledges to build the North Canton Memorial Stadium.

Milo and Betty's son Donald was president of the NoCaHi senior class in 1953. He attended North Canton schools for all 13 years. He went on

to earn his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from Ohio State in 1959. He retired in 1997 and now resides in Mesa, Arizona.

Betty and Milo moved to Copeland Oaks Retirement Facility in Sebring for their final years. Milo and Betty Bixler's commitment to the community of North Canton is exemplary. It is with gratitude that the North Canton Alumni Association receives them into its 2020 class of the Hall of Distinction.



**Rick Morrison**

According to one of his former swimmers, "Coach Rick Morrison is one of the most dedicated individuals I know, and his passion for swimming is second to none. He has been a blessing to the North Canton City School District and the hundreds of swimmers who have had the great privilege to swim for him."

Rick was born to parents Charles and Lucille Morrison and raised in Canton, Ohio, with his brother Kim. He attended Canton McKinley High School and swam for the legendary Ted Branin in the 1960s. After graduating, he attended the University of Cincinnati where he earned a degree in Education. He later earned a Master's degree in Education from the University of Dayton. Rick taught one year in Cincinnati before being offered a job in North Canton. Here he taught science and established the school's swim team. He began the program



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with many non-swimmers and competed against well established teams. Fortunately, as one former swimmer puts it, "he has an uncanny ability to see talent in a swimmer they don't even know they have, develop that talent and then unleash it at the most opportune time at the end of each season." As a result, Rick's record at Hoover has been 429 wins and only 192 losses. He retired from coaching in 2002 but was soon back. He returned as assistant in 2006 and has been the head coach for the 2018 and 2020 seasons. He is currently continuing in that role. As the head coach, Rick's athletes were state champions in 10 different events and earned 64 All-American Awards. His 1988 boys' team was ranked the 2nd best public school team in the nation.

In 2018, the girls' team was ranked 4th in the nation for schools of our size and the boys were 6th. Many Hoover swimmers have continued their careers at the collegiate level.

As a science teacher, Rick helped initiate the school's Marine Biology program and was part of the program for 29 years. This course gives students a real world experience in a unique field.

Rick has been honored for his efforts. He has been voted District Coach of the Year 12 times. In 1988, he was voted Boys State Coach of the Year and in 2018 was voted Girls State Coach of the Year. At the World Swim Clinic, he won first place in the Councilman Creative Coaching Competition in Washington D.C. and second place at the same competition in San Diego. In 1998, he was inducted into the Greater Canton Aquatics Association Hall of Fame. In 2003, he was elected into the Ohio High School Swim Coaches Association Hall of Fame, and in 2015 he was inducted into the Hoover Athletics Hall of Fame. In 2018, Rick received the National Federation of State High Schools Award as the United States

Eastern Region Coach of the Year. He has been recognized by the North Canton YMCA as Volunteer of the Year.

Rick and his wife, Mary, live in North Canton where he enjoys photography, gardening, and travel. Their daughter, Tracy, lives in the Columbus area.

Rick Morrison's enthusiastic efforts in serving the children of our community are a tribute to his character. It is with great satisfaction that the North Canton Alumni Association welcomes him into its Hall of Distinction.



**Daryl Revoldt**

After many years of service to the city of North Canton, Daryl Revoldt has summarized his experience saying "I have truly enjoyed municipal government and all of its facets. But I also love this town."

In the 1960s, North Canton doubled in size and was considered the best place in the county to live. Murray and Elaine Revoldt moved the family from Perry Township to North Canton in 1964 as Daryl was entering the 8th grade. He began his relationship with North Canton at the old Middle School on Charlotte. He remembers many of his teachers – Mr. Stoica, Mrs. Kidder, Mr. Martz, Mr. Viscounte,

and Mrs. Teeple. He describes the discipline there as "tight and unchallenged" and recalls Mrs. Teeple "imposing a powerful lesson in post bell quiet." At the high school, Daryl had more great teachers including Ray Swope for government and Paul Kieffer for American History – two fields which would become important throughout his life.

After graduating from Hoover in 1969, Daryl went to Miami University. He switched his major from political science to history despite his interest in politics and completed his Bachelor's and Master's degrees at Miami. In 1976, he began his doctoral program at the University of Akron with the intention of teaching history. Unfortunately, when he had completed his PhD, that job market was too saturated.

He ran into his classmate, Mayor Dennis Grady, who convinced him to run for city council. Daryl took out a petition to run for city council on the same day that he and his wife-to-be, Christy, applied for their marriage license. He describes that first political campaign as "fun" and "memorable."

During Daryl's first stint as councilman from 1981 to 1998, he worked with a number of colleagues who he describes as "colorful and unique." Their two main objectives – spearheaded by he and John Boyajian – were the replacement of the city's in-ground infrastructure and the widening and repaving of Main Street. In 1998, when Mayor Bill Hines resigned, Daryl, who was then serving as council president, became mayor. Coincidentally, he became the





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second member of Hoover's Class of 1969 to hold the office. He was later elected mayor and served until 2001.

In addition to his service to the community, Daryl has served the wider community as well. He joined Ralph Regula's district staff in 1985 and worked on projects that continued to benefit North Canton's water system. In 2001, Daryl joined the administration

of Governor Bob Taft attached to the Ohio Department of Development. In 2011, he worked on John Kasich's Ohio Department of Development which has since become Jobs Ohio. His position there helped the city acquire the \$5M Job Ready Sites Grant for the Hoover District. Between his government stints, Daryl worked for Wooster's TechniGraphics and as director of Workforce and Economic Development at Stark State College. He is currently on the Y camp board and the

board of the McKinley Library and Museum. He once again serves North Canton on City Council. Daryl considers his greatest honor to be elected by the people to represent their interests. He understands

the weight of that public trust.

Daryl and Christy have relished their ties to North Canton. Christy taught in North Canton City Schools and they raised their daughters here. Daughter Megan is living in Nashville with their two grandsons, and daughter Annie is living in Atlanta with their grandson and granddaughter. Daryl spends much of his time at the YMCA – often in the swimming lanes – and at the North Canton Library. He owns a vintage library card which gets regular use.

Daryl Revoldt's commitment to the community of North Canton is exemplary. It is with gratitude that the North Canton Alumni Association receives him into its 2020 class of the Hall of Distinction.



## North Canton Siblings Create 'A Quarantined Life' Parody from 'Newsies'

Inspired by a viral YouTube video of a British family performing a song from "Les Miserables," five North Canton siblings created a fresh and funny music clip of their own.

"A Quarantined Life," available on YouTube, is a remake of the song "Carrying the Banner" from the Broadway musical "Newsies" with clever new lyrics about being stuck at home during the Pandemic.

The Vannatta kids — Corrie, 20; Cole, 18; Cade, 16; Cam, 14, and Caleigh (Bitty), 12 — wrote and performed the song at home, and posted the video on YouTube.

It's smartly funny and, like the original song in "Newsies," sung in thick New York accents.

Jeremy Jordan, the original star of "Newsies" on Broadway, was so impressed with "A Quarantined

Life" that he posted the Vannatta's video on his Facebook page with a one-word review: "Brilliant."

"We're all kind of starstruck," Cole said. After Jordan's post, "We were sitting there watching the number of views go up."

The video has had thousands of views, and likes from people as far away as England, Ireland and India.

"I would say we're a pretty big musical family in general. I've personally been in over 25 shows," said Corrie, a Hoover High School graduate and sophomore at the University of Mount Union. Corrie has been a big fan of "Newsies" ever since she first saw the movie version as a middle-schooler. Cade was a cast member of Hoover's production of "Newsies" in February.

The creation of "A Quarantined

Life" was "truly was a collaboration. Corey, Cade and Cam wrote the lion's share of the lyrics," said Colleen Vannatta, their proud mother.

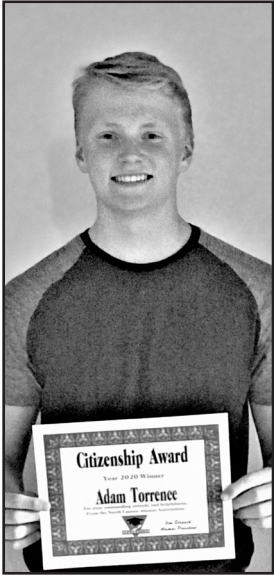
"Cade really made sure it stayed true to the lyrics and rhythms of the original song. Corrie is my whiz kid on rhymes. Cam is super-creative and had lots of input. He put all the music together."

The polished final version posted on YouTube was only the third take. "Making the video, some of us were less enthusiastic than others, but once the ball started rolling and the synergy kicked in, we had a ball doing it," Colleen said.

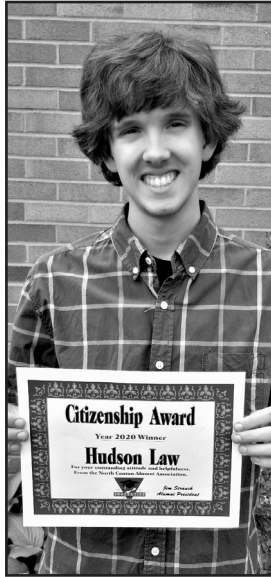
"That's honestly been a big part of our childhood, performing around the house and doing stuff," said Cole, a Mount Union freshman.



## !!!Our 2020 Scholarship Award Recipients!!!



**Andy Torrence**  
Frank Berrodin Citizenship  
Scholarship



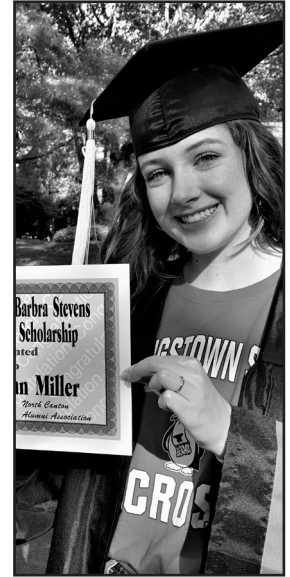
**Hudson Law**  
Frank Berrodin Citizenship  
Scholarship



**Ava Klink**  
William A. DeGregorio Memorial  
Scholarship



**David Nixon**  
G. Kenneth Oberlin Eagle Scout  
Scholarship



**Jordan Miller**  
Fred & Barbara Stevens Memorial  
Scholarship

## Upcoming Class Reunions for 2020/2021!!!

### Class of 1960 - 60th Year Reunion

#### **POSTPONED Until 2021!!**

No date has been set yet.  
For additional information,  
contact Paul Paparone at  
330-966-7820.

### Class of 1965 - 55th Year Reunion

#### **POSTPONED until 2021!!**

The class of 1965 will celebrate their  
55th class reunion on  
September 10 and 11, 2021.  
They will hold a Meet & Greet on  
Friday, September 10 at  
Mulligan's Pub. Saturday's  
reunion will be at Gervasi Vinyard.  
Please contact Carol Selinsky at  
tcselinsky@sssnet.com or  
330-837-6773.

### Class of 1970 - 50th Year Reunion

#### **POSTPONED until 2021!!**

The Hoover Class of 1970 will  
celebrate their 50 year Reunion on  
Saturday, July 17, 2021 at North  
Canton Civic Center. There will be a

Friday night Ice Breaker at Walthers  
Cafe on Applegrove Rd., North Canton.  
If you haven't yet done so, please send  
your updated contact information to  
nchooverreunion70@yahoo.com. We  
can then send you detailed informa-  
tion. Hope to see you there!

### Class of 1971 - 50th Year Reunion

The Hoover Class of 1971 will  
celebrate their 50 year Reunion on  
September 18, 2021 6-11pm at  
La Pizzaria Restaurant. Friday  
Night Get-Together (September 17th)  
at Walther's Restaurant. For more  
information see our Facebook page  
Hoover Class of 1971 50th Class Reunion.  
Contact Kathy Weida at Kweida@att.net  
for additional information.  
Hope to see you there!

### Class of 1975-45th Year Reunion

#### **POSTPONED until 2021!!**

No date has been set yet.  
See our Facebook page,  
North Canton Hoover Class of '75 for  
more information.

### Class of 1980 - 40th Year Reunion

#### **POSTPONED until 2021!!**

No date has been set yet.  
Please see the Facebook page for  
"Hoover High School Class of 1980  
40 Year Reunion" for additional  
information.

### Class of 2000 - 20th Year Reunion

#### **POSTPONED UNTIL 2021!!**

The class of 2000 will hold their 20th  
class reunion on July 24th, 2021.  
Details to follow. Anyone wanting to  
be added to our list can email  
hooverclass2000reunion@gmail.com  
or join our Facebook group  
"Hoover Class 2000 - 20 Year Reunion"

Does your North Canton High School  
Class have a Reunion coming soon?  
Send us your information and we will  
be more than happy to post it for you  
in our next edition for **FREE!**

### **Recent Deaths**

*Class of 1939 - Glen Forney  
Class of 1941 - Ann K. Wolf  
Class of 1946 - Monica Edith Dimmerling  
Class of 1949 - Janet Carter Watkins  
Class of 1954 - Bob Klinger  
Class of 1961 - Robert Lesh  
Class of 1962 - Margaret Ann Pfouts Pechous-Morse  
Class of 1964 - Mark Dornhecker  
Class of 1970 - Ted Honold  
Kerry Keyes  
Paul J. Miller Jr. (Juney)*

*Class of 1973 - Joan Edmondson Kocher  
Sheryl Barchalk Lovgren  
Class of 1977 - Stephen Everhart  
Class of 1978 - Joan Arnold  
David Allen Miller  
- Jeffrey Scott Walsh  
Class of 1984 - Larry Mayfield  
Class of 1986 - James Sturznickel  
Class of 1992 - Heather Williams  
Class of 1998 - Carly Howes Triplett  
  
Rich McElroy - Former Teacher, Coach and  
Hall of Distinction Honoree*

Do YOU have a newsworthy article or piece of interest that you would like to share with your fellow classmates in our newsletter? If so, please drop us a line at: North Canton Alumni Association, P.O. Box 2534, North Canton, OH 44720 **OR** contact us at [www.northcantonalumni.org](http://www.northcantonalumni.org) **OR** contact us by email: [northcantonalumni@gmail.com](mailto:northcantonalumni@gmail.com).