

Stephen P. Warren

Whether you know his name or not, you know Steve Warren's work. He helped to create Sports Time Ohio which is now Bally Sports Ohio, the home of our Cleveland Guardians, where he serves as Director of Operations.

Steve was born to Douglas and Ruth Ann Warren as the oldest of five siblings. The family moved to North Canton in the spring of 1969 when Steve was in the 6th grade. He attended Clearmount Elementary for the rest of the year and graduated from Hoover High School in 1975.

After graduating, Steve attended the Ohio State University for two years before transferring to the University of Akron to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Mass Media and Communications with an emphasis on Radio and Television.

Steve had his first paying TV job while still attending Hoover High School. For 23 years, he was a freelance producer, director, and technical director. His work has

included the Olympics, Major League Baseball, the NFL, the NBA, and NHL including championship matches in each. He has covered every sport -- from football and golf to rugby and horse jumping -- for all of the major broadcast and cable sports networks. For his work, he has been awarded multiple regional and national Emmy Awards. In 1994, Steve became the Broadcasting Operations manager of the Cleveland Indians where he presided over 2 World Series seasons. He left the Indians to work briefly on Baseball Operations at WKYC before helping to found Sports Time Ohio. He has been the Director of Operations there – now known as Bally Sports Ohio – since 2014. He shepherded the network through the lean and chaotic sports year caused by the Covid-19 epidemic.

Despite his busy work life, Steve is very involved in the community. He is a Coroneted 33rd degree member of the Freemasons. He is a Past Master of the Hoover Lodge in North Canton, the Past Commander in Chief of Valley of

Canton Scottish Rite, and Past Commander of Canton Commandery of Knights Templar. He is president of the Euclid's Problem Chapter of the Widows Sons Masonic Riders Association which promotes motorcycling in the Masonic community and raises funds to support the families of their brethren. He is actively involved in the Tadmor Shriners and Rotary International where he has had several leadership roles in district 6630. He has volunteered at the Hall of Fame Enshrinement and worked with many causes to support needy children and animals.

In 1991, Steve married Cheryl Duraski – a graduate of Hoover's class of 1978. They currently reside in Cheryl's childhood home in North Canton. They are members of Zion United Church of Christ in North Canton. Steve enjoys motorcycling, camping, boating, and traveling. He is an FAA-licensed instrument rated pilot.

The impact that Steve has had on sports enthusiasts is profound. He is a son of whom the city of North Canton can

be proud. It is with much esteem that the North Canton
Alumni Association welcomes Stephen P. Warren to the Hall
of Distinction.