



ROCK COUNTY HALL OF HONOR COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016 - 4:00 P.M.

CONFERENCE ROOM N-1 – FIFTH FLOOR

ROCK COUNTY COURTHOUSE-EAST

Agenda

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes – May 13, 2015
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 2016 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.

HALL OF HONOR NOMINATIONS – 2016

NOMINEE

Dean Paynter

William (Bill) Wartmann

Burdette Erickson

NOMINATED BY

Tom Presny and Dennis James

Sandra Kraft

Paul Ryan

ROCK COUNTY HALL OF HONOR NOMINATION FORM

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

NAME OF NOMINEE: DEAN PAYNTER
ADDRESS: 2939 S. COUNTY ROAD D
JANESVILLE WI 53548-9226
TELEPHONE: 608-756-1832

SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO ROCK COUNTY AND ITS PEOPLE:

VOLUNTEER: Has been a longtime (15+ years) member of the Rock County Parks Advisory Committee. ATTENDS ALL meetings & contributes to fund raising of the ROCK COUNTY GREEN FUND to support Rock County Park System.

LEADERSHIP: Current President of the Rock Trail Coalition & has held that position since the 1990's.

Member of the City of Janesville Parks & Recreation Committee.

Board member of the Rock County Ice Age Trail Chapter promoting this trail in Rock County.

ENTREPRENEURIAL: Tremendous fundraiser for parks and trails in Rock County and City of Janesville, LEADS numerous fundraisers throughout the year.

Obtained donations of gravel and cash to connect the PEACE TRAIL between Janesville & Beloit.

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Co-President of New organization supporting Turtle Creek in Rock County called the FRIENDS OF Turtle Creek.

Supports City of Beloit Parks Department with planning of the PEACE TRAIL to and inside of Big Hill Park.

BRIEF STATEMENT: I have personal & professionally known DEAN PAYNTER since the 1990's. He is a shining example of a community minded citizen. He goes 26000 and beyond the call to support County Parks and environmental causes.

DEAN is selfless and gives so freely of his time and money to Parks & trails. His donation of time to these causes surely totals in the several hundred of hours per year. DEAN is most deserving of recognition in the Rock County Hall of Honor.

NOMINATOR NAME: Tom PRESNY (former Parks Director - City of Janesville)

ADDRESS: 5335 N. River Road
Janesville, WI, 53545

TELEPHONE: Home 608-754-8571 Work _____

April 8, 2016

Deadline: Tuesday, May 5, 2015. Please return the completed form to: County Board Chair, 51 S. Main Street, Janesville, WI 53545.

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NAME OF NOMINEE: Dean Paynter

ADDRESS: 2939 South Afton Road
Janesville, WI

TELEPHONE: 608 - 289-5672

SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO ROCK COUNTY AND ITS PEOPLE:

VOLUNTEER: Dean is a long time member of the Rock County Chapter of the Ice Age
Trail Alliance. He has served as the Chapter Secretary, Trail Maintenance
Coordinator and Committee Member. Dean spends many hours every year
mowing, tree cutting, and performing trail maintenance along the Ice Age
Trail in Rock County and at Mobile Skills Crew Projects across the state.
Dean is also very welcoming to new members and hikes on most the
Chapter's scheduled hikes.

LEADERSHIP: Dean is a tireless promoter of hiking trails and multi-use trails in Rock
County. He organizes works days for many Rock County trails, but also
Ice Age Trail. Two years ago when the Rock County of the Ice Age Trail
Alliance needed a Maintenance Coordinator Dean stepped in and served
until someone could be found.

ENTREPRENEURIAL: _____

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS: _____

BRIEF STATEMENT: It is a pleasure working with Dean on any project. He is a tireless
advocate for hiking, biking, skiing and snowshoeing in Rock
County and in Wisconsin. He serves as the Chair of the Rock Trail
Coalition and Member at Large for the Rock County Chapter of the
IATA. Of all the volunteers I've worked with in Rock County,
Dean is the one I feel is most deserving of the recognition of
being in the Rock County Hall of Honor.

NOMINATOR NAME: Dennis James

ADDRESS: 4434 Red Tail Lane
Janesville, WI

TELEPHONE: Home 608-302-1885 Work _____

April 8, 2016
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Chair, 51 S. Main Street, Janesville, WI 53545.

Rock County Hall of Honor Nomination Form

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

NAME OF NOMINEE: William (Bill) Wartmann

ADDRESS: 7356 W. Caledonia Rd.

Edgerton, WI 53534

TELEPHONE: 608-207-0070 (Dave Mezger)

SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO ROCK COUNTY AND ITS PEOPLE:

VOLUNTEER: It is with my greatest pleasure to nominate William Wartmann to the Rock County Hall of Honor for 2016. In 1966 Bill moved from Madison to an abandoned 12-room farmhouse west of Edgerton, in the Town of Porter. While many of his neighbors saw the house only as a wreck; Bill saw its potential. He took it apart and started restoring it. He considered it a labor of love; a 30-year labor of love.

When he married Joyce in 1973 they lived in their home on the prairie and enjoyed their rural life and the people they came to know. They together decided not to spend their money lavishly on themselves but would give it away for public good. That philanthropic decision benefited many people and organizations in our region over the decades.

Mr. and Mrs. Wartmann not only donated to present needs but have provided endowments which will provide security for the future for many organizations. Attached to this nomination form are several letters from organizations which can eloquently explain what Bill means to their organization and the difference he has made.

Above all, Bill is a philanthropist, artist, and educator. The generosity and presence of Mr. and Mrs. Wartmann in Rock County and surrounding areas is hard to articulate in words. Instead, I will quote a few phrases from the letters which impress the impact they have had on our lives.

“His (Bill) generous gifts to an astounding array of institutions and just plain good causes have supported the cultural and intellectual development of many, many thousands of people of all ages, but especially that of the children...”

Richard Mackie, Madison Symphony Orchestra.

Bill and his late wife, Joyce, were prominent among those who stepped up to make sure that the (then) new Madison Opera would have a chance to become successful. They agreed with the company that without an entry point into the arts, children will grow up to believe it is irrelevant in their lives.” They donated generously and were dedicated to support the Performance for Youth.

Kathryn Smith and Lizabeth Tolles, Madison Opera

“The William and Joyce Wartmann endowment to Opera for the Young was created 15 years ago and represents a turning point in our organization's fiscal stability...”

Diane Garton Edie, Opera for the Young

“Bill Wartmann gives to organizations and causes that are important to him and ones that he feels will have a lasting positive impact on the community.”

Jim Raymond, Fulton Village Cemetery Association

LEADERSHIP: “Bill's humble beginnings and challenging youth have made him an outstanding philanthropist. He has empathy for people struggling with poverty and discrimination as he did. He is passionate about supporting young artists that don't have the means to take full advantage of their talents because of the challenges he faced. He acts on his empathy and passion with financial support that make a critical difference for individuals and his community.”

Steve Starkey, OutReach LGBT Community Center

ENTREPRENEURIAL: The letters attached are a mere handful of the representation of the people and organizations that Bill has touched. Below is a list of some of the other organizations that were recipients of his benevolence.

- Janesville YMCA
- Purchased band and choir uniforms for Edgerton schools
- Gifts for Kids program in Edgerton
- Edgerton Library Renovation Fund
- Annual scholarship fund for Edgerton High School Seniors
- Music and art scholarships
- Edgerton Performing Arts Center (EPAC) endowment
- Junior Proms and Post Proms
- Friends of Noah animal rescue
- Lyric Opera of Chicago
- First Unitarian Church of Madison
- Salvation Army of Rock and Dane County
- Second Harvest Food Bank
- Centro Hispano, Latin community, Madison
- Fulton Village Cemetery Association
- PBS (Public Broadcasting Service)
- WPR (Wisconsin Public Radio)
- UW, Madison, annual scholarships

- Edgerton Hospital Rehabilitation Center
- Arts Council of Edgerton
- Edgerton Outreach Program
- Rock County Historical Society
- Wisconsin Historical Society
- Sterling North Book & Film Festival
- Edgerton Pottery Plaza
- Pauline Pottery Exhibit at the Edgerton Library
- Lighting at Edgerton Ballpark
- Donated to Edgerton Schools for Farm-to-Table Program

While this list relates to monetary donations, it cannot begin to describe the pride his donations have given to our residents about their community, the start in life for students who were the recipients of his generosity in scholarships, nor can it describe the world being opened to our youth as they hear their first opera or see their first stage performance. Bill has touched so many and in ways he will never know.

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS: _____

BRIEF STATEMENT: Please take the time to read the attached letters. You will gain some perspective on the generosity and the kind, caring heart of Mr. Wartmann. You will then begin to understand the difference he has made in our community. Bill embodies the description of stewardship which is 'the ability to plant a tree and not sit under its shade'.

NOMINATOR NAME: Sandra Kraft

ADDRESS: 383 E. Samuelson Dr.
Edgerton, WI 53534

TELEPHONE: Home: 608-751-6249 Work: _____

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 County Board Chair, 51 S. Main Street, Janesville, WI 53545.

TRACEY VAN ZANDT

From: RANDOLPH TERRONEZ
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2016 12:43 PM
To: TRACEY VAN ZANDT
Subject: FW: Hall of Honor Nomination

-----Original Message-----

From: MARILYN BONDEHAGEN
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2016 7:56 PM
To: RANDOLPH TERRONEZ <RANDOLPH.TERRONEZ@co.rock.wi.us>
Subject: FW: Hall of Honor Nomination

From: Online Form Submission [noreply@co.rock.wi.us]
Sent: Friday, April 8, 2016 3:49 PM
To: MARILYN BONDEHAGEN
Subject: Hall of Honor Nomination

Nominee Information

Mr. Burdette Erickson
115 S. High St.
Janesville, WI 53548
608-752-1279

Contributions

Volunteer: As someone who is dedicated to serving others, Burdette Erickson has been instrumental in spearheading community involvement and safety initiatives, both in the City of Janesville in general and particularly in the Fourth Ward in Janesville, the neighborhood that he proudly calls home. He also helped create the 'Fourth Ward Committee,' a select group of local residents who have dedicated themselves to bettering the community through improved safety and beatification efforts. He and his fellow Committee members also work closely with local law enforcement and community leaders to deter and prevent criminal activity in the area. He is a tireless advocate for not only building community spirit, but also works to promote safety and instill a renewed sense of community pride.

Leadership: Burdette is well-known for his willingness to advocate with local officials, often attending City Council meetings and initiating meetings with City Officials in his free time. In addition to being a respected educator, the now-retired Burdette is also dedicated to serving his fellow Janesville residents as a grassroots community leader. His tireless efforts were even recognized by the Janesville Police Department when they awarded him their Law Enforcement Service Award. Burdette's own words sum up his leadership best -- in the January 18, 2014 issue of the "Janesville Gazette," Burdette was quoted as having said, "There are honorable and respectable people who wish to serve the entire city and not any one particular issue or any one particular neighborhood." While he strives to better his local neighborhood, his overall focus on improving and strengthening the Janesville community as a whole drives his volunteer spirit and helps him to motivate others to follow suit.

Entrepreneurial:

Other Contributions:

Brief Statement: Burdette is an exemplary community leader and tireless advocate. He has displayed dedication to his neighbors, a love of his community, and a genuine desire to see his hometown and the lives of all who call Janesville home bettered through his advocacy and service. Burdette is a true champion of Janesville and a reflection of why people like him - the heart and soul of Janesville - make this city so wonderful and a place that I, too, am immensely proud to call my home. I believe that he would be an outstanding honoree in the Rock County Wall of Honor, and I would respectfully ask that my nomination be given your fullest consideration.

Nominator Information

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