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# Hall of Fame

On February 24, 1987, Charlotte Ford Spillane, Assistant Principal of Toms River High School South, obtained approval of the Board of Education of the Toms River Regional Schools to found a Toms River Schools Hall of Fame to honor those who had attended or graduated from the public schools of Toms River and who had made significant contributions to the cause of humanity in their various fields of endeavor.

A Board of Trustees was formed with thirteen members, each of whom had either graduated from Toms River or had been employed in the school system for a long period of time. Responsibilities of the trustees would be to research possible candidates, to manage financial support, to collect memorabilia and other gifts, and to organize a display of the honorees.

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# Hall of Fame

## CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF CANDIDATES

1. A candidate will begin to be considered for induction twenty years after leaving school.
2. A candidate must have attended one of the public schools in a town now included in the Toms River Regional School District.
3. A candidate shall have made a significant contribution to the cause of humanity, improved the quality of life, or achieved outstanding recognition in his or her career or education.



## NOMINATIONS

The public is encouraged to nominate those who have attended the Toms River Schools (graduation not a criterion) and who they feel are worthy of consideration. To nominate, send the name, address and telephone number of your candidate along with your recommendation to The Toms River Schools Hall of Fame, 54 Washington Street, Toms River, New Jersey 08753. A questionnaire will be sent to the nominee or to a friend or relative. Upon receipt of the questionnaire, the Board of Trustees will continue the research to determine eligibility of the candidate nominated. Trustees vote once a year to choose honorees. Those not selected remain on the eligible list for five years.

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# PROGRAM

Welcome & Introduction of Distinguished Guests ..... Linuel P. Lloyd III  
Chairperson/High School Social Studies Supervisor

Greetings ..... Betty Vasil  
President, Board of Education

..... Michael J. Ritacco  
Superintendent of Schools

Invocation ..... Father Emmett Carroll, Honoree '07

## Presentation of Awards

Criteria and Selection Process..... Linuel P. Lloyd III

### Honorees

2009 Distinguished Honoree

**P. David Correll**

Presenter: Dr. Jeffrey Schenker, Trustee

Last Year Attended  
or Year of Graduation

Category

1941 **Sidney L. Harris**.....Business

Presenter: Robert Garthwaite, Trustee  
Honoree '91

1959 **Peter E. Thompson**..... Chemical Engineer

Presenter: Irene Hartmann, Trustee

1968 **Marian Head** ..... Writer & Business Consultant

Presenter: Deborah L. McKenna, Trustee  
Assistant Superintendent of Schools

1970 (South) **Dr. Eric Dinerstein**..... Wildlife Scientist

Presenter: John Garrabrandt, Trustee

Honorary Award '90  
**Presentation of the Dr. Eric Dinerstein Scholarship Award**  
Presenter: John Garrabrandt, Trustee  
Honorary Award '90

1979 (North) **Marie DeNoia Aronsohn** ..... Reporter/Journalist

Presenter: Norma Spice  
High School Science Supervisor

1982 (East) **Danny Clinch** ..... Photography

Presenter: Linuel P. Lloyd, Chairperson  
High School Social Studies Supervisor

### **HONORARY AWARD**

In 1990 the Hall of Fame created a plaque on which a Hall of Fame medallion was mounted. The plaque, with an appropriate inscription engraved, was given that year to two individuals who sanctioned, championed, and facilitated the goals of the Toms River Schools Hall of Fame.

Albert J. Dietrich  
Superintendent of Schools

"For encouraging and supporting the founding of the Toms River Schools Hall of Fame with appreciation from the Board of Trustees."

John R. Garrabrant  
Senior Assistant Superintendent of Schools

"For his dedication to and enthusiastic support of the ideals of the Toms River Schools Hall of Fame with appreciation from the Board of Trustees."

### **DISTINGUISHED HONORARY MEDALLION**

In 1991 the Hall of Fame Distinguished Honorary Medallion was awarded for the first time. The medallion, which is mounted on a plaque, was created to honor those who did not attend the Toms River Schools but who contributed in an exemplary way to the ideals and educational philosophy of our school system.

1991 Renee A. Ewart

"Whose teaching inspired her students not only to love the French language but to respect all learning . . ."

"For a lifetime of excellence."

1992 Elinor Bryant

"For a lifetime of excellence in teaching."

"Love the children and let them know you love them."

1993 Dr. Edgar M. Finck

"Honored for a lifetime of creative educational ideas."

"Teaching is a joyous experience because it is a life of service;  
teaching is forever."

1994 Nathaniel S. Detwiler

"For a lifetime of excellence and innovation as an educational leader."

"He understood, encouraged, created and inspired with unique enthusiasm."

"G-R-R-R-R- Fight"

1995 Charlotte Ford Spillane

"Doing the right thing for students and the community is her delight."

"Her joie de vivre inspires all who know her."

1996 Bessie N. McLean

"Honored for a lifetime of inspiring in students the love of books."

"Treasured friendships make lasting memories."

1997 DeWitt E. "Doc" Ricketts

"A leader of teachers."

"He had the knack of seeing what was true and important and framing it clearly."

1998 Gerald Rich

"And gladly would he learn, and gladly teach."

1999 Joseph D. Clouser

"Yes you can...if you try."

2000 William "Doc" Dougherty

"United States Marine, teacher, coach, family man, humanitarian, friend to all."

"Try to be the best that you can be."

2001 Isadore M. Hirshblond

"The show must go on! Why? There's five dollars in the box office, and we can't return it."

2002 William E. "Bill" King

"Don't ever give up!"

2003 Albert J. Dietrich

"A leader in the pursuit of excellence for the Toms River Regional School District."

"Children are a product of their environment, and the Toms River community and schools provide a caring and safe environment."

2004 Olga Clement

"For leadership and encouragement of teachers and children in the face of challenge."

"Be prepared to give your best to everything you do."

2005 Margaret F. Bartlett

"For outstanding contributions to the Toms River Regional School District."

"Anything worth doing is worth doing well."

2007 Milton H. Gelzer

"I shall find the path or I shall build one."

2009 P. David Correll

"Do As Much as You Can! To As Many as You Can! As Long As You can!"

"Always do what's Right – No Matter what the Consequences!"

And, of course: "Ask not what South can do for you, but what you can do for South!"

**P. David Correll**  
**(Distinguished Honoree)**

P. David Correll was born on January 6, 1940 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. David graduated from John Harris High School. It was in High School that David learned the value of school spirit. David attended Elizabethtown College where he graduated with a degree in Liberal Arts. At Elizabethtown David demonstrated his commitment to others by serving as President of the Student Senate.

On August 19, 1961 David married Dianna Hoover. They have four children: Kelly, Dave, Carolyn, and Debbie. David started his teaching career at Mansfield Junior-Senior High School in Mansfield, Pennsylvania in 1961. Toms River High School South was changed forever when he accepted a social studies position with our school district in 1964.

While serving in numerous capacities during his forty-three year career, David will always be remembered for his phenomenal dedication and dynamic personality. His dedication is shown whether he was in the classroom or in the myriad of activities David was involved in directing.

It can be strongly argued that David has had the greatest impact of any educator in the long history and proud tradition of Toms River High School South. It is staggering to think of the countless young men and women whose lives he has touched upon. David has taught much more than history, but also values, pride, tradition and what it means to be an Indian!

Some of the lasting contributions David has made to High School South include originating the following: Senior Week, Senior Night, Senior Awards Night, Most Loyal Fan Award. Advanced Placement History Test Review, Senior Parents Night, Band Recognition Night and Voice of the Indian.

David created long lasting school spirited traditions at High School South including: The Mascots, Preservation of the Victory Bell, Preserving of Downtown Victory Parades, Adapting School symbols and courtyard beautification.

The recognition for David's extraordinary career has been quite noteworthy. He is a two time Indian of the Year and Teacher of the Year award Winner. The yearbook has been dedicated to David on three occasions. It is only fitting that High School South has the "Voice of the Indian Press Box". The school's beautiful courtyard is dedicated to David. He has been given the Toms River Student Loan Fund Special Achievement Award for Teaching Excellence.

David's outreach into the community is exemplified by his receipt of the VFW Post 6063 Outstanding Citizen Award. David's church activities have been acknowledged by the First United Methodist church of Toms River Award for Stewardship in the schools.

It can be said of P. David Correll that his legacy will truly resonate through the hallways and classrooms of Toms River High School South as long as the "School Upon a Hill" stands.

The Toms River Schools Hall of Fame Board of Trustees is pleased to honor P. David Correll as its Distinguished Honoree for 2009.

# Hall of Fame

## HONOREES

<u>Last Year Attended or Graduation</u>		<u>Inducted</u>
1882	Simon Lake	1989
1883	Ethleen Longstreet	1988
1883	William Henry Fischer	1991
1891	Philip Sheridan Bailey	1988
1904	Frank W. Sutton, Jr.	1989
1908	James Stanley McClenahan	1992
1910	Dorothy Jameson	1988
1914	Benjamin Novins	1989
1917	George Daniel Moore	1990
1920	Elizabeth Sculthorpe Force	1988
1922	Adolph E. Woolley	1989
1924	Johanna Wells-Smith	1988
1924	Mildred Worth Potter	1991
1925	Margaret Maisch Moore	1990
1926	Ethel Price Gaunt	1988
1926	Joseph A. Citta	1988
1927	Bartholomew Applegate Ellis	1990
1928	Arthur Cornelius, Jr.	1997
1931	Lewis H. Elverson	1988
1934	Dr. Robert E. White	2002
1935	Rt. Rev. Albert Van Duzer	1988
1936	Dr. Faye Glenn Abdellah	1989
1936	Dorothy Dugan	1989
1936	Pauline S. Miller	1988
1936	Barbara T. Carlino	2003
1937	John H. Beddow	1996
1937	CDR George Cornelius USN (Ret.)	1990
1937	Nelson H. Cornell	1999
1938	Jack H. Milne	1989
1938	Hugh Connolly Clayton	1991
1938	Dr. Arthur A. Socolow	1993
1939	Dr. Edwin P. Mickiewicz	1998
1939	Lloyd R. Clayton	2003
1939	Bernard "Ben" Carroll	2004

1941	Carolyn M. Campbell	1995
1941	Sidney L. Harris	2009
1942	Wallace A. "Gub" Polhemus	2002
1942	George A. Lillie	1999
1942	Rt. Rev. Vincent King Pettit	1991
1942	Janet Loveman Taber	1998
1943	Dr. Alfred J. Casagrande, Jr.	1999
1943	Robert L. Garthwaite	1991
1943	Dave Johnson	2001
1943	Vincent J. Smith	1994
1944	Richard C. Clement	1990
1944	L. Manuel Hirshblond	1991
1944	The Rev. Lloyd Rogers Applegate	1993
1944	Robert F. Novins	2000
1944	Dan Kahler	2005
1944	Friar Emmett Carroll	2007
1946	Mary Ellen Hudson	2000
1946	Lester A. "Bud" Tice	2000
1946	William Lee Polhemus	2004
1946	William Skillman	2007
1947	Robert W. Camp	1998
1948	Clifford William Campbell	2001
1948	Dr. Allen H. Kassof	1988
1949	Juanita Carfora	1993
1949	Lolita Carfora	1993
1949	Burton K. Davis	1993
1950	Zev Rosen	1991
1951	Roberta Hornig Draper	1994
1951	Dr. Karl Engelman	1990
1951	Annette Brafman Meyers	1992
1952	Capt. Albert E. Graham	1998
1952	Dr. Walter J. Kahn	1995
1954	Max Culpepper	1989
1954	Richard D. Garretson	1994
1955	Robert Gasser	2007
1956	Alan Rinzler	1999
1956	William Sommeling	1993
1957	Dr. Carl E. Wagner	1990
1958	Maxine Glorsky	1990
1958	Charles H. Ehrmann	1991
1959	Donald J. Bennett	2002
1959	David K. Jeffrey	2003
1959	Gia Maione Prima	2004
1959	Peter E. Thompson	2009
1960	Laurence M. Johmann	1992
1960	Diana Janusz Kedz	1997
1960	Roman Rudnytsky	1988

1961	Donald V. Browne	1992
1961	Carole Applegate Hedinger	1999
1962	David Bailey Lee	2002
1962	Dr. Celia Genishi	1989
1962	Hon. Alexander D. Lehrer	1993
1962	Robert L. Pastine	1997
1962	Dorian Rudnytsky	1997
1962	Clarence E. "Bud" Aldrich III	2000
1963	Dr. Heidi Hartmann	1989
1963	Dr. Bambi Bernhardt Schieffelin	1988
1963	Marie E. Snyder	1996
1964	Judge Julio M. Fuentes	2001
1964	Dr. Susan D. Halsey	1992
1964	Dr. Noel Ritter Valis	1995
1964	Ellen Estomin	2004
1964	Paul Raffer, MD	2007
1965	John C. Bartlett	2007
1965	Robert H. Ogle	1995
1965	Dr. Lewis Pyenson	1990
1965	Richard C. Ward	1998
1967	Laurence E. Bethune	1992
1967	Dr. Kenneth M. Green	1997
1967	Linda Troeller	1994
1967	Bonnie L. Nycz Blume	2002
1968	Tom Brown, Jr.	1994
1968	Marian Head	2009
1969	William Campbell	1992
1969	Gary A. Jobson	1990
1969	Glenn R. Reichardt	1997
1969	Brig. Gen. Norton A. Schwartz	1996
1969	Nancy Hudson Aaberg	2002
1970 (South)	Dr. Russell C. Cattley	1995
1970 (South)	Dr. Eric Dinerstein	2009
1970 (South)	Thomas L. Finkbiner	1999
1970 (South)	Dr. Vivien Green Fryd	1996
1970 (South)	William "Rip" Scherer	1996
1970 (South)	William Malast	2005
1971 (South)	Joan E. Bray	1994
1971 (South)	Dr. Dale Whilden	1992
1971 (South)	Miguel Reabold	2003
1972 (North)	Colonel Mike Applegate	2000
1972 (North)	E. David Millard	2001
1972 (South)	Miechelle O. Willis	2003
1972 (South)	Diana (Levine) Madaras	2005
1972 (North)	Theresa Lettman	2005
1973 (North)	Steve Mormando	1996
1973 (North)	Dr. Lee E. Schechter	1995
1973 (North)	Valerie R. Bencivenga	2004

1974 (North)	Sonya Naryshkin, M.D.	2001
1974 (South)	Geoffrey Rich	2005
1977 (South)	Anthony G. Calamai	2003
1978 (South)	Neal Mayer	2001
1978 (South)	Sandra D. Levine	2004
1979 (South)	Todd G. Buchholz	2000
1979 (North)	Marie DeNoia Aronsohn	2009
1982 (East)	Danny Clinch	2009
1983 (East)	Joseph W. Scott	2005
1984 (East)	Michael Piscal	2007

## Sidney L. Harris

Anyone visiting downtown Toms River is familiar with Harris' Store and it's "Distinctive Apparel for Men & Women". Founded in the 1920's by Abe Harris, Sid's father, it has been a fixture of the downtown landscape.

Sid attended Toms River School from grade 1 through grade 12, graduating in 1941. A top student, he played first trumpet in the high school band and first violin in the orchestra. Among his many accomplishments he won the school wide American Legion Oratorical Contest.

Like many of his 1941 classmates, Sid would soon be in military service joining the Army Air Corps in 1942 and entering the Flying Cadet program. After receiving his wings and commission Sid volunteered to fly B-17s. Once he completed transition training he was assigned to a crew of nine. Together Sid and his crew flew over 32 missions over Europe.

As far as combat missions Sid remembers, "We had some easy ones and a number of tough times. One in particular stands out. On a Berlin mission we ran into strong opposition before reaching our target. We lost an engine causing a loss of airspeed and a loss of altitude. Our squadron continued on without us. I had to turn back and jettison our bomb load. They then got my second engine and things got serious. Luckily for me a P-51 joined up for protection. I was trying to reach England, all this time still losing altitude and airspeed. We could not make it back. I hit the bail out alarm and my boys jumped. Frank, my co-pilot, and I were alone. Looking out the right window, we spotted an airstrip and decided to try a crash landing. Time for one more turn...we turned into the airstrip, dropped the wheels, flaps and pulled on the elevator with everything we had. The plane crash landed on an RAF fighter strip in Holland. We were both lucky. We were picked up and taken back to our base. I was assigned another B-17 and continued flying missions until the end of the war."

Sid came home after the war, went to college and, upon graduating, returned to Toms River with many opportunities that might take him away from his hometown. Sid's dad offered him the opportunity to stay home to take over and run Harris'. He chose to accept his father's offer. If you stopped in Harris' in the 50's, 60's, 70's and/or 80's, chances are you met Sid. Outgoing and friendly, Sid was always ready to talk as well as sell you a suit or a pair of pants. If you served in the Army AOR Corp or had an interest in boats or planes (his passion), so much the better!

All in all, Sid Harris became a popular hometown son. He was a World War II flying fortress pilot and a dedicated and active contributing member of the Ocean County Community. Sid was more than just a personable businessman. Sid was an active participant and leader in the community. He was someone who contributed much to its growth and took a leading role in turning the town and county into what it is today.

He is past President of the Kiwanis, District Commission of the Ocean County Council of the Boy Scouts of America for 20 years, Chairman of the Council's Eagle Scout Board of Review (Sid is an Eagle himself), and an active member of the Toms River Chamber of Commerce, serving as Vice President.

Although Sid retired and moved to Florida in 1991, he will always have a special place in the heart of this community.

Toms River Regional Schools congratulates Sidney L. Harris as a 2009 member of the Hall of Fame.

## Peter E. Thompson

You may be unaware and surprised to learn that Peter Elwood Thompson, Toms River High School graduate of 1959, has insinuated himself into your household and automobiles. He walks through doors with you and looks out your windows. He sees you driving around the block, as well as the dents and scratches your teenagers add to the patina of the family car. This is possible because he helped develop and apply the SMC process of production that is now used in entry doors and automobile bodies across the world.

Pete started working in fiber reinforced epoxies at the original Toms River Chemical for the Ciba Products Company where he says he was named on a few patent applications. One was for an epoxy electrical pot head for stand off insulators; another was for a storage-stable epoxy molding compound that became Ciba Pipe Systems fittings compound.

After the merger of Ciba and Geigy in the '70s and the consolidation of operations in Ardsley, New York, Pete moved to Indiana and worked for Eagle-Picher Plastics where he became Development and Applications Manager with three chemists and an SMC lab reporting to him. SMC stands for Sheet Molding Compound, a moldable fiberglass composition with industrial and automotive application. Examples include exterior body panels for cars, trucks, and agricultural tractors; architectural fiberglass entry doors, etc. and is also utilized in the food, electrical, and appliance industries. You may remember the 1990 Chevy Lumina Minivan. It was the first minivan with all SMC body panels, doors, lift hatch and roof. Other vehicles in the SMC GM-200 platform included a Pontiac (Transport), and an Olds (Silhouette) model.

As a member of the Thompson family that has roots in the original Dover Township back into the 1700s, Pete attended Toms River Elementary, Junior High School and High School, and then attended Lafayette College. He joined the Marine Corps Reserve and trained with the Platoon Leaders Class at Quantico, VA, in 1961. In high school he had four years of band and chorus, three year of All-Shore Band and Orchestra (trombone), four years of track and field, vice president of the Class of 1959, and member of the men's quartet of the legendary 1958 production of "South Pacific" ("Nothin' Like a Dame") with former Honoree Gia Prima.

Pete has pursued genealogical investigations begun when he worked for Herb Miller at Lawyers Title Insurance, as a title searcher and abstractor in the '60s. Between 1968 and 1974, he developed an interest in pipe organs, and learned much from Henry Baecker (his wife Alma Baecker was the organist and choir director the Presbyterian Church). For assisting with the dismantling of the Presbyterian pipe organ when the church moved from Washington Street to Hooper Avenue, the dismantling of the Baptist Church pipe organ and other projects, Pete was often "paid" in pipes, chests and other parts. He eventually built his own "home" pipe organ from these accumulated parts.

He has been a life-long member of the NRA, a Boy Scout leader for Troop 1, Toms River, and Troop 348 Hoagland, Indiana, and sang for years in church and community choirs. He also holds a ham radio operator general class license.

His additional work history includes SMC technology development for Nan Ya Plastics, Taipei, Taiwan and Dong Yang Eagle-Picher, Incheon, Korea. Working as a consultant, he helped convince Plastpro, Inc, a Taiwanese owned U.S. Company, that they could produce entry doors in the U.S. "faster, better and cheaper" than import them from Taiwan. With Pete's input to the project, a \$33,000,000 Ohio factory employing 120 was built and has delivered on that pledge. Pete is now semi-retired.

Copies of his paper, "Designed Experiments in SMC Process," are available with his memorabilia.

Pete cites several Toms River school teachers for lessons learned and appreciated for a lifetime: Edith Siddons, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade English; Seymour Hertzson, Mechanical Drawing; Donald Davis, Chemistry and Physics; Dorothea Lilly, Vocal Music; and Joseph Clouser, Instrumental Music.

The Toms River Hall of Fame is proud to honor Peter E. Thompson as a 2009 member of the Hall of Fame.

## Marian Head

*Marian Head's vision and organizational brilliance made it possible to manifest the historic Soviet-American Citizens' Summits that officials have hailed as turning points in ending cold war stereotypes. (Rama Vernon, President of the Center for International Dialogue, 2005)*

Whether facilitating ground-breaking international conferences or leading corporate teams to peak performance, Marian's passion for community-building and her gift for designing collaborative processes has literally changed the world.

A pioneer in business, government and education, Marian has had the opportunity to serve Fortune 500 companies like AT&T and Federal Express, and world leaders such as His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Mother Teresa, Vice President Al Gore and President Mikhail Gorbachev. She was honored as one of the top leaders in the training profession by the International Society for Performance and Instruction while at the U.S. Senate as its first Training Director. That same professional association invited her to chair their prestigious international awards committee to select the Outstanding Instructional Program of the year in 1983.

Marian's natural leadership qualities appeared early in her life, right here in Toms River, when she accepted the presidency of her 4-H Club. Moving from Toms River to attend the University of Maryland, she quickly rose to elected leadership levels in the Residence Halls Association and as a trusted student advisor on the Chancellor's Undergraduate Advisory Council. She was honored as the only independent (non-Sorority) woman by the esteemed Junior Women's Diadem.

Following her Masters Degree in Educational Technology from Catholic University of America in 1976, Marian gave back to her alma mater by creating and teaching their first graduate level Business Communications course. Later, when she moved to Colorado, she and her husband Glenn initiated and co-chaired the nation's first graduate department of Leadership and Organizational Transformation.

Marian founded Marlin Press in 1983, initiating the first "Professional Trainer's Collection" to serve corporate trainers and managers, and to provide a venue for her colleagues' publications. Marlin Press published its first international award-winning book in 1984. Two decades later, she published her own award-winner, *Revolutionary Agreements*, based on principles that have served hundreds of thousands around the world in living in greater peace with themselves and others.

As a child growing up in the big white farmhouse atop Hilltop Farm on Route 9, Marian reflects on her early wishes. She recalls, "Whether it was 'Star Light, Star Bright...', or blowing out candles on my childhood birthday cakes, I would always silently ask for 'Peace on Earth.'" This early calling manifests itself in all of Marian's life work, both professional and volunteer. Whether co-managing her own team of 40 professionals, facilitating a board meeting of medical doctors, or addressing a conference of thousands of international delegates, Marian's intention to bring out the best in each unique individual while collaborating toward common goals has produced extraordinary results.

Among her most memorable contributions was serving as Program Coordinator towards the end of the Cold War for two Soviet-American Citizens' Summits, bringing together these former enemies of state to develop personal relationships though working on joint projects of common interest. As a result, thousands of participants birthed hundreds of collaborative projects in 1989 in Washington DC and 1990 in Moscow. During this same period, she had the extraordinary experience of co-creating and facilitating the first Global Forums of Parliamentary and Spiritual Leaders in Oxford and Moscow. The Oxford meeting was widely regarded as the largest gathering of church and state in modern times, bringing together parliamentarians from 80 nations with leaders of the five major religions to collectively address issues of human survival.

Today, Marian applies her compassionate leadership towards transforming society's ailing health care and justice systems, while fostering world peace. As CEO of Head2Wellness, a multi-million dollar home-based business, Marian says that she is "solving the health care crises...one healthy person at a time." In 2004, she rejoined the board of Global Family, a UN NGO for which she served on the founding board in 1986.

Always the pioneer, in 2008 Marian helped to birth a new non-profit, The National Environmental Public Advocates, headed by Robert Martin, EPA Ombudsman to three US Presidents. The NEPA serves communities threatened by toxic contaminants by focusing on educating citizen advocates. One of every four U.S. citizens lives within five miles of an egregious, federally-recognized toxic site. Clearly, Marian is not frightened away by the magnitude of our nation's problems.

Next, she took on the criminal justice system! In 2009, her passion for restorative justice landed her as President of the Board of Teaching Peace, the parent organization for her community's alternative to the penal system. She is proud to report that the Longmont Community Justice Partnership boasts a 4.3% re-arrest rate in 2008 for those offenders who took responsibility to repair the harm they caused to their victims and community. This number is especially meaningful when compared to the national recidivism average for the penal system of nearly 70%. Beyond the statistics is the even more significant human factor: offenders have the opportunity to rebuild relationships, restore their place in and become contributing members of their community. With over two million people in our nation's jails, Marian is passionately supporting her community's model of restorative justice while raising the national awareness of this cost-effective alternative to a penal system that is no longer working.

Ward Flynn, author of *The Truth Zone: Building the Truthful Organization from the Bottom Up!* (Simon & Schuster) sums up Marian's contributions with a comment about her book, "*I am grateful to Marian Head for bringing the Revolutionary Agreements to others, at home, at work, in relationships, among friends, clubs, and wherever two or more are gathered. Marian's personal testimony illustrates the power that is unleashed when we work together for the good of all. Her Revolutionary Agreements have changed lives, transformed businesses, and an improved community....It is an idea whose time has come.*"

It is our honor to induct Marian Head into the TRHS Hall of Fame for the year 2009.

Class of 1968

Inducted May 3, 2009

## Eric Dinerstein, PhD

***"We must decide how many of Earth's 15,000,000 species receive a ticket on the ark to the next generation. By protecting forests, deserts, grasslands, coral reefs, rivers, and streams, WWF commits to guaranteeing their safe passage."***

As a result of an "epiphany moment..." that occurred during Eric's sophomore year while attending Northwestern University when he was living with friends in a farmhouse on 250 acres, his academic and career directions were changed forever. As he wandered the woods and fields there he began to develop a curiosity about, *and* interest in, the workings *and* wonders of nature. From this experience during his early undergraduate years he set forth on a path to study and ultimately do all that he could to preserve and protect many of the wonders of nature throughout the world.

Changing his major from film studies at Northwestern that he hoped would lead him to Hollywood, Eric began to study the sciences that ultimately enabled him to earn a Bachelors Degree in Science in 1975 from the Huxley College of Environmental Studies at Western Washington University. Subsequently, he went on to earn both a Masters Degree in Wildlife Science (1980) and a Doctorate of Philosophy in Wildlife Science (1983) from the University of Washington.

It is important to note that, in terms of Eric's commitment to the study of wildlife sciences, he volunteered to serve as a U. S. Peace Corps Volunteer in the Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation in Katmandu, Nepal *from* 1975-1978. He also did post-doctoral fellow studies and work from 1983-1988 at the National Zoological Park, Conservation and Research Center of Fort Royal, Virginia and Nepal.

In his current position as Chief Scientist and Vice President for Science at the World Wildlife Fund, and since his epiphany as a sophomore at Northwestern, he has traveled the world on behalf of the protection and preservation of endangered wildlife eco-regions. His work in Nepal and eastern Russia on behalf of the protection of tigers, snow leopards, and the one horned rhinoceros is legendary. For these accomplishments and others he is both praised and respected by the scientific community.

A reading of Dr. Dinerstein's two major books, *Last of the Unicorns* (2003) and *Tigerland and Other Unintended Destinations* (2005), provide an exciting a vivid description of the successful work that has gone on around the world by Eric and fellow scientists to protect endangered animals/species. Without their unselfish work future generations would not have the pleasure of either seeing them at all due to their extinction or viewing them in their natural habitat.

Among some of the many places that Eric has traveled to do his good work are Nepal, India, Russia, the Great Northern Plains of Montana, Costa Rica, Venezuela, the Galapagos Islands (where Darwin visited in the 1830's for 19 days that led to his publication in 1859 of *The Origin of the Species*), New Caledonia, Tanzania and the Serengeti, and Madagascar.

Often traveling and working in some of the most unforgiving conditions Dr. Dinerstein, his staff, and fellow scientists worked with native populations to educate them about the value of conservation and how such efforts can only serve to better their societies. In order to more effectively work with these native populations, he often showed a facility for learning how to speak and understand their language.

Dr. Dinerstein has written or co-written over 91 scientific publications dealing with biodiversity and conservation priorities appropriate to critical areas of the world. He has spoken at numerous seminars, universities and other forums in order to advocate for the essential work of the World Wildlife Fund. He has emphasized how important it is for all of us to realize that we have a vital stake in the conservation and protection of those environments and species that will help to keep Mother Earth the diverse and accepting place it should be for varied life forms.

His varied professional experiences dating back to 1977 are absolutely awe inspiring and, for the purpose of this narrative, too numerous to mention. From his initial experiences as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Nepal in the mid 1970's, to Adviser of the Snow Leopard Conservation Project in 1984, to Asia Program Scientist for the World Wildlife Fund Program from 1988-1990, to Co-Director Conserving Russia's Biological Diversity Project in 1993 to his current position as Chief Scientist and Vice President for Science for the World Wildlife Fund, he continues to live a life dedicated to his calling.

Eric believes that the single greatest challenge for conservation worldwide is to stop the loss of habitats around the world. As he says, "I try to make people, especially those in their teens and 20's, understand that they could see the end of many species in their lifetime."

Eric is married and lives in Maryland. Among his hobbies are bird watching, writing, botany, travel, and foreign languages. He is truly a "Renaissance Man" whose diversified interests and accomplishments as a scientist committed to the need for conservation in the critical areas of our planet make him a most deserving inductee.

We welcome Dr. Eric Dinerstein into the Toms River Regional Schools Hall of Fame for the year 2009.

Class of 1970 (South)

Inducted May 3, 2009

## Marie DeNoia Aronsohn

Marie DeNoia Aronsohn is a successful writer, producer and news reporter. She has achieved success in her field through all media: writing, TV, radio and even the Internet. She has always been an extremely intelligent, creative and hard-working professional. Marie excelled not only in high school in Toms River, but in her undergraduate studies as well.

Marie is married to Paul Aronsohn and lives with Paul and her two beautiful children, Anna and Luke, in Ridgewood. Marie loves her family above everything. She comes from a large family who continue to cheer and support her through her many accomplishments. Marie's late father, Thomas DeNoia, also loved to write. He and his wife, Norma instilled a love of reading and writing in Marie and all of their children.

Emmy-award winning news reporter Marie DeNoia Aronsohn got her start in news right here in Ocean County. Marie graduated Toms River HS North in 1979. She was inspired by her theater arts teacher, Ms. O'Neil and enjoyed participating in the school play. Upon graduation from Douglass College, Rutgers, she started working for Clear Eight News in Toms River. It didn't take her long to distinguish herself. She broke a key story on a leak in a chemical waste pipeline that residents didn't even know existed! Marie was awarded an Associated Press award for this outstanding reporting.

Marie's interest in theater and communications came from an earlier influence, though. Her godfather, Nick DeNoia, was an Emmy-award winning TV-producer, dancer, actor and singer. Marie's Uncle Nick helped inspire her and always encouraged her to be the best in her field. As her career unfolded, it was clear that she lived by this motto and continues to do so.

Over her news career, Marie has worked in TV news, newspaper journalism and radio. She also piloted MSNBC's first Internet news program. Her TV news experience includes anchoring and producing at MSNBC and reporting and writing at WCBS-TV in New York. She has also produced and narrated a documentary about the importance of early detection in breast and cervical cancer for the New Jersey State Department of Health and Senior Services. Marie has produced various radio and television projects for Rutgers University. Most recently, she wrote and produced a nationally syndicated documentary on summer businesses in Seaside Heights. This documentary, *Seaside Story*, was extremely well received locally and nationally. Her work has already won Marie many awards including four Emmy nominations as well as two Emmy awards for reporting and producing. Marie was also named Italian-American woman of the year in 1996.

Marie is deeply interested in children's issues and created the concept for a pilot for a television series aimed at inspiring and promoting self-esteem in pre-adolescent girls. The program, "Shoot for the Moon" appeared on Minnesota public television in 1998. Marie currently reports for NJN covering a variety of breaking and on-going news

assignments. Marie also fills in as anchor for NJN News and guest lectures at local universities. She is dedicated to her own children's education above all and spends her time outside of work with them and her husband, Paul. She loves the beach and ocean and she is proud to have started right here in the Toms River Schools.

We are proud to induct Marie DeNoia Aronsohn into the Toms River Schools Hall of Fame for the year 2009.

## Danny Clinch

Danny Clinch is a man who follows his muse wherever it leads. His passion for photography and love of music has made him one of the most visible photographers of the past decade. His work appears on album covers and liner art for artists as diverse as Johnny Cash, Bruce Springsteen, Tupac, Foo Fighters, Smashing Pumpkins, Dave Matthews Band, Phish, and Bjork. His “unobtrusive” style is one of the features that Clinch’s photographic subjects enjoy. It is used in a countless number of promotional and magazine portraits, and he has documented the Tibetan Freedom Concert since its inception in 1996. His photographs appear in various noteworthy publications including Vanity Fair, Spin, and Rolling Stone. In short, he has made a lasting impact on the music and photography worlds recently and is only just getting started.

Born in Toms River, NJ in 1964, Danny attended Silver Bay Elementary School, Hooper Avenue Elementary School, and Intermediate East and graduated from Toms River High School East in 1982. Then after attending Ocean County College, he decided he wanted to focus on photography as a career. “I was always interested in art and photography,” he says, “but I thought I should lean towards photo. You should always focus on one thing your excited about.” He searched around for a trade school to attend, and finally settled on the New England School of Photography, a two-year institution in Boston. He discovered the ad in the back of a photo magazine, and upon visiting, decided it was for him.

After graduating in 1985, Danny took part in two photographic workshops: Bruce Davidson’s “The Photograph as a Document,” and The Ansel Adams Workshop in Yosemite, which was coordinated by Annie Liebowitz. Working with Liebowitz yielded a great return; he was invited to intern for her in 1986. He worked his way up to her full time assistant, giving him the opportunity to travel the country with her. In time, he was also put with Mary Ellen Mark, Stephen Meizel, and Timothy White. He began to get sporadic assignments while assisting, but as he put it, took what he could get as long as somebody paid for the film and processing.

Band portraiture worked its way into Danny’s work early on. At Ocean County Community College, he had a photojournalism class, so he started to apply what he learned to music photography. He discovered a Boston-area alternative rock band called Rick Berlin: The Movie, and began to document them in portraits. However, he says he preferred shooting more spontaneous situations, such as concerts.

Danny started to shoot for Spin Magazine in 1992, first shooting the New York City hip-hop act 3<sup>rd</sup> Base. It was around this time that hip-hop was starting to emerge into the mainstream, and Danny, on a whim brought his photos to Steve Karr of Def Jam Records. The two hit it off, and he began to shoot other acts on the rise like Public Enemy and L.L. Cool J, getting his pictures seen by other record labels and musicians. As he describes it, there wasn’t a big budget for hip-hop photographers at the time, since the genre was still up and coming. But when these bands were all considered big stars, he had them in his portfolio.

From there, it didn’t take much longer for Danny’s work to branch off into the alternative rock world, and then across the musical board. While he is best known for photographing musicians, his interests go far beyond the confines of portraiture.

In 1995, Greg Dulli – front man of the moody rock quartet Afghan Whigs – approached Danny with the idea of doing some conceptual photography to illustrate the band’s upcoming LP, *Black Love*. “He described to me this look he wanted: film noir, gritty black and white images. We talked about illustrating each song with a photo. The end result was an absolutely stirring

series of twelve photographs found on the inner booklet of *Black Love*. In the end, the *Black Love* photographs are some of the most evocative – and least recognized – of Danny’s career.

The next job he was asked to do was a gig photographing the Tibetan Freedom Concert, a festival created by Adam Yauch of the seminal New York Hip-Hop crew, The Beastie Boys, to create awareness of the persecution of Tibetans in China. Danny was friends with Shelby Mead, the Beasties’ publicist at the Nasty Little Man PR firm. Shelby gave Danny a peek at the lineup of the first festival, held in Los Angeles in 1996. The roster boasted big names like Rage Against the Machine, Beck, Sonic Youth, and the Beasties themselves. After paying his own way to the festival, he gained an all access pass and wound up hanging a backdrop in the backstage area, taking portraits of the artists and shooting the festival itself.

Danny ended up with thoughts of producing a book as well as a heightened awareness of what was going on across the world. “There would be a press conference before the show each day, and there would be nuns and monks there,” Danny recalls. “They had spent 20 or 30 years in prison because of their religion; Chinese police would find religious paraphernalia on them and throw them in jail...I’m not an activist, but I do really strongly believe that people deserve their human rights.” Danny has had a hand in every Tibetan Freedom Festival since, and photos he has taken along the way are gathered in his latest book, *When the Iron Bird Flies* in 2000.

The book is Danny’s second; his first, *Discovery Inn*, was released in November of 1998, and is a compilation of the best of his portraiture. He describes the project as “gathering some friends, dumping all my pictures on a table, and going through them over several months.”

His harmonica playing is featured on the Foo Fighters’ song “Another Round” off of 2005’s *In Your Honor* and during a live performance of their song “Stacked Actors.” Clinch was also one of the two photographers for that album and is featured on Foo Fighters live album *Skin and Bones*.

In 2003, Danny founded the film company Three on the Tree Productions, based in New York City. He is also among the 43 noted photographers invited to donate a print to FOCUS: an auction of the finest photography to benefit City Harvest. The September 18, 2008 fund raiser supported City Harvest, a food collection bank in New York City. He directed a concert DVD documenting Pearl Jam’s 2006 tour of Italy entitled *Imagine in Cornice* which was released in 2007. He also directed the DVD portion of Springsteen’s *Devils & Dust* DVD box-set.

Danny has recently had a gallery exhibition in Washington DC, his first series that was shown for an extended period of time. The show is a combination of all his music-themed work, combining images from both books as well as outtakes, for an overall career spanning set.

The Toms River Hall Schools Hall of Fame Board of Trustees now proudly honors Danny Clinch as a 2009 member of the Hall of Fame.

Class of 1982 (East)

Inducted May 3, 2009