

*Circleville High School Alumni Association*  
*6th Annual Dinner*  
*Featuring*  
*The Second Annual*  
*Achievement Hall of Fame*

*~~~2011 Honorees~~~*

**JAMES DUNTON**

**WILLIAM BARTHELMAS**

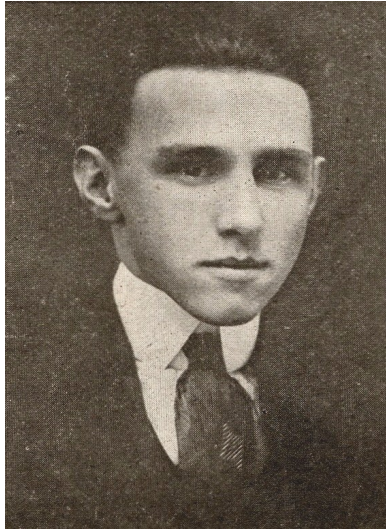
**ANNE ADKINS WEISSENBORN**

**RICHARD BANKS**

**CLIFFORD KERNS**

*Alumni Scholarship Winners ~Honoree Escorts*

JENNY SCHERER '06	RACHAEL SPANGLER '08	ASHLEY BIVENS '10
BEN WINNER '06	JILL TRUEX '08	KASSANDRA COOPER '10
JUSTIN STYERS '07	BEN ANKROM '09	LEAH HIVELY '10
KARA VALENTINE '07	ALEX GREENLEE '09	ZACHARY LANMAN '10
KORY HARTINGER '08	JENNIFER KELLER '09	EDWARD STRAWSER '10
ELIZABETH SCUDDER '08	LYNDSEY YOUNG '09	MICHAEL THEIS '10



**Major James G. Dunton '17**

At age 18, Jim Dunton just wanted to go to France. Against his father's wishes, he found himself on foreign soil as an American Soldier doing his part to end The Great War. The 1917 CHS graduate was in France when the war ended, one day past his 19<sup>th</sup> birthday.

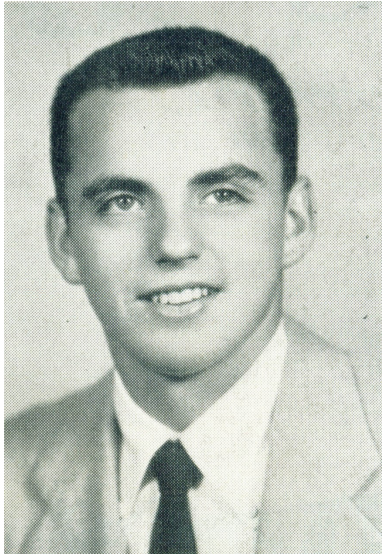
Eighty years later, the veteran received France's highest medal, the Legion of Honor. It was presented to the 99-year-old at the French Embassy in Washington DC. He was one of twenty-seven veterans receiving the honor that year, and one of only two who were able to attend the ceremony.

After World War I, Mr. Dunton attended Harvard University gaining two degrees. He became a teacher and writer based on his experiences in the service. His first novel, "Wild Asses" talked about the tales of veterans. Another book, "A Maid and a Million Men" was reprinted by the U.S. Army for World War II soldiers.

He also edited an anthology of short stories about the war. "C'est la Guerre" –a phrase he heard a lot in France. He explained in a military press report: "That's War". I heard several Frenchmen use that phrase," he said. "Whatever happened—if the dog got pregnant, the daughter got pregnant, the cow went dry—everything got blamed on the war."

At age 42, Dunton returned to the service serving as a public relations officer in the U.S. occupation forces in Japan. He rose to major and worked in the Defense Department. He worked in the Pentagon's public affairs office as director of special activities both as a serviceman and civilian. After his retirement in 1965, he became executive director of the Virginia Nursing Home Association.

At the time of his 2001 death in Falls Church, Virginia, he was survived by his loving wife of 56 years Dorothy L. Dunton also of Circleville. Dorothy's brother Jerry Winfough '44 lives in Circleville. The award is being accepted by his daughter Vicki Hamilton.



### **Captain William J. Barthelmas '54**

In many corners of Circleville, there are memories of Capt. William J. Barthelmas, a 1954 graduate of Circleville High School. The Victory Bell at the high school is from the class of 1954 in his memory. Barthelmas Park was named after the first county resident killed in the Vietnam War. The Amvets Hall on Tarlton Road displays a jet powered F-105 Thunderchief Fighter-Bomber just like the one Capt. Barthelmas was flying. Finally, Bill was on the CHS basketball team for the Mill Street Gym's dedication on Feb. 5, 1954.

As a youth in Circleville, Bill was active in 4-H and excelled in athletics at Circleville High School. He graduated from The Ohio State University in 1958 with a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture. He was commissioned an officer during graduation ceremonies. He served in Turkey, Japan, Okinawa, Korea and two tours in Viet Nam with the US Air Force.

He was awarded the Silver Star posthumously with the citation reading, in part, he "distinguished himself by gallantry in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force over North Vietnam as a Tactical Fighter Pilot on July 27, 1965." The citation continued to explain that although his aircraft sustained major damage, he continued his mission, dropped his ordnance squarely on target and provided air cover for other members of his flight. The 29-year-old was killed in action while returning to base. Bill was a member of the 469<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Squadron of the 355<sup>th</sup>.

A youth memorial fund was established in his memory to develop youth activities which were important during his childhood. The Amvets Post includes his name in its formal name. At Ohio State, the Air Force Captain was a cadet Lt. Col. for the AFROTC and a member of the nationally recognized Air Force Drill Team. He was also a member of the OSU Military Council and the chair of the Military Ball.

Bill was the son of William and Marguerite Gardner Barthelmas. His siblings live in the area. They are Barbara Jayne Barthelmas Moore '55, Marilyn '58, Sandy '64 and Steve '69. Accepting the award are Marilyn, known as Cookie by her classmates, and Steve.

Accepting the award tonight is his sister Marilyn, known as Cookie to her classmates and brother Steve.



**Anne Adkins Weissenborn '57**

“Off and running” describes Anne’s life as an active high school student, through colleges and careers, and on to her current social concerns. She received her bachelor’s degree from The Western College, a women’s college in Oxford, Ohio, that emphasized non-Western studies. While in college, she participated in summer travel seminars to Africa and to the Middle East and the Soviet Union which stimulated lifelong commitments to international understanding and human rights.

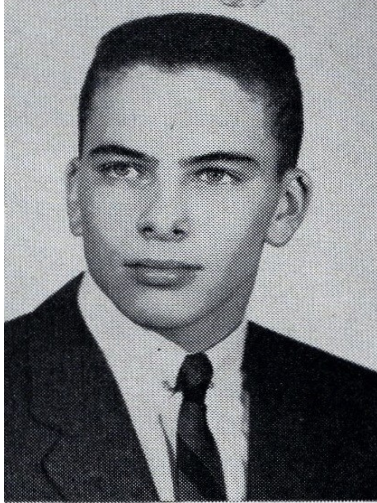
Anne earned master’s degrees from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (African studies) and Harvard University (international education). In 1977, she received her Jurist Doctorate from Columbus School of Law, Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. She then served in the Office of the General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, until her retirement in 2003.

Her earlier positions and volunteer activities in Washington, DC focused on intercultural themes and concentrated on Africa. She taught at a school for refugees from southern Africa in Tanzania. In 1969, she returned to Western College to teach African and Intercultural Studies. This is where she met her husband, Ernest (Ernie). Their daughter Elizabeth is a filmmaker based in Portland, Oregon.

More recently, Anne has served on the governing boards of the Western College Alumnae Association and the Miami University Foundation. She has been the moderator and a frequent board member at Christ Congregational Church UCC in Silver Spring, Maryland. She helped to found the Shaw Community Ministry, an ongoing UCC project in an inner-city area of Washington.

In the 1970s and 80s she was a part of the anti-apartheid movement in Washington; since the 1960s she has sought ways to address racism within the US. Most recently, she has been involved in seeking marriage equality for the LGBT community in Maryland, and she is now focusing on the Israeli occupation of Palestine, a concern since her college days. For the past five years she and a friend have coordinated a program for visiting students from China.

Anne is the daughter of Joseph (Joe) and Eleanor Adkins. Her sister Louise '65 and husband Tony Ellis, live in Circleville, Judy '63 lives in New York City, and Joe '59 lives in Covington, Kentucky. Anne and Ernie currently reside in Silver Spring, Maryland.



**Richard A. Banks '57**

Richard Banks has indeed lived a colorful life as he explains in his book "My Life in Color" spanning from the day of his birth to his current occupation in real estate. The 1957 graduate of Circleville High School traveled around Central Ohio during his school years, and traveled around the United States since that time.

It was his early experiences at F&R Lazarus in Columbus that launched his career in the clothing business. Except for a short sales stint at Merck, Sharp and Dome, he moved through marketing and sales positions at Bobbie Brooks, S.F. Gold Women's Dresses, Harris and Stroh Sporting Goods.

He started as Vice President in marketing at Levi Strauss and Company in 1978, and became president of the Fortune 500's Womenswear division in 1980. His career then took him to president of Koret of North America then Pella Windows and Doors. In retirement, he owned The Cadillac Bar and Grill and now works in real estate.

Although his positions took him to Columbus, Cleveland, Detroit, and several cities in California, he always considered Circleville his home. He lived with his aunt and uncle, Nina and Howard Thomas. He worked the family farm on SR 22 West in the summers. His autobiography illustrates several of his farming experiences from working with the turkeys to purchasing his first John Deere. He talks about the farming community in his autobiography as well as his days at Circleville High School. He attended Ohio Wesleyan University and graduated from Indiana University.

Probably the most interesting aspect of Dick's life is being a light skinned black man. An editorial review of his book states "Seventy one years of changing times in America, through the eyes of a man with a very difficult view". He was accepted or rejected within the two races as he went through different times of his life. Although a great athlete and scholar in high school and college, he was restricted due to the prejudices of school principals and college deans.

Dick is married to Becky. He is the father of 5 children Matt, Benn, Channing, Adam and Tyler. They live in Prescott, Arizona.



### **Clifford Kerns '42**

As one of his music students, you knew you had finally arrived when Clifford Kerns glanced your way during band practice -- his baton and waving arms keeping time with the music -- and he shot you a slight smile and nod of approval.

But to Kerns, a student's success was more than striking the right notes.

"I didn't want to only teach them to play an instrument. It was much more than that," said Kerns who taught in the Circleville school system for 22 years. "I

wanted them to learn the importance of good character, self-discipline and honesty."

Growing up in the same home where the great entertainer Ted Lewis had lived three decades earlier, Kerns started playing piano in the second grade. In high school, the band's baritone player was influenced by music teacher Charles Zaenglein. "He was a hard worker who really showed an interest in his students," recalled Kerns, who graduated from Circleville High School in 1942.

After high school, Kerns never ventured far from the music he loved. Even in the Army, between active duty assignments in South Africa, he played in a military band and later, as World War II was winding down, played the trombone in a dance band.

After earning bachelor's and master's degrees from Otterbein College and Boston University, respectively, Kerns taught band for six years at Laurelville. He was hired in 1957 at Circleville where, among his accomplishments, he directed the junior high band, which drew stares of amazement each Pumpkin Show for its massive size of nearly 300 marching musicians.

Kerns retired in 1979 and then, for 25 more years, loaned his services to the Pumpkin Show Band as its director. "I really enjoyed it. If I could still read the music, I'd still be there," said Kerns whose eyesight became challenged by macular degeneration.

Despite his vision loss, he continues to play periodically with the Adelphi Community Band. "They've been playing much of the same music since 1988," chuckles Kerns. "I know most of it by heart."

Clifford is married to Marjorie Dreisbach Kerns. Their children are Janice Kerns-Bothel, Theresa Kerns, Laura Bethel and David. Janice has given them two grandchildren, Alex and Irina.

## *2010 Achievement Hall of Fame Recipients*

**REX HAECKER**

**CHS Class of 1930**

**WWII Captain in both theatres**

**Philanthropic interest in Military,  
Cemeteries and Ohio Historical Society**

**DWIGHT RADCLIFF**

**CHS Class of '50**

**Longest Serving Sheriff**

**In United States**

**"Tough but Humane"**

**TED LEWIS**

**Attended CHS 1905-07**

**World Famous Jazz Musician**

**Ted Lewis Park and Museum**

*"Is Everybody Happy?"*

**W. W. HIGGINS**

**CHS Educator 1955-85**

**Korean War Veteran**

**Community Historian**

**Poet, Artist, Writer, Actor**

**RICHARD BOYD**

**CHS Teacher, Coach 1952-58**

**Outstanding State Public Education**

**Administrator, Lifetime**

**Community and Professional Service**

**GEORGE KERR**

**CHS Class of '56**

**Academic Scholar**

**National Health Physicist**

**Specializing in Effects of Radiation**

**WILLIAM "BILL" RICHARDS**

**CHS Class of '49**

**National and Local**

**Leader in Agricultural**

**Inventions and Improvements**

**JOHN MAXWELL**

**CHS Class of '65**

**International Leadership**

**Speaker, Author and**

**Christian Evangelist**

**RALPH STARKEY**

**CHS Class of '49**

**Lifetime of service for**

**Ohio, Pickaway and**

**Circleville Community**

**WARREN SNEED**

**CHS Class of '91**

**Exemplary Student and Athlete**

**Service to U. S. Air Force**

**Outstanding Young Alumni Award**

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Special thanks and appreciation to the Circleville City Schools Board of Education and Administration for allowing us to use the high school for tonight's celebration. The school's personnel have been supportive of all of our projects and endeavors.

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