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HALL OF FAME

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ALBERT BURLANDO



Albert A. Burlando, Jr. was born in NY on January 28, 1938 and grew up in Staten Island, NY. He graduated from McKee Vocational Technical High School in 1955. Albert is not only an inventor, an entrepreneur, a dedicated husband of 52 + years, and a devoted father of over 52 years, but he is also a devoted parishioner and contributor of St. Jude's Church for over 35 years, as well as a member and chairman of the Rotary International Club for over 30 + years. He founded and became the first President of the Italian/American Club in Mount Olive. He was chairman of the Economic Development Committee in Mount Olive NJ and chairman of the Knights of Columbus club for many years. He has dedicated over 40 years of his life to volunteering in various clubs and remains an active member of his community. His endeavors in philanthropy have not slowed down with time.

Immediately after graduating high school, Al began working for his Dad, Albert Burlando, Sr. His father owned and operated a small printing company located in the basement of their home on Pearsall Street in Staten Island, NY. He later worked for a manufacturing company for over ten years.

He married Joyce Goffredo in 1961,
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GWENDOLYN SIMMONS



Gwendolyn F. Simmons, 86 at the time she passed away. She resided in Livingston, and was a respected educator who also devoted her talent and energy to her church and community.

Born in Tompkinsville, she grew up in New Brighton. She moved to Stapleton in 1961 and lived there until the early 1970s, when she settled in Livingston.

After graduating from McKee High School in 1943, Miss Simmons went to work for Western Electric in Kearny, N.J., and later for the city Transit Authority in Brooklyn. In 1958, while working full-time, she attended Baruch School of Public Administration, now Baruch College, at night, and earned her bachelor's degree in business.

In college, she found she had a natural gift for teaching, and after graduating in 1965, she took a position at McKee as a substitute business teacher, which turned into a permanent position.

"I began teaching, and I never looked back," Miss Simmons told the Advance on March 10, 2001. Later that year, she spoke at the school's commencement exercises.

She attended Hunter College in Manhattan and Richmond College in
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and had two daughters, Donna and Lori.

At the age of 34 and with no college education, he started his own business, Almetek Industries Inc. in the basement of his home in Staten Island, New York with the help of his wife and two daughters. After 3 years, he moved his family and business to Flanders, NJ and while his business was growing, he was involved with the planning and designing of a new 42,000 square foot building which was erected in 1986 and is currently the headquarters. Today, Almetek employs over 60 employees.

Almetek, which stands for "All metal technologies", was incorporated in Sept of 1975.

Over the years, the company's product line and clientele expanded greatly, and today, Almetek is an international leader in the signage and identification systems industry. Albert invented several state of the art products related to the industry, many of which are patented by the United States Patent office. Al is also the owner of E-Z Storage Inc., which he started in May of 1987, and is now run by his oldest daughter, Donna.

In addition to successfully starting and growing two successful businesses, Albert also helped his two daughters start their own Woman Business Enterprise called Lordon Inc. The company was started with the idea of making the roads safer by increasing traffic sign visibility. The first product sold by Lordon was Reflective Panels, which were invented and patented by Al. Lordon Inc was incorporated in May of 1990 and his two daughters and wife own and run this business.

Albert joined the Rotary International in 1977 and is a Paul Harris Fellow Plus 8 member. Through his dedication and love for this organization, he sponsored

and hired a Nigerian man, Godwin Onukaogu, to help him obtain citizenship. Through Al's efforts (including sponsoring, hiring, writing letters, and going to court) Godwin was able to earn money legitimately and after a number of years, he was able to have his entire family join him in the United States, who later became citizens as well. He was also involved with Rotary's foreign exchange program and hosted two foreign exchange students from Japan.

Albert was chairman for many years of the Italian Club & Knights of Columbus. He was instrumental in the clubs success. He organized many events and raised money to help feed children in poor countries. He was involved with many fund raisers where he donated not only his time but his money.

Albert is also a very religious man and became a parishioner of St. Jude's Catholic Church in 1976. He was involved in the planning, building and fund raising of the new church. He became a major contributor and his donation paid for the entire "Prayer Room" which is in dedication and in memory of his beloved father, Albert Burlando, Sr. He was also a Eucharistic minister for over 20 years. He was very involved with the church functions and often donated countless hours in fund raising events.

Al is currently Chairman of Almetek Industries, Inc. but now considers himself a permanent resident of Palm Beach, Florida. He spends his winter months there and he has recently been elected as the Vocational Service Chairman for the Rotary of Palm Beach Flagler District 6930. He is involved with giving back to the community in Florida and is starting a program through Rotary (cont'd page 3)

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called the "BriteSide Safer Roads" program. The goal of the program is to donate reflective panels to communities in Florida for use at high incident intersections and roadways. His donation will make the roads safer and help save lives.

SIMMONS (cont'd)

St. George, and received her Master's Degree in business education from New York University.

In 1979, she became assistant principal in charge of business education and foreign languages at Curtis High School, a post she held until retiring in 1989.

She belonged to the United Federation of Teachers, American Association of University Women, Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Alpha Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, the international society of women educators.

Miss Simmons was director of the New York Cursillo Movement, and a board member, trustee and secretary emeritus of General Theological Seminary in Manhattan. In 2009, the seminary presented her with the Clement Clarke Moore Medal, and established the Gwendolyn Simmons Arts Fund, which allows seminarians to attend performing arts events, in her honor.

She was a trustee, former first vice-president and a board member of the Staten Island Institute of Arts and Sciences, and received its Leng & Davis Award in 1996.

A devoted parishioner of St. Paul's Memorial Episcopal Church in Stapleton since 1943, she served as its superintendent, church secretary and head of the Children's Church School. She also served on the Altar Guild and, in 1967, became the first woman ever

elected to the vestry. She was the church's assistant treasurer from 1964 to 1978 and treasurer until 1999.

In 2007, she was honored by St. Paul's after retiring as senior warden of the parish, a post she held for 27 years.

In 2005, Miss Simmons was recognized by the Richmond Interparish Council of the Episcopal Church. She served six years as chairwoman of the council, which plans the annual Lenten series, organizing children's services, veterans' programs, clergy workshops and other activities.

A member of the Bishop's Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of New York, in 2001, Miss Simmons received the first-ever Servant of Education Award from the organization. She served on the Diocesan Council Committee, Convention Planning Committee, and was a deputy to the General Convention several times. She was inducted into the Society of the Magi in 2001. She passed away in 2012.

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LIFETIME

(We now have 92 lifetime members)

Theresa Cafaro-Koeth, 1947
(Spring Luncheon Raffle Winner)
Jacqueline Olivia-Van Dyke 1965

DONATIONS

Dora Arslanian, 1949
Ed Brech, 1955
Louis Guerriero, 1941
Charles Naverino, 1949

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Now it's November; the temperature has dropped, and the wind is howling. Looks like all the leaves will be off the trees in a day or two brrrrrr. It has been a tough year for a lot of us. I lost a friend of fifty plus years and just a week later I lost my sister.

We have two inductees to the Hall of Fame this year. Their bios are in this newsletter. Again, we would like to keep our membership current so if you owe dues, please send them in asap. If you would like to pay your dues at the Christmas Luncheon, see Joe Del Bove.

Another sad moment, our beloved English teacher has become a redneck. Lilian and her sister, Dawn, my prom date, (as you all know) and her husband Tak moved down to the hills of Georgia. We will miss them at all at our functions.

Now October, has passed, and it's been two years since that terrible Sandy rushed on to our shores, people are still in limbo, houses still not repaired, and government agencies still dragging their feet. It's a crying shame

On a lighter note, I'm still grateful for my family and friends. Hope we all can have a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas



Ken McIntyre
President

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance June 30, 2014 \$4,645.90

INCOME

Dues/New	10.00	
Lifetime		
Renewals	60.00	70.00

Events

Christmas Luncheon		
Reservations	2,050.00	
50/50 raffle	350.00	
Lifetime	95.00	2,495.00
Donations		45.00

Total \$7,255.90

EXPENSES

Accountants Fee	300.00
Ms. Popp's Luncheon	249.10
Supplies/Misc./Postage	217.74
Total	\$766.84

Credits	\$7,255.90
Debits	-766.84
	\$6,489.06

Check Book Balance 10/31/2014 6,489.06

Certificate of Deposit Account 13,102.90

Total \$19,591.96

Donations to School (2002-2014) \$43,872.37

Respectfully Submitted,
Mildred Del Bove

SOCIAL SECURITY MAXIMIZATION???



No need to tell me about maximizing my social security payments, I am going to take it when I am entitled to take it. But hold on a minute. In spite of our eagerness to grab the money, we should take a minute to understand what we give up by taking social security early.

Just about every government run program is complicated, difficult to understand and loaded with loopholes and exceptions. The Social Security program is no exception.

So let's assume first that you have accumulated your 40 credits over ten years making you eligible for social security benefits. We start out with the knowledge that we can begin to collect our social security check at age 62.

Now 62 is not considered the full retirement age so you will not be entitled to receive your full social security benefit. Your reduced benefit at age 62 will be about \$500 less than your full benefit at age 66 and once you take it you can't change your mind.

So if you still want the money at 62 consider one other factor, the Social Security Administration will tell you that they will reduce your reduced benefits in proportion to any income you earn in excess of \$14,000. So if you are earning over \$14,000 from your current employment you will receive little or no benefit yet, having applied, you will permanently reduce your regular retirement benefit forever!!

Now as I said earlier, there are numerous loopholes and exceptions which you can consider taking advantage of such as applying and then suspending receipt of payments to a later date or suspending and then letting your wife who is 62 and not working,

claim your benefits. Just how these suspensions are accomplished is a conversation best had face to face with a counselor at the Social Security Administration.

So deciding when and who should apply for social security is not the worst conversation you can have but is certainly a conversation which you should have before rather than after you have applied for your benefits.

Duane C. Felton, Esq
Class of 1967

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Christina DaQuieno
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HALLOWEEN IN GEORGIA

Lilian Popp, Tak and Dawn Tanaka



OBITUARY

APRIL

Uraina Nicholas, 53
Jesse Paparella, 79
Robert Hansen, 73
Carlo Carbone, 80
Gloria Besignano-Telmany, 82
Frances Montabano-Cavallo, 85
Dorothy Lewis-Delmar, 84
Onofrio Agnello, 88
Gail Chambers-Hamm, 51

MAY

Edward Nelson, 74
Vita LaMarco-Rehnberg, 90
Herman Corrente, 84
Della Hamlin-Rosario,
Anthony Marotta, 82 (1950)
Arthur Stoutland, 79
Robert Tosto, 75 (1957)
Antoinette Versella, 84 (1947)
Matthew Eadicicco, 25
James Pucciarelli, 60

JUNE

Ralph Hernandez, 57
Sandi Nebbia-Miller, 53
Edward McMahon, 89
Mary Finlayson- Rowe, 68
Dolores Abato, 84
Cosmo Cangiano, 81
Elsie Lederman, 83
Anthony Masterpalo, 88
Timothy Moffet, 46
Michael Nerlino, 82
Harry Bulatowicz, 58
Gary Zmigrodski, 59
Milton Brech, 81 (1950)
Eugene Garzone, 87
Joseph Arclio, 64
Orville Wickstrom, 92

JULY

Frank Coppola, 77
Gustave Grecsek , 82 (1950)
Ronald Burgess, 73

Concettina Immitti-Tarasiewicz, 88
Dominick Trimaro, 52
Madeline Hansen, 80 (no maiden name)
Ross Giallombardo, 59
Salvatore Desiderato, 67
Angelina Tummarello-Misuraca, 84
Theodore Scheffler, 65
James Salisbury, 64
Betty Van Valen-Davies, 84

AUGUST

George Forte, 87
Constance Collins-King, 94 (1936)
Harold Brown, 40
Carmelo LaMarco, 90
Vito Ferrara, 84
Agnes Cascella-Perfetto, 84
Kenneth Bozzo, 74
Louise Mazza-Curatola, 83
Iris Canfield-Bregulla, 73

SEPTEMBER

Ronald Dixon, 53
William Hightower, 54
Glenn Cibelli, 59
Bertha Simons-Lee, 83
Anthony Schiortino, 95
Arthur Quince, 80
Salvatore Ciaravino, 93
Michael Macchiarola, 71
George Delmar, 64,
Ignatius Merolo, 84

OCTOBER

Theresa Baldi-Di Cosmo, 83
Michael Castellano, 84
Lillian Farinelli-Pristera, 82
Christina McIntyre, 81
Anthony Parrotti, 84
Frances Mahowski-Cassiliano, 85
Gloria Cicero-Italiano, 86
Josephine Giamo-forte, 93
Charles Licastri, 91,
James Vaught, 61,
Rocco Guinta, 72
Michael Dougherty, 62



2014 SPRING LUNCHEON



LILIAN POPP'S BON VOYAGE LUNCHEON

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To Joan and Bill Fortin on their 60th wedding anniversary.



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July

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August

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September

Ann Cannizzaro-Palazzola, John Carew, Marguerite Cohen-Riccardi, Gloria Cordes-Elliott, Frances DeStefano-Vitagliano, Dawn Gamboa-Nappi, Gustave Grecsek, Jr., Louis J. Guerriero, Joseph Lattuga, Michael Luciano, Elena-Frances Mancini-Moschello, Albert Massa, John Miller, Janet Nedwidek-Maskarinetz, Josephine Palmeri-Perocco, Joseph Pietromonaco, Joseph Piscitelli, Frank Quagliotti, Joseph Ruffo, David Simmonds, Roberta Sparandera-Cherkaski, Robert Valinoti, Anthony Varriano, John Widlund, Bob Winkler

October

Richard A. Brown, Jr., Thomas Calandra, Dolores Covino-Bouwman, Salvatore Cucuzza, Frank Dalotto, Dominick D'Angelo, John J. DeForge, Michael Fagone, Francis Gibson, Jacqueline Isola-Diorio, Joe LaBargo, Gasper W. Mogilnicki, Anita Petosa-Palmier, Patrick Rizzo, Robert Ruggeri, Marge Santo-Devin, Fred Schwefringhaus, Helen Unrein-LaManna, Walter P. Werra

November

Anita Beyer-Terrana, James Brown, Marie Cafaro-Battipaglia, Michael Cherkaski, James J. Dankelman, John De Meo, Alberta D. Doerr-Muir, Edward Elliott, Nicholas Festa, Philip Garlisi, Anita Grecco-Micciulla, Glen A. Hall, Maryann Kowalski-Seror, Karen Lategano-Darcy, John Manna, Jean Mastrobroti-lavarone, Kenneth McIntyre, Shirley McKay-Copeland, Irene J. Molway-Quill, Louis Soriano, Frances Vazzana-Hemmerly

December

Victoria Baker-Rivelli, Howard Berwanger, Shelton Bright, Sr., Anna Carlo-Labbate Ricky Cherkaski, Victor Confessore, Lorenzo Corsi, Dominic D'Ambr, Pat De Meo, John A. De Palma, Adriene Diggs-Sanhueza, Lucille Ditoro-O'Keefe, Charles J. Ferguson, Mafalda Intartaglio-LaRocca, Roy N. Johnsen, Henry Jorin, Edward Kahan, Carol King, Ralph LoPresti, Annette Maiello-Rooney, Estelle Mangin-Neube, Edward Midboe, Philip Neilson, Nicholas J. Pakidis, Ramon R. Quevedo, Nellie Sakshaug-Bolt, Carmela Varriano-Mazza, Robert Viggiano

