

2009 Allegheny Valley School District Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees

Linda Carrigan Kleeb



(attended 1953-1966) - Linda Carrigan Kleeb graduated from Springdale High School in 1966 and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Foreign Service and International Politics from the Pennsylvania State University. She entered the work force but left the business world to become a full-time mother. She took an interest in her children's school and began working with the PTA and other district programs. While active in the PTA, Kleeb and her husband built an evening dance school into the prime revenue source for the group. Her work with the school district piqued her interest in education, and she enrolled in a Masters of Education program at the University of Pittsburgh. She graduated with honors to become an elementary teacher with the North Allegheny School District. Kleeb has taken leadership positions within her school as a facilitator, leader, and mentor. She has initiated a program with the North Allegheny High School's National Honor Society to provide tutoring for students, worked with community businesses to underwrite costs of classroom equipment, and brings professionals into the classroom to share their expertise. Kleeb has been selected to participate in two Governor's Schools and has been nominated for local and national teacher excellence programs. She is active in her church, an avid traveler, and looks for ways to open the world to her students. She has worked to improve educational programs by working with students, colleagues, parents, business professionals, and her community. Linda Carrigan Kleeb stands out as a teacher, volunteer, and community leader.

Angelo J. Mariotti, D.D.S., Ph.D.



(attended 1961-1974) - Angelo Mariotti graduated with honors and athletic recognition from Springdale High School in 1974. After graduation, Mariotti went on to study at Grove City College, where he graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology and a Pennsylvania Teacher Certificate. He went on to West Virginia University to earn a Ph.D. in Pharmacology and Toxicology and a D.D.S. from the School of Dentistry, graduating with high honors. In 1988, he attended Virginia Commonwealth University and earned a certificate in Periodontology, winning first prize in the Southern Academy of Periodontology Bill Pennel Research Awards. Currently, he is a full professor of Periodontology at Ohio State University. He teaches advanced dental students, conducts research, and authors articles and manuscripts; he chairs several committees that award academics and continuing education achievement. One of his most fulfilling duties is mentoring advanced dental students. Mariotti has received over 2.5 million dollars for research and is a provider for a community service program that links people in need with dentists who have agreed to treat them. He is an active member in several professional dental associations and in his community, serving as a youth soccer coach. Mariotti has conducted original research and published his findings in many professional periodicals, to date writing over 50 articles, contributing to approximately 25 dentistry textbooks, and authoring four web manuscripts. He has traveled the world as a lecturer and guest speaker, organizing seminars and conventions. Mariotti is a multi-faceted individual: dentist, university professor, researcher, and author.

Russell E. Truby



(attended 1959-1972) - Russell E. Truby graduated from Springdale High School in 1972 and attended Robert Morris University obtaining a degree in Business Administration in 1974. Truby continued his education at the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science, graduating with a degree in Funeral Directing and Embalming. After working in McKeesport, Truby accepted a position in Oakmont and has worked at the Burket-Truby Funeral, Inc. since 1978. He became full owner of the establishment several years later. Truby's legacy will be through the service he has given to his community, working on countless committees and as a member of service organizations. He has provided leadership to the Oakmont Lions Club, the Oakmont Chamber of Commerce, and the Riverview Community Action Committee. In perhaps one of his most known actions, Truby helped to re-establish a 55-year-old Christmas Fundraiser to provide grocery certificates to hun-

dreds of community residents; the program continues to flourish today. He has received numerous awards for his community service, including two Oakmont Citizen of the Year awards and Outstanding Service to the School Community during the 2005-2006 school year. Truby is known for his courage, caring and encouragement; as a businessman, he is respected throughout the Allegheny Valley; and as a citizen, he has profoundly influenced the lives of many.