

2016 INDUCTEES



EUNICE SWANBOROUGH PORRITT (BAILLIE) (1946 – 1951)

For the last sixty years, Eunice (Swanborough) Porritt has been an outstanding community leader in just about every area possible, including the arts and health. She has mentored hundreds of women and men and has been a pioneer for the rights of women in all aspects of life.

Eunice has volunteered for numerous groups, has been an active political organizer in every level of government and bettered our community with her role in helping create Hess Village. Her twenty years at Mohawk College included several positions of innovative and invaluable contribution.

At Delta, Eunice's diverse interests and skills were fostered. She was involved in several sports and went on to play basketball for the McMaster Marauders. As President of the G.A.A. Eunice learned administrative skills. As campaign manager for several candidates during student elections, she began a love for politics. Eunice also contributed to the Lampadion by writing poetry. Following Delta, she attended McMaster University and immediately became involved in community work in Hamilton and Burlington.

Eunice was Executive Director of Community Relations at Mohawk College. As well, she was the Executive Director of the Mohawk College Foundation and Corporate Secretary dealing with legal aspects. Eunice served on over forty boards and committees in Hamilton and Burlington including the Hamilton Gallery of Distinction, Hamilton Community Foundation, Art Gallery of Hamilton and Hillfield Strathallan College.

She is also a past board member of the Junior League of Hamilton-Burlington, St. Peter's Hospital, Burlington Library, Art Gallery of Burlington and the Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital Foundation. As one of the co-founders of Hess Village, Eunice orchestrated the restoration of 26 houses and the area became a Hamilton tourist attraction. She is currently writing a book: *Hess Village from Birth to Bankruptcy*.

Numerous volunteer organizations have recognized Eunice for her strong support and leadership. In 1988, she was awarded Woman of the Year by the City of Hamilton Status of Women Committee. For her community service, Eunice was given the Rotary Club's Paul Harris Fellowship Award. Recently, The Order of Niagara was bestowed upon her for her sustained dedication to her church and community.

STAN LABANOWICH (1948 – 1955)

Stan was a teacher, administrator, coach and author whose legacy will be his unwavering belief in the ability of athletes with disabilities to excel in the sport of their choice. He coached the USA men's wheelchair basketball team to the Paralympic gold medal in Germany in 1972.

From 1976-1988 Stan served as chairman of the Basketball Sub-Committee of the International Stoke Mandeville Games Federation and also served as the elected commissioner of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association from 1973-1995. At the same time, he served on numerous international committees that made great progress in his time in the area of sports for the disabled.



Stan received a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Toronto where he played on the hockey team and was a coxswain for the rowing team. He received both a Master's Degree in Science (1963) and a Ph.D. in Philosophy (1974) from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, Illinois. Stan was then asked to coach wheelchair athletes at the University of Kentucky, the premier university to house and teach such athletes. This was his calling.

Stan taught Sport Management at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Kentucky for 19 years before retiring in 2004. While at the University of Illinois and the University of Kentucky, he coached wheelchair basketball for both men and women, nationally and internationally.

Stan wrote extensively on sports for individuals with disabilities as a faculty member in the Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion at the University of Kentucky from 1975-2004. In 1988 he published two books for young adults: *Wheelchair Basketball* and *Wheelchair Track Events*. Stan wrote children's books to encourage greater sensitivity to the needs and challenges of the handicapped. He co-authored *Wheelchairs can Jump! – The Definitive History of Wheelchair Basketball*.

Stan and Armand Thiboutot gave a 60 plus year comprehensive history of the game that spawned a variety of other sports for athletes with disabilities, from tennis to rugby. They are considered two of the most influential men in the history of the game. Stan's dedication meant time away from his family but they understood the importance of his calling.



BOB BARBER (1949 – 1954)

Robert Barber is Professor Emeritus in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Manitoba. His 1962 Ph.D. thesis reported the first measurements of atomic masses of individual isotopes made with a new, large mass spectrometer that surpassed several competing instruments worldwide. Starting in 1964, he designed and built an improved, second-generation instrument.

Bob graduated with a B.Sc. in Honours Physics from McMaster University in 1958. He remained to pursue his graduate studies with the world-leading research group dedicated to precise atomic measurements and headed by H. E. Duckworth. In 1965, Bob became assistant professor in the Department of Physics,

University of Manitoba, was promoted to full professor in 1975 and later served as head of the department for 9 years.

For over three decades, the second instrument was the most precise one in the world for making such measurements. On the strength of Bob's research he was invited to serve on the Commission on Atomic Masses of the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics (IUPAP) in 1972. He was member, secretary and chair, serving for a total of 21 years. Bob then became Associate Secretary General of IUPAP from 1993-99 and Vice President from 1999-2002. Simultaneously, he was a full member of the IUPAC (Chemistry) Commission on Atomic Weights for eight years.

Bob was a member of the joint IUPAP-IUPAC Transfermium Working Group which was charged with resolving competing claims of the Berkley (USA), Dubna (USSR) and GSI (Germany) laboratories for making the heavy elements having atomic numbers, $Z= 104$ to 109 . He was a member of later similar joint committees for elements $Z= 111-118$. As one of the most experienced officers of IUPAP, Bob was recalled in 2004 to act as Special Executive Officer and in 2005, was acting Secretary-General for the General Assembly.

Bob was active in the Canadian Association of Physicists (CAP), serving as Director for Full Members and Chair of the Professional Certification Committee. In recognition of this work and his international service, Bob was awarded the 2004 Peter Kirkby Memorial Medal of the CAP for service to the Canadian physics community.

BOB CORRAN (1961 – 1967)

Bob Corran has had a distinguished career in intercollegiate athletics and international sport. He has served in senior leadership positions in universities in Canada and the US, and on several national and international sports organizations. While his work has impacted many sports, hockey has been a constant source of interest.

Following graduation from Delta in 1967, Bob attended Ithaca College in New York where he played varsity football, hockey and lacrosse and obtained a B.Sc. in 1971. After teaching high school in Toronto, he returned to graduate studies earning a M.Sc. (Springfield College) in 1976 and a Ph.D. (Ohio State University) in 1979.



Bob's university career began at the University of Windsor as a faculty member, hockey and football coach. He was then selected as Director of Athletics at the University of Calgary in 1985. In Calgary, he was introduced to the world of international sport through his work as an executive member of the Calgary Olympic Development Association.

Involvement with the 1988 Olympic Games led to other national and international assignments including an appointment as Technical Chair for the Federation Internationale de Sport Universitaire in Brussels, Belgium. Bob was active in the merger of the CAHA and Hockey Canada as a founding board member of the new organization; the Canadian Hockey Association. He served for many years on the Board of the International Hockey Center of Excellence.

Bob's contributions to intercollegiate sport in Canada were significant, including his advocacy for establishing athletic scholarships in Canada. He was elected President of the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union (now CIS) in 1992 and led the national association through a significant restructuring and rebranding.

Since returning to the US, Bob has been instrumental in elevating the support and profile of NCAA women's hockey. At the University of Minnesota-Duluth, he established a women's hockey program which went on to win three consecutive NCAA championships. He was appointed to several national committees and has been a positive influence in collegiate athletics regarding the role of, and impact on, participants and stakeholders.

In 2014, he was inducted into the Ithaca College Athletic Hall of Fame.