

2017 INDUCTEES



JOHN BONK (1965 – 1970)

John Bonk was one of Canada's most outstanding CFL offensive linemen. As a Winnipeg Blue Bomber, he never missed a game in 13 years and played an astounding 202 consecutive games. John later co-hosted *Body Talk* for CBC, was a radio football analyst for the Blue Bombers for 5 years, discussed the Blue Bombers daily for another station and was a TSN field reporter. He also was the offensive line coach for the Tiger Cats and a football analyst on CHML.

A superb athlete, John was in track and field at Delta and played football, basketball and badminton. After graduation he played with the Burlington Braves and joined the Hamilton Tiger Cats in 1972, starting with their developmental team in Kitchener. In 1973, John was a highly-regarded outside linebacker for the team until Winnipeg wanted him in a trade.

Aside from football, he has been a self-employed consultant in business development and sales distribution. John even acted in two movies and was a stunt double for John Vernon in one.

His community service has been exemplary. In John's playing days, he was in a Christian organization called *Athletes in Action*. The members played against school athletes and organized athletic competitions in order for students to share their personal relationship with God. In Winnipeg, John was involved with granting wishes too terminally-ill children through the *Rainbow Society*. In Hamilton, he volunteered for the Dr. Bob Kemp Hospices in the kitchen and was a good listener for the dying and their heartbroken families. John still donates to shelters. As a humble Christian man, he has tried to serve in secret.

John was a CFL all-star at his position and was the Western Division all-star from 1982 to 1985. He also was a recipient of the Demarco-Beckett Memorial trophy for Most Outstanding Offensive Lineman in the Western Division in 1983 and 1984, a Schenley Award winner as CFL's Most Outstanding Offensive Lineman in 1984, and he was inducted into the Canadian football Hall of Fame in 2008. Both on the field and off, John Bonk has given his all and has made his mark.

JIM BONNAY (1950 – 1955)

Jim has been a registered insurance broker for over 52 years and is currently an insurance consultant specializing in insurance education, seminar preparation, insurance text updating, insurance examination revisions and insurer's policy-wording reviews. For over 22 years he has served as an expert witness in insurance matters in over 285 cases represented by 104 law firms. Jim has lectured in 6 provinces, has introduced a licensing course for new brokers and has served as an author and exam marker for the Insurance Brokers Association of Canada. While working as a broker, he wrote regular articles for an insurance monthly magazine in a section of his own named *Jim's Corner*.



At Delta, Jim played alto sax in the concert and dance bands. He also helped with all the photos for the *Lampadion*, including individual grad photos. This led to Jim and a fellow Delta friend, opening a retail camera shop where he worked for 7 years. He then became an insurance agent/broker for 32 years, ending his career as vice president of Dalton Insurance Brokers Ltd. before turning to his role as an insurance expert witness.

In 1978 at Mohawk College, Jim earned the Associate of the Insurance Institute with top marks and awards. In 1979 he acquired the Chartered Insurance Broker of Ontario (CCIB), and introduced the Basic Broker Preparation Course to Mohawk College. Jim has sat on several committees, has served as a volunteer examinee for the Ontario Insurance Association and he is the sponsor of the *James E. Bonnay Scholarship*, offered annually to a student who excels in the Mohawk College Insurance Program.

Some of the many awards Jim has received are: the President's Award of Merit for 20 years of continuous teaching for the insurance industry (1994), an honorary diploma for 30 years of insurance lectures (2003), the McLaughlan Award for contribution to continuous education in insurance (1986), the Insurance Brokers Association of Ontario Broker Volunteer of the Year Award (1990) and the Insurance Brokers Association of Ontario Award of Merit (1997).



DAN CIURIAK (1964 – 1968)

Dan Ciuriak is the Director and Principal of Ciuriak Consulting Inc., a consulting practice focused on quantifying trade policy impacts. He is also Fellow-in-Residence with the C. D. Howe Institute, Senior Fellow with the Centre for International Governance Innovation, and Associate with BKP Development Research & Consulting GmbH. Dan comments frequently in the media and at international conferences, and advises governments in Canada and abroad. He has written or co-written over 160 book chapters, journal articles and working papers on topical issues in economic and trade policy.

At Delta, Dan ran cross-country and jammed with schoolmates on electric guitar. He took a break during his university studies and spent several years touring Canada as a professional musician. After graduating from McMaster University with an M. A. in Economics, Dan fashioned a 31-year public service career, retiring in 2008 as Deputy Chief Economist with Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT). With DFAIT, he served as contributing editor to eight editions of the Department's *Trade Policy Research Series*, served as the Department's lead economist on Joint Studies with Japan and the European Union on potential free trade agreements, and developed economic arguments supporting Canada's case in major trade disputes at the WTO and NAFTA panels.

Dan also held positions as Finance Counsellor at Canada's Embassy in Germany with responsibility for G7 liaison, and as deputy to the Chair of the APEC Economic Committee. Previously, with the Department of Finance, he chaired the Inter-Departmental Legislative Review Committee which guided the 1992 reforms that overhauled the federal financial institutions statutes. These reforms stood the test of the financial crisis of 2008-09, from which Canada emerged with the soundest financial sector rating in the world. Dan represented Canada internationally at the WTO, the World Bank, APEC and the OECD.

Dan has received several awards for his public service, including a Merit Award for his contribution to *Canada's Year of Asia Pacific* in 1997 and a 25-year Distinguished Public Service Award. In 2015, he was a co-winner of the McKinsey Global Institute essay prize contest, *Opportunity for Europe*.

BOB WILLIAMSON (1952 – 1957)

Bob Williamson has attained a high level of distinction in several areas. He is a retired Hamilton secondary school administrator who played an innovative role in education by introducing into the secondary school system, semester timetabling and computerized school records. Bob spent 27 years in Hamilton's Naval Reserve, including a 3-year appointment as Commanding Officer. Not only is he a naval historian, Bob has been promoting the Hamilton region's history for over 25 years. He was appointed to both the Hamilton Historical Board in 1999 and the Joint Plaquing Sub Committee in 2000.

Bob was a member of the Delta badminton team and the photography club, contributing many sports photos to the Lampadion year book. After graduating from McMaster University with an Honours Degree in Geography, he became an outstanding teacher whose commanding presence made him a natural advocate for promoting our Canadian heritage. His research led to a new understanding of Canadian history.

Having created 50 Canadian heritage speaking topics, Bob has 1,200 public heritage lectures to his credit. He has achieved international acclaim with several lectures at American historical conferences and has been a guest speaker of the McMaster Alumni Association on many occasions. An author and contributing author of 15 books, including some that cover ground-breaking heritage subjects, Bob has helped to raise funds for local heritage projects through book sales. As a member of the plaquing committee, he has composed the wording of 17 historic plaques and presently writes a monthly heritage column for the Hamilton Mountain News.

Bob has received several awards for his heritage and volunteer community service including the Laura Secord Award, the Reverend Melville Bailey Heritage Award, the City of Hamilton V.I.P. Award, the Ontario Senior Achievement Award, the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers, the Corps of Commissionaires Long Service Medal for 20 years of Voluntary Service and the Commissionaires Distinguished Service Medal. He is an inductee to the McMaster University Alumni Gallery and still serves his community.

