

DUPAGE HIGH SCHOOL  
DISTRICT 88

*Building Futures*

ADDISON TRAIL  
WILLOWBROOK

# Staff Recognition Dinner

| May 5, 2017 |

Venuti's Italian Restaurant & Banquet Hall  
2251 W. Lake St.  
Addison, IL 60101



# Service Recognition Awards

## ADDISON TRAIL

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Matthew Bauers  
Michael Bolden  
Erica Craig  
Laura DiNatale  
Laura A. Grunschel  
Patricia Hochheimer  
Michele Kalbas  
Jerry Kelly  
Maryellen Marisie  
Vincenza Spilotro  
Francesca Terracciano  
Licel Tornabene  
Christina M. Trapani

## DISTRICT OFFICE

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*10 years*  
Ann Eakley  
Anila Meleqi  
Lionel Williams

## WILLOWBROOK

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Maria Bazaldua  
Michael J. Burns  
David Garcia  
Jayme Gerue  
Peter Makrinski  
Rachel Morris  
Tara Murphy  
Laura Nork  
Yvonne Tsagalís  
Diane K. Vegter  
Kathryn Wilson  
Cindy Zamora-Failla

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### *15 years*

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Daniela Ariano  
Mark Belintende  
Judith Campbell  
Olga Chavez  
Denise Cochran  
Courtney DeMent  
Norm Grubisich  
Sergio E. Nunez  
Keith Santini  
Caryn Scimeca  
Shilpa Shah  
Natalie L. Stach Wilen

Leslie Allenspach  
Isela Aquino  
Justine Bryers  
Bobbie Keavy  
Dan Krause  
Gina Mucha  
Amy Nowak  
Michael Warren  
Terri E. Woebel

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### *20 years*

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John Cord  
Deb Cuthbertson  
Brad Donaldson  
Jim Perusich

Fred Arnold  
Jennifer Burns  
Cris Calandra  
Julie Foster  
Bernice H. Nash  
Amy Stark

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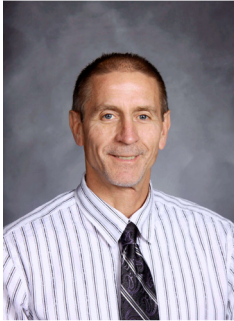
### *25 years*

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Steve Gilliam  
Jeff Laschinski  
Shawn Lewandowski  
Rosanne Treccia

Lisa Cuscaden  
Geri Hayes  
Janice Kiefer

# Outstanding Achievement Awards



**ADDISON TRAIL**  
Bruce Kelsay



**WILLOWBROOK**  
Geri Hayes

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## 2016-17 Retirees

### ADDISON TRAIL

Nina Fedorchuk  
Ranko Igric  
Bruce Kelsay  
Martin Schatzman  
Diane Zoglman

### WILLOWBROOK

Jayme Gerue  
Peter Ginter  
Geri Hayes  
James Janos  
Darlene Pollack  
Jeffrey Reher

## **Nina Fedorchuk, *Addison Trail***

When Nina joined the Addison Trail staff as an Administrative Assistant in May 2002, she was a familiar face to the District 88 community. Years prior, she served as a substitute for a variety of part-time clerical positions within Addison Trail while balancing her family obligations.

For the past 15 years, Nina has supported the administrators overseeing the PPS departments. She has thoroughly enjoyed being there for the students who are serviced by PPS. Her favorite part of her job has been supporting the families through happy as well as unhappy times in the student's career.

Nina's collegiate experience at the American Conservatory of Music eventually led to some of her favorite

memories at Addison Trail. Most notable are the staff musical comedies in which she performed, as well as participating in the Hallelujah chorus in the annual music assembly.

Growing her skin care product business will be her primary focus during retirement. But she does plan to travel with her husband, Lou, and to spend time with her daughter, Vanessa (Ryan), and granddaughters Naya and Adalynn.



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## **Ranko Igric, *Addison Trail***

Ranko's career with District 88 began in 2004, when he was hired to work in the Addison Trail Buildings and Grounds Department as a maintenance worker. He has served in that position for 13 years.

Throughout the years, Ranko's dedication has allowed him to be called upon to serve as the Custodial Foreman during vacations.

When asked about his favorite part of the job, Ranko exuded pride to work at Addison Trail – recognized by The Washington Post as one of "America's Most Challenging High Schools," as one of the "Best Public High Schools" by the Niche Rankings and as one of the "Best High Schools" by U.S. News & World Report.

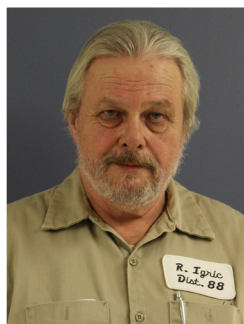
He acknowledged the work he does affects the overall success of the high school, and he is happy to contribute

to its success.

The advice he would give new staff members is no matter which position you have in the organization, you play

a part in the development of the students. He also advises employees to do your job right the first time.

Although his future plans for retirement are uncertain, Ranko intends to travel to Europe more often with his wife, Tonka. Retirement also means spending time with his son, Tom, and grandchildren Jack, Gus and Gracy.



## **Bruce Kelsay, Addison Trail/ Willowbrook**

Bruce's history with District 88 began when he was a student at Willowbrook. He completed his bachelor's degree and his master's degree at Illinois State University before his two-year employment with District 45 began. In 1986, the Addison Trail community welcomed Bruce as their new school psychologist. To continue serving the district, Bruce began splitting his time between both schools in 2010 and will retire with 31 years of service.

Coaching also has played a significant role in his career. Bruce is currently head coach of the Boys Track Team, and he has coached Boys Basketball and Football in the past. Because of the countless hours spent with the athletic programs, Bruce has fond memories of his daughters spending time at the school. Meeting his wife, a fellow Addison Trail teacher, is the highlight

of his years at District 88.

Bruce advises new teachers to get involved with students outside of the classroom to enhance their ability to build relationships with students. Bruce credits

Don Layne, Jim Mortier and Mike Welch as mentors and role models.

Bruce will still be seen around Addison Trail in his retirement, as he plans to continue coaching. Teaching courses at University of St Francis also will keep him busy. Retirement will allow him to have more flexibility for his busy lifestyle, while still making time for his wife, Mary, and his daughters, Kristen, McKenna and Nicolette.



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## **Martin Schatzman, Addison Trail**

Since 1995, Marty has committed himself to the success of Addison Trail's students. He has been a teacher aide in the special education department for 22 years. Marty received his bachelor's degree from Loyola University. That background prepared him for assisting students with tutoring during the last five years of his employment.

During his career, Marty involved himself in the school community by sponsoring the Chess Club and Project Success. Marty acknowledged that interacting with students was by far his favorite part of the job. He enjoyed seeing their growth in maturity from their beginning days as a freshman to their last days as a senior.

Marty feels District 88 is a great place

to work and advises new employees to follow your gut instinct, believe in yourself and be grateful to have a job.

Retirement for Marty will be spent with his hobbies of puzzles, games and cards.

He intends to travel a bit, but mostly spend time with his wife, Barbara; his children, Maurine, Michael, Marianne, Matthew, Mark and Martina; his grandchildren, Michele, Michael, Sabrina, Joseph, Randal, Ryan, Jessica, Natalie Jean, Karla, Nina, Marco, Riley, Madeleine and Harry; and his great-grandchildren, Olivia, Theodore, Victoria and Sullivan.



## **Diane Zogelman, *Addison Trail***

Twenty-five years ago, Diane found her fountain of youth when she began working at Addison Trail as a secretary supporting the Art, Special Education and Social Work departments. High school students bring a vitality to the job that is hard to find anywhere else.

As a parent of District 88 alumni, Diane had enjoyed attending sporting events, plays and all the other fantastic activities at Addison Trail. So when the opportunity to work in the school she was already involved in came up, she jumped at the opportunity.

Involvement in the school community is very important to Diane, because it provides an added opportunity to reach students and get to know them on a more personal level.

Snowball/Pay It Forward has benefited year after year from Diane's contributions. Diane also serves as an Addison Village Commissioner for the Addison Blood Program. She has almost

40 years of experience organizing blood drives at Addison Trail and the Village of Addison.

Even though Addison Trail has always provided a feeling of family for Diane, she will now have more time to spend with her own family.

Her children, Shane, Todd and Wendy, and her grandchildren are eagerly awaiting her newfound freedom. Along with her husband, Gene, Diane looks forward to traveling to Southeast Asia in the fall and a Disney cruise next summer. Retirement also will allow her to spend time with friends, volunteer and complete more genealogy research.



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## **Jayne Gerue, *Willowbrook***

Jayne joined Willowbrook in 2007 and has been in her current position as Student Supervisor for the past 10 years. Jayne had prior experience working with the public and was looking for a new opportunity. These reasons motivated her to work in education.

Jayne's position in the school has allowed her to interact with the entire student population. Her favorite part of the job has been interacting with students who were rough around the edges. The relationships she has built with those students has smoothed them out a bit. She has enjoyed the opportunity to watch students mature from their freshman year to their senior year.

Her daily interactions with students and colleagues are some of the things Jayne will miss most.

Jayne and her husband, Keith (who also is retiring this year), will be packing up their belongings this summer and making a permanent move to their new home in Arizona. Jayne expresses the thought of retirement is exciting, because she knows her future is bright and relaxing.



## **Peter Ginter, Willowbrook**

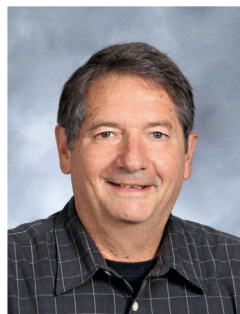
Peter joined the District 88 learning community in August 2003, bringing with him three years of teaching experience at Bartlett High School and two decades of concurrent business and military experience. Although he was hired to teach German and social studies at Addison Trail, he moved to Willowbrook eight years later when the World Languages Department needed another German teacher.

As a teacher, department chair, International Club sponsor, sophomore coach of the Girls Soccer Team and varsity coach of the Boys Soccer Team, Peter has had a myriad of responsibilities. Highlights of his coaching career include being selected as All-Sectional Coach of the Year twice – once at each high school; as a finalist for Illinois Coach of the Year; and developing flagging programs into winning programs at each high school.

Peter has fond memories of his teaching relationships, especially with those students he taught through four years of German. He regularly incorporated extracurricular activities that shared the

culture with students and their families. Peter enjoys when students come back to share their successes and finds it gratifying to learn his support and encouragement helped the students, some to even become teachers or coaches.

Traveling will dominate Peter's retirement plans in a variety of ways. In the fall, Peter and his wife, Mary Jo, will visit Europe and take a Viking cruise. They also have plans for a trip to Australia. Completing a bucket-list goal of seeing the Blackhawks play in every hockey stadium and visiting all of the Presidential libraries will round out their travel experiences. Peter still plans to spend time with his children, Katie (Andrew) and Meghan (Greg), and his grandchildren, Josh, Sean and expectant in August.



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## **Geri Hayes, Willowbrook**

Geri's employment with Willowbrook began in 1993, and she has had three positions during her 25-year tenure. She served as secretary to the technology department, as well as a secretary for an Assistant Principal. For the past 17 years, Geri has been the Executive Assistant to the Principal.

Geri has fond memories of her career, including working with her sister, Barbara; the closeness of the administrative team – specifically the group costumes at Halloween; and Christmas parties with the secretaries at the school.

There have been quite a few changes to Willowbrook since her early days. Most notably is the positive school spirit that is reflected in the community. Geri attributes much of that success to her friend and colleague Dan Krause,

whom she will miss working with on a daily basis.

Geri looks forward to hitting the open road with no schedules, time lines or agendas. Trips to the East Coast to visit family and friends will be frequent. Geri and her husband, Bill, plan to visit their vacation home in Wisconsin and spend time with family – children Rocky (Becky) and Jennifer and grandchildren Cameron and Mason. While at home, Geri's hobbies of gardening, crocheting, reading and cooking will keep her busy.



## **James Janos, Willowbrook**

James had recently retired from General Motors and was looking for a new opportunity. Encouraged by his spouse, who worked in a neighboring school district, James joined the ranks of the Buildings and Grounds Department as a maintenance worker in March 1990. Under the leadership of Jim Pignoni, James accepted the management call and served the last 23 years as the Custodial Foreman.

In the 27 years James has worked at Willowbrook, he has seen quite a few changes. Most notable is the ability to get all students through the system and not let anyone slip through the cracks. Willowbrook makes it possible for every student to succeed.

Through the years, James has met a lot of great friends in the district. Willowbrook has served as a second

home for James, and he is thankful for the opportunity to work with such professional and committed faculty and staff.

Along with the people, James also will miss the annual sense of accomplishment in getting the building ready for the first day of school.

James is looking forward to an upcoming trip to Paris with his wife, Mary. After that, he will take a few train trips and continue traveling. James describes himself as an avid gardener and plans to spend more time working in his garden.



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## **Darlene Pollack, Willowbrook**

Darlene has always had a love for school. She instilled that passion for education into her three children, who all went on to become math teachers.

When the time presented itself, she eagerly joined the Willowbrook school community, serving first as the school receptionist and supporting the math and science departments. She later became an Administrative Assistant to an Assistant Principal. Darlene will retire with 13 years of service to Willowbrook.

Darlene came to realize there are many enjoyable aspects to working with the PPS staff. Darlene found interests in her daily work with homebound students, outside placements and organizing transportation for the homeless students.

The creation of PBIS has been a positive change during her years at Willowbrook. Providing incentives has brought about a new way to deal with students

and create a positive culture. Darlene personally enjoyed seeing the smiling faces of teachers and students when redeeming their stamps.

Darlene has many plans for her retirement. First and foremost, she plans to wake up without using an alarm clock. Darlene does plan to pursue her hobbies, including reading, traveling and picking up fitness to stay active. Her husband of 40 years, Rich, is eager to share her quality time with their children, Melanie (Rich), Richie (Amy) and Veronica (Rick); and their grandchildren, Natalie, Maddy, Adriana, Allison and Adam.



## **Jeffrey Reher, Willowbrook**

Jeff's ties to Willowbrook began as a high school student. After graduation, Jeff completed his bachelor's degree at Elmhurst College and his master's degree at Concordia University. He returned to Willowbrook in 1985 and worked as a teaching assistant for four years. He explored a teaching opportunity at Community High School District 99, but his Warrior roots led him right back to Willowbrook in 1991. Jeff will retire with more than 34 years of experience in education.

Through the years, Jeff has been involved in the Willowbrook community in a variety of capacities, including special education, social studies and behind-the-wheel teacher; department chair; coach of the Boys and Girls Track teams, Wrestling Team and Football Team; Varsity Athletic Club sponsor; Youth in Government sponsor; and SES coach. Jeff also was integral in the development of PBIS, Brook Olympics, Willyfest and the annual Veterans Day

program.

Jeff knows he will miss being involved with the school community and advises new teachers to get involved with coaching and sponsoring clubs, so they feel more connected to the school and more involved in student achievements.

Jeff will begin his retirement looking forward to the upcoming nuptials of his son Scott, along with spending time with the entire family – his wife, Patti, and his sons, Brian, Scott and Matthew. He still plans to be involved in the educational setting by way of coaching, providing motivational presentations, supervising student teachers and substitute teaching.



**Congratulations to the Addison Trail and Willowbrook 2016-17 retirees!**

**Thank you for your years of service, and best of luck in your future endeavors!**

## PROGRAM

### Welcome

*Sharon Kucik,  
District 88 Board of  
Education Secretary*

### Dinner

### Service Recognition Awards

### Outstanding Achievement Awards

### Presentation of Retirees

### Closing Remarks

*Dr. Scott Helton,  
District 88  
Superintendent*

### Master of Ceremonies

*Jim Perusich*

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Neenah Federick  
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