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DISTRICT 88

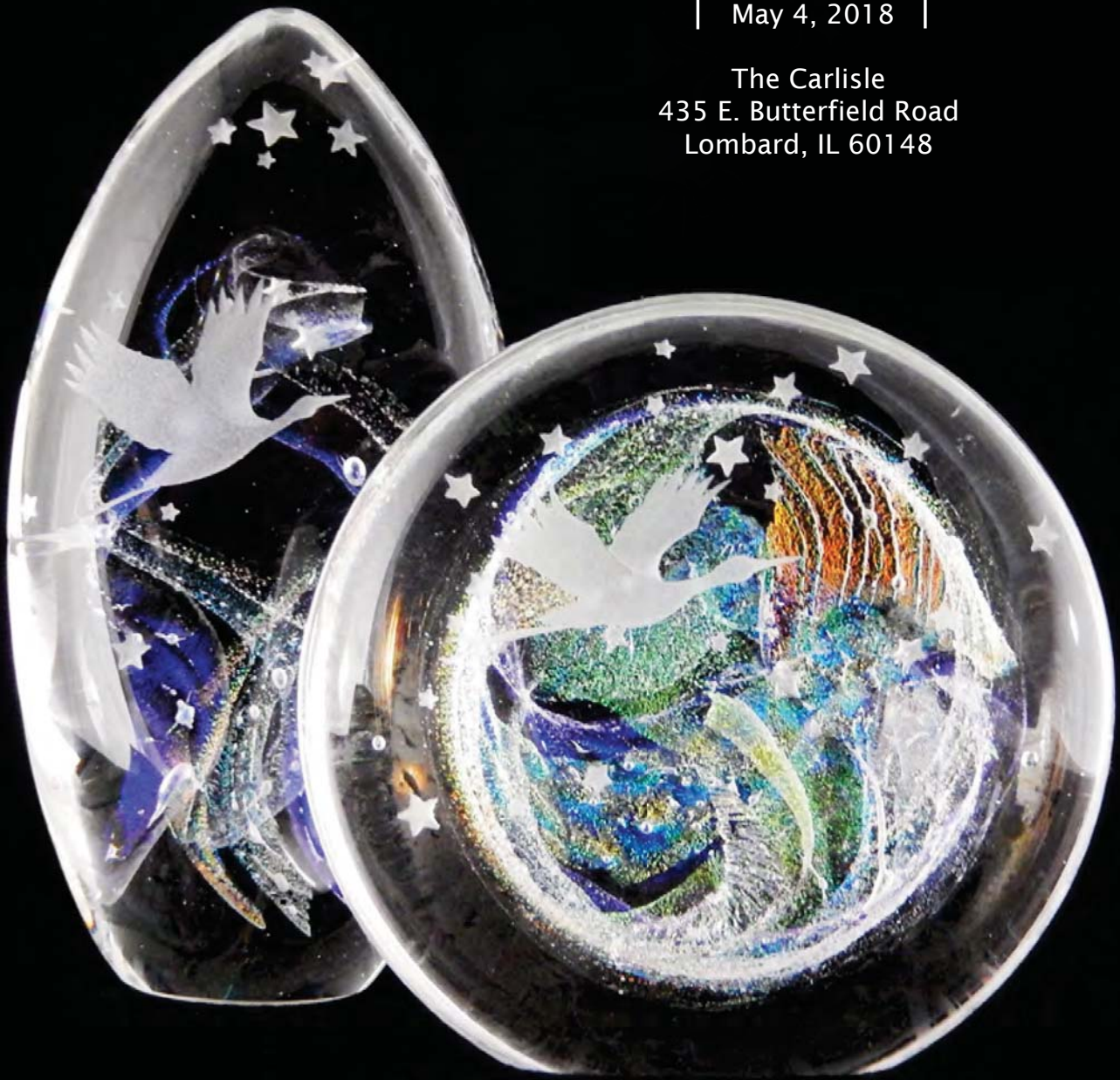
*Building Futures*

ADDISON TRAIL  
WILLOWBROOK

# Staff Recognition Dinner

| May 4, 2018 |

The Carlisle  
435 E. Butterfield Road  
Lombard, IL 60148



# Service Recognition Awards

## ADDISON TRAIL

Laura Calo  
Antonella DiMaggio  
Laura Garcia  
Mark Garlitz  
Timothy Homan  
Lija Marzec  
Sabrina Miller  
Jessica H. Murphy  
Victor Noyola  
Maria Oplawski  
Daniel Styler

## DISTRICT OFFICE

*10 years*  
Vanessa Duffin  
Lori LaBarbera  
Mark Manhart

## WILLOWBROOK

Denise Birkner  
Earl Buckley  
Robert Daly  
Benjamin DeFilippis  
Tiffany Linwood  
Brett Maguire  
Bradley Schmit  
Colleen Smith  
Gary Walker  
Peggy Wealton

## *15 years*

Gjergj Dharmo  
Tina M. Gatses  
Aileen Sullivan  
Hannah Sutton  
Alma Villegas

Neenah S. Federick  
Bob Flemming

Robert Bachner  
Erik Engel  
Sara Phillips  
Lourdes Piña  
Charles Sheridan  
Katherine Strand-Carroll  
Travis Wolff

## *20 years*

Amy Ferraro  
Rita M. Heneghan  
Brian Hoehn

Kathleen Kosior  
Linda Radtke  
Elizabeth Stady  
Regina Wathier  
Karyn Wolcott

## *25 years*

Lori Irvin  
Ann Peters  
Vicki Ream

Tom Manka  
Candy Richardson

Peg Browne  
Megan Graham  
Velma Johnson  
Michael Sullivan

## *30 years*

Sheri D'Ambrose  
Steven Orlando

# Outstanding Achievement Awards



**ADDISON TRAIL**  
Brendan Lyons



**WILLOWBROOK**  
Tom Cantlin

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## 2017-18 Retirees

### ADDISON TRAIL

John Cord  
Edward DuBeau Jr.  
Norman Grubisich  
Laura Jurik  
M. Soledad Levulis  
Michael Ross

### DISTRICT OFFICE

Margaret Bell  
Bob Flemming  
Catherine Martino

### WILLOWBROOK

Joan Andrews  
Tom Cantlin  
Robert Delaney  
Patricia Engelmann  
Marina Gozzetti  
Roberta Keavy  
Kathleen Kosior  
Kathy LeMone  
Peggy Wealton  
Barbara Willson

## **Edward DuBeau Jr., *Addison Trail***

When Edward DuBeau Jr. joined the Addison Trail staff in 1989, he never thought that 29 years later he would be retiring from that same organization. As the years progressed, Edward's favorite part of working as a custodian became the staff members he worked with day in and day out. Everyone truly gets along with each other, making the job meaningful.

Edward never would have thought he would gain so many close friends out of the experience. Those friendships with the Buildings and Grounds Department staff will be among the many things Edward misses the most during retirement.

When recalling his favorite memories from his years at Addison Trail, Edward speaks fondly of the opportunities to

break bread with his coworkers – having potlucks during lunch or barbecuing together.

In retirement, Edward plans to visit Addison Trail occasionally.

He has liked how the community has been enjoying the renovated campus and has plans to take in a few school plays. He and his wife, Kimberly, plan to travel a lot, possibly checking out Arizona to call home. Spending time with his son, Adam, lake trips to Minnesota, playing poker and bowling are on the agenda as well.



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## **Norman Grubisich, *Addison Trail***

After 16 years, Norman Grubisich will retire from Addison Trail having worked as a maintenance worker for all of those years. What started as an opportunity to work in a job that provided stability evolved into a fulfilling career.

After years of working in construction and seeing the instability with layoffs and turnover, Norman was drawn to the educational setting because of the consistency it provides within the community.

While working at Addison Trail, Norman has enjoyed the versatility his work provides. There is no monotony to his day, because he has the ability to work on different projects and assignments. This also has brought an opportunity for continued learning.

Norman noted the Building The

Future construction project was a positive change he witnessed during his career at Addison Trail. He saw up close and personal the huge transformation of the physical building.

When reflecting on what he will miss most upon retirement, Norman knows it will be the people he has worked alongside every day. The Addison Trail staff members have been so nice, and he has seen them show love to each other daily. Norman's retirement plans include traveling with his wife and "living life with no regrets."





### **Michael Ross, *Addison Trail***

In 2005, Michael Ross joined District 88 as the GOAL program teacher at Willowbrook after a career change from the real estate and information technology industries. After 18 months, he transferred to Addison Trail as a member of the Social Studies Department. Not only did Michael have an impact on the students in the classroom, he also impacted the lives of many by sponsoring Youth in Government.

Michael's own education includes a bachelor's degree from Northern Illinois University and master's degrees from DePaul University and Dominican University.

While Michael came from a family of educators, he still noted Adam Cibulka as a colleague who provided much insight and dialogue into the courses he taught. Michael advises new teachers there are more than enough tools and resources available in the

district to do a good job.

Because Michael primarily taught Advanced Placement courses, his favorite part of the job was getting to know each student on a

one-to-one basis. Michael praised the district for its philosophy on allowing students to access the higher-level courses during their high school careers.

Michael plans to keep busy in his retirement with hiking, swimming, biking, exercising and reading. He already has plans to travel with his wife, Kathleen, to Peru to visit the Galápagos Islands in September.



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### **Margaret Bell, *District Office***

After 27 years, Margaret Bell will retire from District 88 having worked as the Administrative Assistant supporting the Buildings and Grounds Department for all of those years. Getting to know the members in her department has truly been her favorite part of the job.

Margaret was inspired to major in elementary education at Western Illinois University because of her grandfather and mother being teachers. While Margaret did not end up standing in front of a class of children, she was in front of a classroom full of adults in the district's Community Education program. For years, Margaret taught computer programming courses and crafts in the program's evening and weekend selections.

Margaret has fond memories of the Willowbrook drum line marching through the hallways on home game days during the football season. It brought so much

excitement to students and staff.

Not only does the renovated campus look more pleasing to the students, but they are truly excited to be a part of the school community.

Another positive change Margaret has witnessed during her career is the evolution of technology. Gone are the days of scantrons being physically sent to District Office for processing.

In retirement, Margaret plans to pursue her hobbies, including knitting, reading and drawing. She also plans to travel and has a river cruise of all the Great Lakes scheduled for fall. She also will spend time with her husband, Duane, and her son, David.



### **Bob Flemming, *District Office***

Although Bob Flemming's employment began with District 88 in 2004, his connection to the district began years ago. First as the proud parent of six Addison Trail alumni. Second as a Board of Education member from 1997 to 2004.

For the last 14 years, Bob has served as the Director of Business Services in the District Office. After working in the private sector for many years, he wanted to see the fruits of his labor within his own community. Moreover, his position in the Business Office gave him the opportunity to do something positive for the school and the community.

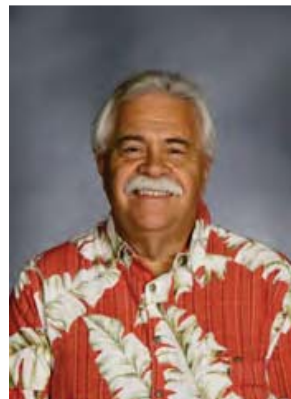
Bob earned his bachelor's degree from Loyola University Chicago and his master's degree from Northern Illinois University.

During his time with District 88, Bob established many personal relationships with the administrative team. He will

miss the daily interactions with his coworkers.

One of his favorite experiences was being part of the Building The Future project that modernized our learning environment. Half of his career was spent planning and living through the project.

In retirement, Bob will have an opportunity to work on some home projects that he has put off. But he plans to balance his time with traveling, relaxation and spending time with his wife, Suzanne; his children Rob, Dan, Matt, Jon, Pat and Mary Kate; and his grandchildren Declan, Dylan, Shelby, Brianna and Bobby.



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### **Catherine Martino, *District Office***

Catherine Martino began her employment with District 88 in 2002. She served as the Accounts Payable Specialist for 16 years. While working in the District Office, Catherine had an opportunity to see many changes occur. One change being the physical location of the District Office from a wing at Willowbrook to a freestanding building in Addison.

Catherine has warm memories of hearing the passing period bell ring and the bustling of students in the hallways. Seeing the students day to day allowed her an opportunity to feel a part of the community. Part of Catherine's favorite memories of working for District 88 was seeing her own two children graduate from Addison Trail.

Catherine worked for Addison School District 4 before joining District 88. She

never thought she would gain so many close friends out of the experience. Those friendships will be among the many things Catherine misses most during retirement.

Catherine plans to travel when desired and to spend time with family and friends. She and her husband, Dominic, already have a trip to Italy planned upon her retirement. Her children – Matt, Phillip and Jennifer – and her grandchildren – Dominic and Mykayla – are all eagerly awaiting her retirement.



## **Joan Andrews, Willowbrook**

Joan Andrews began her career in District 88 in 2000 as a substitute teacher and has served as an educator for more than 20 years. For the last nine years, Joan has worked at Willowbrook and is retiring as a special education teacher aide.

While all of her children matriculated through Willowbrook, she was a substitute teacher during her youngest son's tenure. She has fond memories of being stopped in the hallways and asked for lunch money. His friends were just as thrilled to have her presence in the building, purposely shouting "Mom" in the doorway to her classroom.

While working in the district for many years, Joan had the opportunity to see many changes occur. One change being the upgrades to the facility, making it very inviting for the students. Another positive change Joan noticed was the school spirit and

camaraderie. She witnessed the school community members rally around and support each other during local or national tragedies. It really gave her hope for the future to

see the students caring of each other.

Joan looks forward to spending more time with her children Meghan, Erin and Ryan, as well as visiting her brothers in Wisconsin and Florida. Joan likes having the option of substitute teaching if she chooses. Her grandsons Sean and Andrew will have a plethora of activities to keep her busy in retirement.



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## **Tom Cantlin, Willowbrook**

Tom Cantlin joined the Willowbrook learning community in 1986, bringing two years of experience from A.E.R.O. Special Education Cooperative. He will retire having completed 34 years as an educator.

Tom completed his bachelor's and master's degrees from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and another master's degree from Northeastern Illinois University.

Tom filled many roles in the district, beginning with his role as a teacher in the Special Education and Science departments. He served as the sponsor for the Adventure Club and coached the girls basketball, soccer and softball teams. Tom then took on a new role as Dean of Students and later as Director of Deans. His final role was serving as Assistant Principal for the last 14 years.

Some of his favorite memories are the softball Regional championship in 1993 while coaching alongside Larry

Langellier; three decades of working with a great staff – especially the current main office staff; and students who genuinely get along and celebrate their diversity, making it

a remarkable Warrior community. Ultimately, meeting his wife, Karyn, and teaching together for a few years is the highlight of his time at District 88.

During retirement, Tom is looking forward to vacationing with his wife; spending time with his children Ryan and Katie; regularly attending Cubs games; and visiting the colleges where his children attend.



## **Marina Gozzetti, Willowbrook**

Marina Gozzetti will retire with more than 40 years of teaching experience. After her grandmother encouraged her to pursue a career in education, Marina received her bachelor's degree from Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje and later a master's degree from The University of Illinois at Chicago.

Marina taught English for many years in Yugoslavia before she began her teaching career at Willowbrook in 2001. She served as an English as a Second Language and English teacher and also sponsored the Multicultural Club.

Marina has enjoyed getting to know so many students from different cultural backgrounds during her career at Willowbrook. She found purpose in letting these students know they are valued in the Warrior community. The students never felt neglected and often

achieved more because of the support provided.

Marina has fond memories of the three years she and her son worked together at Willowbrook.

Marina will begin her retirement hitting the ground running. Marina and her husband, Pierre, will move to Florida this summer. In retirement, Marina hopes to have more time for her favorite pastimes of reading, writing and spending time with her children Zorina (Alexender) and Zarko (Sylvia) and her grandchildren Alex Jr. and Catherine.



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## **Kathleen Kosior, Willowbrook**

Kathleen Kosior's first experience in District 88 was as a parent of two Willowbrook students. After having such a positive parenting experience, she decided she would like to work for the school her children attended. She was employed with District 45 before joining the District 88 team in 1998, so she was very familiar with the educational setting.

As a teacher aide for 27 years, Kathleen marvels at how the Literacy Department has expanded its services from supporting 10 students to more than 30 students today. Kathleen relishes the way the students touch her heart in so many ways. She loves seeing their faces when they finally understand a difficult concept.

To be successful, Kathleen advises new employees to show compassion when working with the students. It is important not to be too harsh and

to give the students a break at times. Sometimes a little mothering is all they need to feel supported.

Kathleen has established bonds with students that have continued after graduation. It has been rewarding to see former students start their own families.

Kathleen is unsure what retirement will look like for her. Maybe a trip or two to Las Vegas and projects around the house. Spending time with her husband, Roger; her children Kellie and Roger; and her grandchildren Hannah, Tyler, Madison, Jackson and Alexis also is on the list.





## **Peggy Wealton, Willowbrook**

Shortly after completing her master's degree at National Louis University, Peggy Wealton joined the Willowbrook learning community in 2008 as a teacher in the Special Education Department.

For years, Peggy desired to be a teacher, but funneled that energy into actively volunteering at her children's school. With such great rapport built, it was only natural for the principal to call on Peggy to fill a vacancy as a teacher aide when the need arose. With a bachelor's degree from University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and six years working as a teacher aide under her belt, that was the push Peggy needed to change careers and pursue teaching as a profession.

While there is a mutual admiration for all of the colleagues in her department, Beth Stady's role in helping Peggy personalize her work and learn how to prioritize her classroom management stands out.

Working in a department where

everyone pitches in to help and really displays what true teamwork looks like will be among the things Peggy misses most upon retirement.

Peggy also has fond memories of her teaching relationships, especially those students she taught through four years of the LINK program.

Peggy is comfortable knowing her retirement plans are not set in stone. She wants to enjoy the retirement life before committing to something. However, she does have plans to travel to the British Isles for a vacation. Spending time with her husband, Mike; her children Colleen (Mike), Dan (Holly) and Tim (Olivia); and her grandchildren Lucy, Max and Elliott also is a priority.



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## **Barbara Willson, Willowbrook**

After receiving her bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Barbara Willson began her career at Willowbrook in 1985 as an English teacher. Barbara has since served the district by coaching not only athletic teams (girls swimming and pompon), but National Honor Society and Speech Team as well. In her 33 years, Barbara also has served as a reading teacher, Literacy Department Head and Special Education Department Head. She earned her master's degree from The University of Illinois at Chicago.

Barbara credits former staff members Virginia Riedel and Ann Kimpton as mentors when she entered the profession. She advises new teachers to take risks with their students and not stifle their passion. Allow the students to see your interest to inspire them.

Barbara is most proud of the

evolution of the Academic Resource Center and the services the tutors provide to the students. She has enjoyed seeing the students being celebrated and being able to showcase their achievements.

Barbara is unsure what retirement holds for her, but is excited at the opportunity to explore her interests. Along with her love for reading and traveling, Barbara wants to continue working in some capacity, while still having time to spend with her husband, Mark, and her children Kyle, Erin and Doug.



## PROGRAM

### Welcome

*Donna Craft Cain,  
District 88 Board of  
Education President*

### Dinner

### Service Recognition Awards

### Outstanding Achievement Awards

### Presentation of Retirees

### Closing Remarks

*Dr. Scott Helton,  
District 88  
Superintendent*

### Master of Ceremonies

*John Epple*

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