West Babylon Alumni Foundation

Hall of Fame Induction Dinner

October 29, 2011
Program

Pledge of Allegiance
Welcome
Ralph Rienzo ‘64, President,
West Babylon Alumni Foundation

Superintendent’s Message
Anthony Cacciola ‘79

Board of Directors’ Awards
Martin P. Kennedy
Dr. Anthony Capone
Mathew Wilensky

Dinner

Hall of Fame Inductees
Dr. William G. Hawkins ‘87
Lawrence Doyle ‘76
Dr. Christopher Proto ‘72
Dr. Daniel McCally ‘64
Major Melvyn Kloor ‘59

Closing Remarks
Ralph Rienzo

Dessert

Special Thanks to the Following:
The West Babylon High School String Ensemble,
under the direction of Elizabeth Leidel
High School Fine Arts Chairperson Barbara Kelly
High School Music Teacher Joseph Barone,
Slide Show Presentation
WILLIAM G. HAWKINS M.D., F.A.C.S.

William G. Hawkins is a 1987 graduate of West Babylon High School. He received his MD from the State University of New York at Stony Brook and completed a surgical research fellowship at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York. Dr. Hawkins completed a residency in surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston and a surgical oncology fellowship at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. In 2005, he joined Washington University in the St. Louis School of Medicine, where he specializes in complex cancer surgery for primary and metastatic lesions of the pancreas, liver and stomach.

Dr. Hawkins is a lead investigator for pancreatic and liver cancer research as well as other cancers at Washington University School of Medicine and Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. He has a number of publications to his credit and several patents relating to his cancer research. He has received numerous grants towards his research, the largest being over 1.5 million dollars from the U.S. Government from 2006–2011.

Some of the many distinguishing honors that Dr. Hawkins has received are as follows: PanCan “Light Up the Night with Hope Award” awarded for dedication to pancreas cancer research and patient care; American Cancer Society Mentored Research Scholar; American Cancer Society Young Investigator Award; Samuel Stroum PanCan-AACR Young Investigator Award; and Upjohn Overall Excellence as a Medical Student Award (Valedictorian). Bill is also the Medical Student Education Coordinator at the University/Hospital. In addition, he is a member of the Cancer and Leukemia Group B(CALGB), GI-Surgery Advisory Committee and a member of the National Advisory Board, National Comprehensive Cancer Network NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines for Pancreatic Cancer.

Bill, his wife Michelle, and three children, Caitlin, William and Patrick live in Olivette, Missouri. He and his family are very active in local community and church activities.
Lawrence Doyle, a 1976 graduate of West Babylon High School, is currently chairman and co-founder of Kinetics Asset Management, Inc., a 6 billion dollar asset management company located in Westchester County.

After graduating from West Babylon, he attended Suffolk Community College and in 1978, graduated with an AAS degree. He continued on to Pace University earning a Bachelors Degree, in 1980, with a triple major in finance, management and marketing.

Larry began his business career in 1978 when he accepted an entry level position at The American Stock Exchange which provided him with an opportunity to gain invaluable experience. As his career on Wall Street progressed, he assumed the position of Account Executive at Merrill Lynch. During this time, he attended night classes and earned his Masters Degree in International Business. By the end of 1992, Larry became First Vice President, Regional Manager for Janney Montgomery Scott, LLC., the second oldest member of The New York Stock Exchange.

Larry’s experience led to his formulating the idea to create his own investment company focused on the rapidly developing Internet industry. Convincing his mother, Margaret, a retired Superintendent of Schools, and his brother Peter, a seasoned Wall Street investment portfolio manager, that the concepts were sound, he launched Kinetics Asset Management, Inc. in 1996.

Larry resides in Briarcliff Manor and enjoys spending time with his wife Karen and their children Richie and Katherine. Larry is committed to helping others and is active in the YMCA, Open Door Medical Clinics, Phelps Memorial Hospital, Giving Thanksgiving, LLC., The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, along with many other organizations.

Among his honors, Larry received the Alumni Achievement Award for Excellence from Suffolk Community College.
CHRISTOPHER PROTO D. D. S.

Dr. Christopher Proto is a total West Babylon School District product. He attended Santapogue Elementary School from 1960–66, then attended the West Babylon JHS before graduating in 1972, from West Babylon High School, where he also served as yearbook editor. After graduation, Chris attended Fordham University and graduated with a BS in Biology. While working towards his degree, he was employed as a summer custodian by the District. After graduation, he worked as a substitute teacher for the WB science department in 1976-77. Dr. Proto then attended Georgetown University School of Dentistry and graduated Cum Laude in 1981. He was also elected to Omicron Kappa Upsilon Honorary Dental Fraternity.

Working as a dental associate in 1984, Dr. Proto had an opportunity to purchase a small dental office of his own in Babylon Village. The office was located a few blocks from “Proto’s Bakery”, a family business started by his grandparents, Peter and Frances Proto, in 1946. Chris felt compelled to move his office to the “family building”. So in 1989, after his grandmother accepted his offer and a considerable renovation to the structure was completed, he and his staff made the move. There is a plaque in the foyer of the building dedicating the structure to his grandparents.

Chris is very active in his community and has a list of numerous accomplishments. Some of those activities are as follows: former president of the Babylon Rotary Club; he has been a chairman of the Annual Food and Wine Event which raised $150,000 for local and international charities; and he has been a recipient of the Habitat for Humanity Hope Builder Award. Currently, Dr. Proto is the 2010-11 co-chair of the Babylon Village Historic Fountain Reconstruction Project. Chris also reads to Santapogue students in the “Parents as Reading Partners” Program, supported the fund drive for South Bay School’s reconstruction and participated in the fund raising auction for JFK School. He is also a charter member of the WB Alumni Foundation.

Dr. Proto resides in Babylon Village with his wife Monica.
For Dr. Daniel S. McCally, the foundation of his career began with his attending Kindergarten through 12th grade in the West Babylon School District. Dan attended Santapogue Elementary School, then the WB Junior High School, and graduated from the WB Senior High in 1964 as the class president.

Dr. McCally attended Adelphi University and graduated in 1968 with a Bachelor's Degree in Biology. He went on to do his medical graduate work at New Jersey College of Medicine and graduated in 1972 with his field of study in Surgery. His internship in Straight Surgery was completed at Nassau County Medical Center. His residencies included surgery, completed in June, 1973, and urology, June 1973 to June 1976, at NCMC.

Dr. Dan is the Director of Urology at Nassau University Medical Center, from 1978 to present, and is also the Director of the Urology Residency Training Program. He has been the Assistant Chief of Urology at South Nassau Communities Hospital since 1992. He has been a clinical instructor in urology for the Department of Urology, School of Medicine, at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. He has also served as president and vice president of the medical staff at Nassau University Medical Center.

Dr. McCally has received many honors including: President of Nassau Surgical Society-Gold Medallion, Fellow-Nassau Academy of Medicine, and Valentine Urology Prize Essay “Selective Tumor Vessel Embolization Versus Renal Artery Embolization: A Comparison in 18 Patients with Renal Malignancies”. He finished in the top three of the American Urological Society Scientific Exhibit.

Dr. Dan feels it is important to give back and offers his time by volunteering at annual prostate cancer screenings, giving lectures to prostate cancer support groups, and being on the Early Detection Prostate Cancer in African-American Community committee. He also serves on the Nassau University Medical Center volunteer staff for education of residents and interns as well as surgery of the indigent and infirmed.

Dr. McCally enjoys his family, pups - Bonnie & Clyde, and cooking as well as gardening. He also spends lots of quality time with Joan.
Major Melvyn Kloor and his wife Anita have been married for 30 years and reside in Sierra Vista, Arizona. They have 4 children and 7 grandchildren. When not on assignment with the U.S. Government, Mel volunteers on the staff of Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords (8th District, Arizona), where he serves as a member on her Congressional Veterans Advisory Council. As a service-connected disabled veteran himself, Mel mentors and counsels severely combat disabled veterans returning from OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM in Iraq, and OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM in Afghanistan. Mel helps these veterans transition back to civilian life and upon request, acts as their advocate with the Veterans Administration (VA) concerning their entitlements to medical and educational benefits.

Mel Kloor served over 20 years in the Army and retired as a Major (P). The “P” designator signifies the fact that he was selected to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, but elected to take an early retirement in order to take care of his terminally ill mother. Mel served in various assignments and in various capacities, mostly in the field of Military Intelligence. He served as a Counterintelligence Agent, Counterintelligence Officer, Human Intelligence Officer and Civil Affairs Officer. He has participated in military operations in Vietnam, Panama, Grenada, and most recently, in Iraq as a Department of Defense Special Advisor in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. Mel was also assigned to the University of Nebraska’s ROTC Department for a period of 4 years as an Assistant Professor of Military Science.

Mel graduated from West Babylon High School in 1959. He holds two Bachelor’s Degrees (History & Anthropology) and a Masters Degree (History) from Stony Brook University and was declared a Ph.D. candidate by the Graduate History Department, Stony Brook University. Mel, as a college undergraduate, also completed all of the educational and student teaching requirements for New York State Certification in Secondary Education and briefly taught high school on Long Island before deciding on a career in the U.S. Army.
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

2009 SCHOLARSHIPS

WEST BABYLON ALUMNI FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP
Miss Taylor Davino
Miss Grace Drewes

2010 SCHOLARSHIPS

WEST BABYLON ALUMNI FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP
Miss Molly Bianco
Miss Emma Leary
Miss Emily Toner

WEST BABYLON ALUMNI FOUNDATION ALBERT J. RITACCO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Mr. Jesse Powers

WEST BABYLON ALUMNI FOUNDATION TONY CANNIZZARO SCHOLARSHIP
Mr. Mark A. Palminteri
Miss Amanda Whitaker

2011 SCHOLARSHIPS

WEST BABYLON ALUMNI FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP
Miss Kerry Clancy
Mr. Andrew Howard
Miss Jamie Rizzi
Miss Taylor Stone

WEST BABYLON ALUMNI FOUNDATION TONY CANNIZZARO SCHOLARSHIP
Miss Amanda Birr
Miss Amalia Drewes
Miss Alexa Goebel

WEST BABYLON ALUMNI FOUNDATION CLASS OF 1960 ARTS SCHOLARSHIP
Miss Amanda Birr

WEST BABYLON ALUMNI FOUNDATION CLASS OF 1960 ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIP
Mr. Thomas Walthers
Miss Taylor Webb

WEST BABYLON ALUMNI FOUNDATION HELMER PETERSEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Miss Amalia Drewes
Mr. Shane Salanitri

WEST BABYLON ALUMNI FOUNDATION ALBERT J. RITACCO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Mr. Daniel J. Apuzzo
Mr. Jeffrey Orelien
ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

The West Babylon Alumni Foundation was established in 1997 and re-organized in 2008. The West Babylon Alumni Foundation is comprised of graduates from 50 years of students.

The purpose of the Foundation is to perpetuate the “tradition of excellence” in the West Babylon School District.

The Foundation has set goals of awarding scholarships, creating a “Hall of Fame” and establishing a website.

THE MISSION

The West Babylon Alumni Foundation, Inc. is a broadly based, non-profit organization whose purpose is educational and charitable to secure and distribute contributions from individuals, corporations, and foundations for the benefit of the students in the West Babylon Public Schools and by doing so, perpetuate the unique experience and traditions.

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www.wbschools.org

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Or contact us at:  
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Sponsors
West Babylon Teachers Association—Patricia Squicciarini, President
West Babylon Lions Club—Thomas Lano, President
Athenian Gardens—John Iliou ‘87 & The Iliou Family
Cosmo’s Service Station—Joseph Barbieri ‘72
Bunny Classic—Robert Brennan ‘72
Green Cactus—Chris Connors ‘76, Larry Doyle ‘76, Bob Kerzner ‘76
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KMF Group—Antoinette Granieri Fleming ‘79
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Donors
Florence Rylsky (in honor of Dr. Anthony Capone)
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and Martin P. Kennedy)
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and Martin P. Kennedy)
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Jon Link (in honor of Mathew Wilensky, Dr. Anthony Capone
and Martin P. Kennedy)
Frank C. Catalanotto (in honor of Dr. Daniel McCally)
Hall of Fame Inductees

2009
Erica Crespi ‘88
Jonathan Reese ‘86
Mozelle Thompson ‘72
Judy Skillen
Senator Owen H. Johnson
Helmer Petersen (posthumously)

2010
Thomas C. Teufel ‘88
Dr. Charles Thompson ‘72
Thomas McAteer ‘71
Justice Ralph Costello ‘59
H. Austin Sheldon, Jr., (posthumously)

2011
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ALMA MATER

The Eagle is a symbol of the high school we hold dear. A school that those of us who know, regard without a peer; Her colors Blue and Gold, when seen, do gladden every eye, Of all those sons and daughters of our own West Babylon High.

Chorus

Oh, dear old Alma Mater to you we will be true, You’ll live forever in our hearts, West Babylon we love you.

“Once an Eagle, Always an Eagle”