

Highlights and Presentations

- Cocktails 5:45 P.M.
- Invocation..... Dr. Ed Hollis
Associate Pastor, New Beginnings Church of God
- Dinner 6:30 to approximately 7:20 P.M.
- Master of Ceremonies..... Al Pote, Secretary,
Decatur Bowling Hall of Fame
- Introduction of Center Representatives/Guests.... Al Pote
- Introduction of HOF Officers Gabe Howell, President
- Introduction of Decatur USBCTrinity Bush, President
Officers and Directors
- Lonnie Klukis Memorial Scholarship presented by
Susan Klukis
- Senior All-City TeamsCynthia Howell, Sgt. At Arms and
Trinity Bush, President, Decatur USBC
- Women’s & Men’s All-City Teams Cynthia Howell and
Trinity Bush
- Youth All-City Teams Trinity Bush and Gabe Howell
- Hall of Fame Memorial..... Al Pote
- Introduction of Attending Hall of Fame Members.. Al Pote
- Presentation of Inductees Gabe Howell and Al Pote
- Benediction Dr. Ed Hollis

Door Prize and 50/50 Drawings will follow induction ceremony

*Hall of Fame Officers: Gabe Howell – President
Diane Doty – Vice-President
Al Pote – Secretary
Trinity Bush – Treasurer*



The Decatur, Illinois Bowling Hall of Fame

Proudly presents our

45TH ANNUAL HALL OF FAME BANQUET



2020/2021

**The Wagon
3190 North Woodford Street
Decatur, IL**

October 23, 2021

*Door Prize and 50/50 tickets will be sold throughout
the dinner and induction, with drawings to follow.*

Cocktails – 5:45 P.M. Dinner – 6:30 P.M.

SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE

LARRY PORTER (2020)



- Debuted in Decatur Bowling Leagues in 1984
- Career high game: 300 (7)
- Career High Series: 804 (Nov. 17, 2009)
- Career High Average: 225
- Has served as Assn. Director & Vice-President, League Delegate and Farm Bureau League President
- Tournament Championships and highlights: LARRY is a three-time City Champion, twice in Mixed Team and in the 2015 Men's Championship. He has bowled over 20 state tournaments, with two top-5 South Division finishes. In the past six seasons,

Larry has placed either first or second in seven area sweepers, the most recent a championship in the 1/31/21 Mid-Illinois Bowlers Tour's Covid Sweeper. Included in this surge was a 299 on the 2019 Springfield 700 Club circuit. Larry has Big-4 and 7-10 conversions on his record.

Locally, Larry earned three Doubles crowns in Big Ern's Tournament and another twins title in the Farm Bureau Tournament. Porter averaged only 129 in his first season, but in the 21st Century, he has a collective average exceeding 210, and he is showing no signs of slowing down even at age 55. The man known as "Larry Carry" is ready to haul away Decatur's most prestigious individual bowling honor.

ANTHONY "TONY" MAHON (2021)



- Debuted in Decatur Bowling Leagues in 1993
- Career High Game: 300 (9 total)
- Career High Series 821 (three sets of 800+)
- Career High Average: 228
- Longtime Youth Coach, also served on BA Board
- Tournament Championships and highlights: TONY was a top youth bowler in the early 1990s, and he quickly translated that to adult leagues, winning two City Doubles titles and appearing on the All-City list. Mahon was a State Doubles runner-up and added two 299 games to his nine 300s.

Tony was always quick to thank his family, especially Hall of Fame grandpa Gene Law, for teaching him the fundamentals of the game. It was a mentoring Tony passed down to his daughter Mackenzie. Together, they captured eight father-daughter championships in the annual Pekin event. Also proving to be a capable adult teammate, Tony won the competitive Springfield Firecracker Tournament three times in a four-year span between 2010 and 2013. Mahon also claimed the podium with a third in the Silver Dollar Classic. Spinning more than 150 series of 700 or better, tonight, Tony Mahon will receive what he has described himself as "the greatest and most meaningful local honor."

Deceased Members of the Hall of Fame (116)

Abrams, Morris (Moose)	Dash, Russell	Jester, Wilbia (Bill)	Salefski, Emma
Adcock, Don	Dawson, Charles (CJ)	Jones, Samuel (Sam)	Schaefer, Paul Jr
Allen, Ruth	Dement, Harold (Red)	Keller, Betty	Scherer, Carl
Anderson, Edith	Dodwell, Carl	Kelly, Esther	Schimanski, Leo
Ater, Thelma	Eiserman, Edwin (Eddie)	Klukis, Lonnie	Schroeder, Harry
Bagley, Marge	Enloe, Roy Jr	Koshinski, Clarence (Teeny)	Schuerman, Dale
Barger, Aileen	Finley, Rita	Lasco, Charles Sr	Schwab, Ralph
Barger, Laura	Floyd, Dan	Law, Gene	Schwartzle, Dale
Barger, Willis	Fox, Leonard	Lenhart, Joe	Shae, Marvin (Mike)
Barnes, Clela	Frahman, Ethel	McHenry, Ed	Sharp, Ethel (Judy)
Barnes, Ted	Fyke, Linda	Meeks Jr., Percy	Shyer, Judith K (Judy)
Bean, Gertrude (Trudy)	Goodman, Roland (Rollie)	Miller, William (Bill)	Smith, Barbara (Barb)
Belden, Alyce	Gordon, Carl (Chuck)	Milo, Peggy	Smith, Ned
Bentley, David	Grace, Lester (Les)	Mowry, Richard (Dick)	Sobieski, Ray
Bresnan, Paul	Grant, Carl	Mullinax, Cletus (Clete)	Stiegemeier, Melvin (Mel)
Brix, Carl	Grauer, Andy	Mullinax, Michael (Mike)	Stroh, Billie
Burg, Robert Sr (Bob)	Gray, Earl Jr	Neilsen, Fred	Turner, John (Jack)
Burger, Polly	Hannon, Gordon	Perryman, Fred (Skip)	Vanderburgh, Vivian
Butler, Bill	Higar, Leo Sr	Peterson, Manley (Pete)	Vigneri, Joe
Butts, Quentin (Dean)	Higar, Paul	Peterson, Mildred	Wallace, Harvey (Babe)
Campbell, Oren (Soup)	Hill, Pauline	Pfeifer, Eileene	Wenger, John (Red)
Carpenter, Virginia	Hill, Ray	Pirtle, Bill	Werner, Richard (Dick)
Christner, Harry	Hinton, Dee Dee	Polley, John	Wetherell, Mary Lou
Coffman, Marlene	Hipsher, Alva	Rambo, Betty	Widick, Abner (Ab)
Crosby, Henry	Hirsch, William (Bud)	Redding, Bettie	Widick, William
Crowe, Joan	Holliday, Mary	Redding, Fred	Williams, Gloria
Crowe, Robert (Bob)	Jenkins, Gladys	Rever, Peggy	Williams, Suzie
Dady, Herb	Jenkins, Jean	Rose, John	Wyatt, William (Bob)
Dalamas, Paul Sr	Jester, Betty	Saddler, Joe	Yetter, Richard (Rick)

Living Members of the Hall of Fame (103)

Adcock, Tom	Finley, Diana	Logan, Walter (Bbb)	Schaefer, Sandra (Sandy)
Ballard, Ray	Finley, Timothy (Tim)	Madriral, Crystal	Schoneman, Michael (Mike)
Baser, Robert (Rob)	Floyd, Karen	Mahon, Tony	Schuerman, Sandra (Sandy)
Baughman, Wayne	Glenn, Carl	Maurizio, Terry	Scribner, Thomas (Tom)
Bean, Darrell	Golladay, James (Greg)	McGee, Diane	Smith, Jackie
Bean, Kenneth	Golladay, Michelle (Shelley)	McGonigle, Carol	Snyder, Kristi
Besser, Kevin	Gross, Arnold (Arnie)	Mears, Vonna	Snyder, Ron A
Blyeu, Frank	Haines, Gary	Montgomery, Betty	Strickler, Vivian
Bird, Rebecca (Becky)	Heinkel, Richard	Mullins, Judy	Sturgeon, Phil
Bird, Scott	Hilligoss, John	Oliver, Mary	Tolladay, Candy
Box, James	Hillis, James E (Jim), Jr	Napier, Steve	Turnbo, Bernice (Msty)
Brummitt, Rhonda	Hillis, James E (Ed) Sr	Palas, Gary	Underwood, Galen
Burg, Robert Jr (Bbb)	Hulman, Ben	Paradee, Jerry	Underwood, Robert (Bbb)
Bush, Trinity	Hombbeck, Wayne	Patterson, Michael (Mike)	Vincent, Gene
Calvert, James (Jim)	Howell, Cynthia	Pedrosa, Trudi	Vincent, Janet
Casey, Vicki	Howell, Gabe	Peters, Dan	Vording, Ed
Cemy, Patricia (Patty)	James, Sue	Porter, Larry	Weimer, William (Bill)
Clary, Linda	Jenkins, James (Jim)	Pote, John Alan (Al)	Whitcomb, Thomas (Tom)
Coy, Myra	Jones, Tammy	Propst, Sandra (Sandy)	Wilcox, Maureen
Crowe, Tom	Kauzlarich, Kathy	Queen, Jason	Wilkin, Michael Jr (Mike)
Dement, Larry	Keltner, Ernie	Queen, Patricia (Tricia)	Wilkin, Shirlene
Dodd, Patricia (Patty)	Kitchens, Tim	Queen-Kistner, Sheila	Williams, Ivan (Doug)
Dodwell, John	Larsen, Larry Jr	Reed, Shawn	Williams, Steve
Doty, Diane	Lingafelter, June	Sargeant, Connie	Wodden, Lynn (Butch)
Fakes, Art	Lingafelter, Melvin (Mel)	Sargeant, William (Bill)	Zitz, Eileen
Ferguson, Juanita	Logan, Harry	Schaefer, Paul III	

VETERAN

DIANA FINLEY (2021)



- Debuted in Decatur Bowling Leagues in 1984
 - Career High Game: 267
 - Career High Series: 602 (2018-19 season)
 - Career High Average: 179
 - City Tournament Handicap Team Champion 2017-18
 - City Tournament Scratch Team Champion 2018-2019.
- DIANA ended that inaugural 1984-85 league season with a 139 average. Over the next three-and-a-half decades, she entered multiple Decatur leagues and showed steady improvement, rolling her top series near the end of the 2010s. Diana landed spots on prominent league teams.

Diana enjoyed her bowling road trips, making over 10 appearances in the IWBA State Tournament and competing in the 1996 WIBC Nationals. Diana also enjoyed bowling action at home, especially local tournaments where she kept score in many squads and took on other volunteer jobs when Illinois bowlers came to town. Regarding personal awards, Diana earned the 75 pins-over-average emblem on multiple occasions. The Decatur Bowling Hall of Fame congratulates Diana Finley and welcomes her to the family of Decatur bowling's finest.

JERRY PARADEE (2021)



- Debuted in Decatur Bowling Leagues in 1975
 - Career High Game: 300 (5)
 - Career High Series: 796
 - Career High Average: 225
 - City Tournament Handicap Team Champion in 1995
 - Member of winning team in 1980's era Decatur TOC
 - IL State South Handicap Team Champion in 1992.
- There are more bullet points in JERRY's sharpshooting bowling career, including impressive results at the ABC Tournament and top results in Midwest competitions.

Perhaps the most eye-opening were Paradee's two City Doubles victories, setting scratch scoring records on both occasions. In 1987, Jerry teamed with Ron Woods to shoot 1392, and seven years later, Paradee paired with Paul Higar to roll 1482. His 1995 City Team, sponsored by Custom Trophies, fired a 3574, third best at the time. On the tough Nationals conditions, Paradee fired eight series above 600 with a high of 706 in 2002. Add a state title from 30 seasons ago, plus three Caterpillar championships and an Eldorado tourney win, the Hall of Fame evidence is everywhere.

Jerry pulled prize money from the Petersen and the Hoinke, and he also trekked to Terre Haute to capture tournament wins. He also performed service as Cavalier League President and delegate. Tonight, Jerry Paradee will be rightly served with admission to our bowling shrine.

A TRIBUTE TO GREATNESS

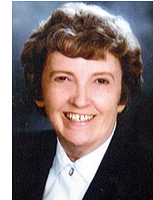
Marlene Coffman (8/25/1932 – 1/7/2020)



This space is inadequate to summarize what Marlene Coffman meant to Decatur Bowling. She served as Women's Association President for over four decades, starting in 1975. She was a local and state youth bowling director starting in the AJBC days and was concurrently an Illinois WBA director. You name it, Marlene worked it; bowling center customer service, tournament managing, committee organization and chairmanship, national convention delegate. Marlene volunteered for Easter Seals, Special Olympics and was honored with a state youth scholarship bearing her name.

Moreover, Marlene was an outstanding bowler, inducted for Superior Performance. Coffman was the first Decatur lady to bowl a 700 series, a 702 in the 1974-75 season. The 702 was part of a four-game series which Marlene capped off with a 222, proving that Marlene never stopped short of completing her tasks.

Vivian VanderBurgh (2/29/1936 – 12/15/2019)



Before Marlene, Decatur's WBA was led by Vivian, who was President from 1967-1971. VanderBurgh jointly served on the State Board and took home three scratch city titles (Team, Singles, AE) in 1969. One year later, she presumably retired altogether to raise her family, but her 1995 return was a blessing for all Decatur bowlers. Vivian was WBA Secretary for nearly two decades, supporting Easter Seals, Big Brothers and Special Olympic bowling, earning the Spotlight Award and a rare Lifetime Membership in 1997. Vivian was one of our greatest bowling promoters and Decatur's top historian, compiling a book and always in pursuit of excellence. VanderBurgh entered the HOF 1999 for Meritorious Service.



MARY HOLLIDAY (8/13/47–11/25/19)

A member of the 2003-2004 City Team Champions, Mary led many of her leagues in season-end stats. On 14 occasions, Mary ended the year with the top average in her league. Her career highs were a 186 average, 266 for game and 664 for series. Mary entered the HOF with Veteran honors in October of 2018.



LINDA FYKE (3/21/48–12/6/20)

Also a member of the Clinton Hall of Fame, Linda emerged as a top Decatur bowler at the turn of the century, averaging 208 in 2001. Her top game was 299, best series 741, and Fyke was a City Doubles Champion in 2003. Linda shot 1039 in four games to win the 2000 Tolly's Scratch Singles. Daughter Patty Dodd is also a member of the DBHOF. Fyke was honored for Superior Performance in 2005.



WILLIAM "BILL" MILLER (6/20/43–3/10/21)

was a three-time City Scratch Team Champion and a two-time Eldorado Bowl champion. Miller also captured titles in the old Sweet 16, Schaefer's 6-Game Singles, Mason City Singles and Herald & Review tournaments. Nationally, Bill finished 13th in the 1963 Petersen Classic. Miller was a member of the 1983 All-City Team. Bill was elected in 1990 for Superior Performance.



RICHARD "RICK" YETTER (3/3/45–3/16/21)

was a fixture on the high-score charts for four decades, with seven perfect games and six 299s, plus a top series of 834. Yetter earned All-City status a dozen times, took home top honors in the 2004 Big Ern's Doubles and earned two Individual Scratch League titles. Rick also has titles in State Team (1998) and Sr Gran Prix (2002). Yetter was enshrined in 2005 for Superior Performance.

ENSHRINED IN MEMORIAM

DEE DEE HINTON (2020)



- Debuted in Decatur Bowling Leagues in 1967
- Career High Game: 237
- Career High Series: 634
- Career High Average: 175
- Started working Customer Service at Pla-Mor Lanes in 1964, most notably as Day Manager, retiring in 1984
- Earned WIBC awards for All-Spare, 75 & 125 POA
- Bowled in 18 different leagues during her career.

The face of a business is often the first person you see when you walk through the door. Those who knew Dee Dee would tell you that this face was always smiling and that she served all bowlers with kindness. Dee Dee seemingly never tired of being in the building, working by day and playing by night. She accumulated dozens of league awards in the 1970s. Most of those prizes were the season's high game or series, and Dee Dee capped her career with a 125 POA series prize in the 1999-2000 season. Dee Dee was the ultimate service worker. Hinton passed away on November 23, 2019.

POLLY BURGER (2021)



- Debuted in Decatur Bowling Leagues in 1977
- Career High Game: 244
- Career High Average: 164
- Served as Youth Coach for many years
- Served as League Secretary for many years
- Bowled in eight leagues during the 1980-81 season
- Participated in leagues at Eldorado, Pershing, Pla-Mor and Spare Time Lanes.

POLLY had a modest start to her bowling career, averaging 125 and 131 in her first two leagues. But as shown above, Burger became a fixture at all Decatur bowling centers and in a dozen different leagues. Her 1980-81 octagon included Scratch Mixed Doubles, Queen Pins, Slowpoke, Weekenders, Pla-Mor Girls, Afternoon Delights, Newcomers and Lucky Strikers Leagues. Polly's loved ones embraced the game, and several outstanding bowlers are on the family tree. With all those leagues came many awards; League High Game, pins-over-average-game and POA series. Away from Decatur, Burger entered the Hoinke Classic and The National Mixed Championships. Polly was taken from our path in January 2011, but the memories of her dedication to the game and tutelage of our young players will never be forgotten.

Thank you for attending the 2021 Decatur Bowling Hall of Fame Banquet! Do you know someone who is qualified to be on the stage in 2022? Please fill out an application, found at Spare Time Lanes or on the Decatur USBC website. You can also fill out an application for yourself. You know your own qualifications better than anyone else. We look forward to seeing you in 2022!

VETERAN

ED VORDING (2020)



- Debuted in Decatur Bowling Leagues in 1971
- Career High Game: 300 (2; 2/27/06 and 3/10/06)
- Career High Series: 787
- Career High Average: 219
- Over 100 sets of 700 or higher
- Earned awards for 11-in-a-row, 298, 299 and Triplicate Series
- Served on Men's Association Board.

Ed's early focus was being a youth coach at Spare Time. He served as a league secretary for over 25 leagues, and he encouraged his league mates to compete in tournaments. Over a decade, Ed would annually gather 4 to 8 teams for the Cincinnati Hoinke Classic. Perhaps Ed's biggest legacy was his help in forming leagues when Spare Time Lanes opened. Ed's diligence created more than ten new leagues, and he was instrumental in starting the Soy City Classic Tournament in 1984.

Ed has one City Championship to his credit, the Scratch All-Events title-winner in 1982, with a 9-game set of 1901. Ed was a stalwart on the former West Central IL circuit, finishing in the top three in season-end rankings three times. In 2006, he was part of a 1453 Doubles Scratch Score at the Central Illinois Tournament. Ed's career was interrupted on a few occasions, and his salute was dealt a 12-month delay. But perseverance pays off, so today, Ed Vording has his night to celebrate his honor.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE

ART FAKES (2021)



- Debuted in Decatur Bowling Leagues in 1974
- Career High Game: 300 (2)
- Career High Series: 770 (30+ career 700 series)
- Career High Average: 205
- Served over 20 years on Men's Association Board
- Board Vice-President from 2016-2018
- Bowled more than 30 City Championship Tournaments
- Art's best 4-Game Series was 995.

For more than 45 years, ART has been pouring out his love for Decatur Bowling. In addition to the impressive stats above, Art served on at least six Board committees during his two-plus decades, and he volunteered in more than the 30 city tourneys in which he competed. Elsewhere, Fakes is a member of TNBA and the Illinois-Missouri Travel League. In addition to working on the "Men's" Board, Art was a favorite with the ladies. For Easter Seals or women's events, Art was often the first man requested by Marlene Coffman for help. Fakes earned nearly every bowling emblem that ABC or USBC produced. He still has a smile that lights up the room, and we congratulate Art Fakes for adding his glow to the Hall of Fame.

2019-20 All-City Teams

WOMEN'S ALL-CITY TEAM

Chelsie Finch
Haley O'Neil
Tammy Jones
Taylor Bird
Cynthia Howell
Mandie Dietz
Vonna Mears
Cassidy Walters
Kendra Griffin
Trinity Bush

WOMEN'S SENIOR ALL-CITY

Tammy Jones
Vonna Mears
Diane McGee
Connie Sargeant
Debbie Santee

DECATUR USBC ALL-CITY GIRLS

Sarah Hicks
India Wright
Emma Raleigh
Carmen Howard
Selena Burns

MEN'S ALL-CITY TEAM

Tom Adcock
Jason Queen
Larry Larsen, Jr.
Ron Snyder
Gabe Howell
Chris O'Neil
Clayton Griffin
Rob Baser
Derek Bradshaw
Kevin Besser

MEN'S SENIOR ALL-CITY

Tom Adcock
Rob Baser
Kevin Besser
Steve Shae
Bill Barnett

DECATUR USBC ALL-CITY BOYS

Nathaniel Davis
Josh Ragan
Lucas Boyd
Bryce Ruple
Michael Iversen

2020-21 All-City Teams

WOMEN'S ALL-CITY TEAM

Chelsie Finch
Cynthia Howell
Taylor Bird
Mandie Dietz
Vonna Mears
Kendra Griffin
Trinity Bush
Alyssa Bird
Trisha Swartz
Diane McGee

WOMEN'S SENIOR ALL-CITY

Vonna Mears
Diane McGee
Mary Patel
Connie Sargeant
Alva Conway

DECATUR USBC ALL-CITY GIRLS

Carmen Howard
Gabrielle Orme
Payton Bogle
Briyanna McDermith
Tori Howard

MEN'S ALL-CITY TEAM

Jason Queen
Tom Adcock
Terrence Cloyd
Chris O'Neil
Ron Snyder
Gabe Howell
Chad Van Dolah
Shawn Reed
Tim Kuhns
Brenden Kuhns

MEN'S SENIOR ALL-CITY

Tom Adcock
Ron Snyder
Rob Baser
Doug Teague
Kevin Besser

DECATUR USBC ALL-CITY BOYS

Lucas Boyd
Bryce Ruple
Bobby McDonough
Brylan Yust
Alex Short

Door Prize Sponsors

More prizes may have arrived after program was printed

Roku Ultra.....	Hall of Fame
Rolling Cooler.....	Hall of Fame
Wireless Car Charger.....	Hall of Fame
Stadium Chair.....	Hall of Fame
Instapot.....	Hall of Fame
Smokeless Grill.....	Hall of Fame
Fall Decor Signs.....	Carol Glenn
\$50 Bobbie Lane's BBQ Gift Card.....	Shirlene Wilkin
\$40 Casey's Gift Card.....	Gary Palas
Scentsy Basket.....	Kendra Mears
Rubbermaid 50 pc Storage Set.....	Al Pote
Mini Donut Maker.....	Trinity Bush
10 pc Storage Set.....	Diane Doty
900 Global 3 Ball Airline Tote.....	Tom Adcock
15lb Electrify Pearl Bowling Ball.....	Rob Baser
\$25 Texas Roadhouse Gift Card.....	Tim & Diana Finley
2 Lock & Lock Sets.....	Rebecca Bird
\$25 Olive Garden Gift Card.....	Tim & Diana Finley
Snowman Sign.....	Ron & Kristi Snyder
Red Truck Sign.....	Ron & Kristi Snyder
Fall Wreath.....	Jackie Smith
2 Qt Air Fryer.....	Mel & June Lingafelter
Toaster.....	Mel & June Lingafelter
White Pumpkin Decor.....	Jackie Smith
\$25 Starbucks Gift Card.....	Carol McGonigle