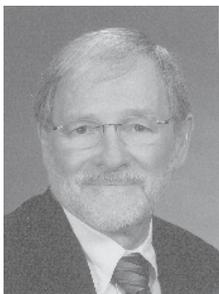


# 2010 Allegheny Valley School District Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees

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## *Ronald W. Caldwell*



**(attended 1949-1960)** - Ronald W. Caldwell graduated from Springdale High School in 1960. He attended Slippery Rock College and the Mayo Clinic School of Physical Therapy to secure a degree in Physical Therapy, then completed his MBA at the University of Notre Dame and post-graduate training in Prosthetics and Orthotics at Northwestern University. After years of working in the health care field, he was hired as the President and Chief Executive Officer of WestMont, Inc. Caldwell worked diligently to raise the consciousness of others in regard to the disabled. He continually sought new treatment modalities and innovative approaches to promote independence for his clients. He was a known and respected leader in the state of Montana in developing group homes and supported living and employment services. Under his direction, WestMont started The Farm in the Dell, the first working farm for the developmentally disabled in Montana. In addition, he began a respite home, allowing parents of the developmentally disabled to take a break from their care-giving responsibilities. He was

active in the Helena Sunrise Rotary Club, the Cathedral of Saint Helena, and the Saint Andrew School. He established the WestMont Foundation to help raise funds for new projects and programs. In 2009, in honor of his tireless efforts, WestMont named a new medical facility in his honor. The Caldwell House will provide professional nursing care for medically fragile individuals with disabilities. A tireless advocate for the developmentally disabled, Caldwell passed away in 2008.

## *Robert P. Cincala, D.O.*



**(attended 1946-1959)** - Robert P. Cincala grew up in Springdale and attended schools in the Allegheny Valley School District, graduating in 1959. He went on to study biology at Allegheny College and the University of Buffalo. He attended the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine, graduating in 1969. He began his medical practice at Allegheny General Hospital in the Division of Gastroenterology. He also served on the staff of UPMC Passavant Hospital. During his over forty years as an osteopathic physician, Cincala has been a leader in the field of Gastroenterology. He and his associates developed techniques in dealing with the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the gastrointestinal system. They have improved the use of fiberoptic endoscopic procedures, which have been shared throughout the medical field in presentations and publications. Cincala has made over 82 professional presentations throughout the United States and written over 11 publications. Cincala continues to be active in his profession and his community. In recognition of his ground-breaking clinical work and to acknowledge him as a "Pioneer" in his field, Allegheny General Hospital named the G.I. Lab at Suburban General Hospital Campus in his honor. Cincala has dedicated his life to improving the lives of others.

## *Carl R. Kusbit*



**(attended 1954-1967)** - Carl R. Kusbit graduated from Springdale Jr-Sr High School in 1967, entering the United States Army to serve in Germany. After his enlistment, he completed his undergraduate education at the University of Pittsburgh garnering degrees in business and psychology. With a successful career in business, Kusbit changed course to follow his true calling, completing his Registered Nurse education in 1991. He returned to the University of Pittsburgh for certification as an Emergency Medicine Technician and is currently finishing his Master's Degree in Public Policy and Management. He brought considerable clinical and administrative gifts to the emergency and trauma departments at several Pittsburgh hospitals and currently holds a senior position as the Trauma Nurse Coordinator at Presbyterian University Medical Center. Through the U.S. Army Reserves, his expertise has been used for stateside trauma training and during deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. He has served as Team Leader, Executive Officer, and Public Health Administrator for the US Department of Defense/

Department of State Provincial Reconstruction Team in Iraq and currently serves as the Medevac Nurse Coordinator for the entire Afghan Theater of Operations. He has received numerous awards for his service, including the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal and a Bronze Star. He continues to bring his expertise and experience to situations overseas and returns to function as an important national resource. Through his work with the Reserves and the Lower Valley Ambulance Service, Kusbit continues to serve his community. The world is better because of the places he has been and the good works he has performed.

## *Kenneth A. Zastawniak*



**(attended 1946-1959)** – Kenneth A. Zastawniak was raised in Harmar and graduated from Springdale High School in 1959. He went on to attend Akron University before returning to the Allegheny Valley area to work as a laboratory technician researching fuels and energy. As an employee of the University of Pittsburgh, he furthered his education in the Automotive and Pilot Plant Units and ultimately became a trainer. Zastawniak began officiating football and soccer at the high school, then college, level. Deciding that a more organized association for high school officials was needed in the area, he co-founded the Northern Area Association of Soccer Officials Chapter. He went on to serve many roles in the organization in the 25 years that he was a member. He took pride in mentoring younger officials, helping them to improve their skills. The Chapter acknowledged his efforts by establishing an award in his honor. Zastawniak served his community as a Harmarville Soccer Coach and as a member of the Harmar Volunteer Fire Department and the Allegheny Valley School Board. He stood for

educating the District's youth with the most innovative methods and materials, while keeping a firm grasp on the beliefs and direction of his community. He extended his School Board service by working on state-level committees for the Pennsylvania School Boards Association. Zastawniak served as a Board Member for 11 years prior to his death in 1996. He was the "everyday hero" who shared his talents, set the right priorities, and made a lasting difference in his part of the world.