

Newsletter of the Connecticut Women's Basketball Hall of Fame

A Message from our Executive Director....

After taking some time to reflect on the year that has passed, we turn our focus and energy to the future of the Connecticut Women's Basketball Hall of Fame.

We are proud to announce that our website, ctwomensbasketballhalloffame.com, is in the final stages of being revamped and updated. Through the tremendous efforts of Linda Wooster, one of our founders, and Cory Shuster, an Interactive Digital Design major at Quinnipiac University, our website is getting a new and fresh look that will be both user friendly and fun! We are hoping to have the website available by Spring, 2010.

As part of our on-going quest to grow as an organization and to make our hall of fame

accessible to the masses, the CWBHOF has been working hard to transform The Brenda Reilly Gallery, which is housed at Kaiser Hall in Central Connecticut State University gymnasium, into a truly interactive experience. Our vision, which is still in the planning stages, includes expanding The Gallery's pictorial capacity as well as installing a touch screen kiosk which will enable us to provide information, pictures and video at the touch of a button. Stay tuned for more exciting de-

For the past 10 years, through the kindness of our members, we have been able to offer a basketball scholarship to a young girl to attend a summer basketball

camp in Connecticut and to award a plaque to the most outstanding girls' basketball team in the state. Because of our members continued support and generosity, we will be able to carry on this tradition in 2010.

As we lead the Hall of Fame into the future, we are truly fortunate to have the support of all of our members. Your commitment to our mission and your support of the Board of Directors and Founders is a comfort and inspiration to all of us. We are confident that with your support we can continue to expand our work and to make our Hall of Fame even better!

Sincerely,

Ann V. Fariss, PhD

Ann V. Fariss, President/Executive Director/Founder

Louise Albrecht, Vice President/Membership Chair/Founder

Linda J. Wooster, Banquet Coordinator/ Scrivener/Founder

Tony Candido, Fundraising Chair/ Founder

Brenda Reilly, Founder (Posthumous)

Lee Franzman, Nominating Chairperson

David Strong, Historian/Archivist

Marge Dolan, Regional Project Director

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Laura Degennaro Raftery, Board Member

Sue Crisafi, Secretary

Tracey Finer, Creative Writer/ Newsletter Editor

Tina Gonyea, Publicity & Promotion



CWBHOF Website Gets a Facelift

"Continuity gives us roots; change gives us branches, letting us stretch and grow and reach new heights." - Pauline R. Kezer

Change can be good and in the case of the CWBHOF website, it can be fun as well. Over the past year, we have taken on the task of updating the CWBHOF website. The website, while always an entertaining and valuable source of information, was in need of a little facelift. Linda Wooster, who has been the driving force behind the project, enlisted the help of Cory Shuster, an Interactive Digital Design major at Quinnipiac Univer-

sity (see article about Shuster on page 4), to make the website more interesting and appealing to the viewer. Together they have worked tirelessly to update the site's colors, graphics, photographs and informational links. We are confident you are going to love it!

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And The Honor Goes To.....



NE Basketball Hall of Fame

Ann Fariss and Louise Albrecht, CWBHOF co-founders and Board members, were inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame at an induction ceremony held on Friday, October 9, 2009 at the Mohegan Sun, Uncasville, CT. The NEBHOF "recognizes the people whose excellence has contributed to the rich legacy of New England Basketball." The evening was described by many in attendance as "basketball camaraderie at its

best." Other CWBHOF inductees who where also honored by the NEBHOF in 2009 were Kelley Camp, Pamela Childs, Bethany Collins-Irwin, Kathleen Curley Kochiss, Ann DeLuca, Valerie DePaolo, Joesph Frager, Jessica Gelman, Jessica Mudry, Patricia Neary, Kathy Rusch, Chris Webster and Karen Yarasavage.

NHSACA

David Strong, a CWBHOF inductee and Board member, was inducted into the National High School Athletic Coaches

Association Hall of Fame (2009). The NHSACA recognizes "coaches not just for a season of coaching, but for their "lifetime achievements.""

Tap Off Club Hall of Fame

CWBHOF inductees, April Hunt and Tina Gonyea, were inducted into the Tap Off Club Hall of Fame (2009). Hunt, holds the honor of being the first female in Connecticut (Milford) to receive an athletic scholarship after Title IX was passed. Congratulations to all the inductees!

Special Recognition

Stepping Down.....

Pat Nicol (Newsletter Editor) and Jean Hunt (Historian/ Archivist) will be stepping down from their respective positions with the CWBHOF. For many years, they have given of their time, their energy, their talents and most importantly their passion for the game of women's basketball. The CWBHOF committee would like to recognize them for their many contributions to the hall of fame and to extend our most sincere appreciation for their years of service. David Strong will take over for Jean Hunt as Historian/Archivist and Tracey Finer will fill the position of Newsletter Editor.

Retiring.....

The committee would also like to recognize CJ Jones for all his hard work and dedication to our organization. He was very instrumental in helping to get the Brenda Reilly Gallery

started. Mr. Jones retired in July from Central Connecticut State University after 44 years. (Donna Fedorowicz, a CCSU alum, is the representative for the CWBHOF to the Brenda Reilly Gallery at Central CT State University.)

CWBHOF co-founder and Board member, Linda Wooster has also retired this past year from her position as Associate Director of Athletics and Recreation at Quinnipac University. However, she is not yet ready to leave the students behind. She has taken on the position of co-coordinator of Physical Education at Quinnipiac University.

Welcome.....

The CWBHOF is honored to welcome a new member to the Board of Directors. Tina Gonyea, a 2004 hall of fame inductee, will fill the new position of Publicity and Promotion.

SHE SHOOTS... SHE SCORES!

The She Shoots...She Scores! Women's Basketball in Connecticut exhibit that had been on display at the Connecticut Historical Society Museum & Library in Hartford, CT came to a close on January 2, 2010. The exhibit, which included many objects on loan from John Molina, a 2004 CWBHOF inductee, featured memorabilia collected from the last century of women's basketball in Connecticut and showed visitors how women's changing social and political roles have made an impact on the game.

The CWBHOF would like to thank the Connecticut Historical Society for providing the exhibit's many visitors with the opportunity to truly see how far the women's game has come.

For more information about the current CHS exhibits, contact them at 860-236-5621 or www.chs.org.

"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail"

> Ralph Waldo Emerson

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In Memory



In honor of Dr.
Brenda Reilly, the
Associate Athletic
Director of Central
Connecticut State
University and one
of the organization's
founders, the Connecticut Women's
Basketball Hall of
Fame created the

Brenda Reilly Me-

morial High School Basketball Award and the Brenda Reilly Youth Basketball Camp Scholarship.

The Brenda Reilly Memorial High School

Basketball Award is awarded annually to the most outstanding high school girls' basketball team in the State of Connecticut. The coach of the selected team, as well as the team representative, is invited as honored guests to the Hall of Fame's annual banquet.

The **Hillhouse** Girl's Basketball Team was awarded the 2009 Brenda Reilly Memorial High School Basketball Award.

The Brenda Reilly Youth Basketball Camp Scholarship provides the opportunity for a young girl to attend a summer basketball camp in Connecticut. Each year a different camp within the State of Connecticut is selected. The recipient and her parents or guardian are invited as honored guests to the Hall of Fame's annual banquet.

Mikayla Kehoe from Robert Brown Middle School in Madison was the recipient of the 2009 Brenda Reilly Youth Basketball Camp Scholarship. She will attend camp at Bill Barker's Madison Hoop Dreams Basketball Camp in Madison, CT.

Congratulations to all the recipients!

2010 GOODWILL GALA......GET READY!!

Grab a pen and get ready to mark your calendars for the 4th Annual Goodwill Gala that will be held in November 2010 (exact date to be determined). The Goodwill Gala is a private party fundraiser, whose goal is to raise money for organizations in memory of Brenda A. Reilly, as well as other nonprofit organizations. Since its inception in 2006, the Gala has raised over \$125,000 for its beneficiaries, including the

CWBHOF, CCSU Brenda A. Reilly Scholarship Fund, and the Women's Sports Foundation. Hosted by Gigi Brown and Nancy Grigor in their home in Portsmouth, NH, the Gala is not your ordinary ho-hum fundraiser. Rather, this event promises a fun-filled night for all, in the great weekend getaway town of Portsmouth, NH. So keep a look out for your invitation which will have all the exciting details. If you

are unable to attend, please consider making a donation for these very important causes, including our very own CWBHOF!

One day Alice came to a fork in the road and saw a Cheshire cat in a tree. "Which road do I take?" she asked. "Where do you want to go?" was his response. "I don't know," Alice answered. "Then," said the cat, "it doesn't matter."

Lewis Carroll

HOOPS FUN FACTS AND TRIVIA

Hoops Trivia (www.wnba.com)

What women's basketball great and former WNBA player was the 1st women to be a Harlem Globetrotter?

In what year was the game of basketball introduced to women?

At the age of 18, which hall of fame player became the youngest basketball player to win an Olympic Medal?

On This Date (hoopedia.nba.com)

Feburary 25, 1924

Marie Boyd of Lonaconing Central (Maryland) scores 156 points in a game against Ursuline Academy (Delaware). The six-on-six game ended with a final score of 163-3.

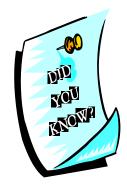
February 7, 1973

In a men's junior college game, Renee Ferguson subs in for her San Bernardino Valley Junior College team and the San Diego City College team walks off the court.

February 8, 2006

Deb Remmerde, of Northwestern College, misses a free throw after making 133 consecutive shots from the charity stripe. The streak remains the longest in organized basketball history.

Answers: Lynette Woodard, 1892, Nancy Lieberman



SPECIAL THANK YOU!

The CWBHOF would like to extend a special thank you to **Corey Shuster** who has been instrumental in helping us create the new look of our website. Shuster is an aspiring web designer at Quinnipiac University. He is a knowledgeable student with 3+ years of design experience and a pleasure to work with. He possesses both technical and creative abilities, and is currently employed at Quinnipiac's computer help desk. In the future, Schuster hopes to move to New York City and join a large graphic design firm.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2010 Connecticut Women's Basketball Hall of Fame Ceremony

When: Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Where: CASCADE (Hamden, CT)

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Contribution to the Cause....The CWBHOF Committee is determined to provide maximum service to/for Connecticut Women's Basketball. To give you the best we have to give and to stay abreast with the increasing demands of operating our initiatives, we would welcome any financial contributions to defray our operating costs. CWBHOF is a Section 501C (3) TAX OR-GANIZATION FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES. Certain Contributions to CWBHOF MAY BE deductible to the person making the contribution. The CWBHOF recommends that a person consult with his/her legal advisors as to the deductibility of the donation. If interested in donating, please contact Louise Albrecht at 203-256-0930. Thank you.

Don't forget to visit us on the Web.....

www.ctwomensbasketballhalloffame.com



The Connecticut Women's Basketball Hall of Fame seeks to honor those who, in a superlative fashion, have contributed to the enhancement of women's basketball in Connecticut—either through participation, through service, through support, or through achievement.

We Need Your Help!

Archive Information

This call goes out to the "collector" in all of us! Give us your old, your faded, your tired, your huddled masses of "stuff" so that we may include it in the story of Connecticut women's basketball. We are always in search of news clippings, photographs, live action footage, equipment, or any other pieces of Connecticut women's basketball history that we can add to our collection. If you have any such items you are interested in giving to the CWBHOF, please contact David Strong at david.strong@snet.net

Membership

Please consider becoming a member of the CWBHOF. Your contributions will make it possible for us to continue to honor those individuals who have contributed to the enhancement of women's basketball in Connecticut. The success of the CWBHOF is a testament to the hard work and dedication not only of its founders and board of directors but most importantly, of its members.

Volunteers

If you have some spare time and would be interested in sharing your talents with us, we would love to meet you. If you have any interest in joining our organization, please contact Ann Fariss at avfariss@sbcglobal.net.

<u>Updated Addresses</u>

Please help us in our efforts to keep our list of member and inductee addresses current and up to date. If your address has changed or you know the addresses of other members or inductees that have, please notify Louise Albrecht at labbz323@yahoo.com



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