

Save The Date!

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CONNECTIONS WEEKEND

October 6-8, 2011

Connections Weekend started with a conversation in 2009 and grew into three days full of special events. 2011 marks our Third Annual Connections Weekend event! This special weekend provides opportunity for Galion alumni, community members, and students to connect and form bonds that will last a lifetime. Whether it is through the Career Day activities, cheering at the football game, playing in the band or in the golf scramble, attending the Hall of Fame Dinner, or other great Connections events, the strong support from Galion alumni and friends will only enhance the overall educational experience for the children of the Galion City Schools.

The Synergy Committee, planners of Connections Weekend, is made up of a group of dedicated volunteers who capitalized on the combined energy of several community organizations including the Galion City Schools, the Galion Alumni Association, the Galion Community Education Foundation, The Galion Tiger Alumni Band, the Galion Community Center/YMCA, the Galion Community Foundation, the Galion Booster Club and the Galion Parent Teacher Organizations.

The Synergy Committee is pleased to announce the list of 2011 Galion City School Hall of Fame Inductees. Seventeen outstanding nominees were submitted for this year's Hall of Fame. Of the seventeen individuals submitted, eight will be inducted into the Hall of Fame for 2011.

The 2011 Hall of Fame Inductees are:

Mr. Jack Arlen
Teacher, Galion City Schools

Mrs. Sara Beegle
Class of 1918 (Posthumously)

Mr. Robert Blanz
Class of 1950

Dr. William B. Epperson
Class of 1978

Dr. H. Allen Garverick
Class of 1962

Dr. Kathleen J. Kehrer Mikan
Class of 1957

Mr. Reynold Sentieri

Class of 1936 (Posthumously)

Dr. James D.Young

Class of 1959

All of this year's nominees are distinguished graduates or Teachers of Galion City Schools, and are certainly very worthy of this honor. Nominees who were not selected for this year's ceremony will be held for the committee to review for possible inclusion next year upon receipt of additional information. Congratulations to all of the nominees and Inductees for being selected for this honor!

The Hall of Fame is a program to honor Galion Graduates and Faculty members who have gone on and shown excellence and leadership in their careers and community activities. This excellence can be in business, the arts, the military, athletics, politics, or in any of the professional fields as well as recognized community service activities. Those honored as members of the Hall of Fame will have their names and accomplishments on permanent display on the campus of Galion City Schools.

Nominees must be a graduate of Galion High School or have served on the faculty of the Galion City Schools and his/her activities must show excellence and leadership in their field. Recognition of achievements must be in a public announcement such as periodical, newspaper, radio, or television. Achievement must be of a level to show a positive impact in the field of the achievement. Candidates will have exhibited leadership and excellence not only in his/her field, but in service to their community and nomination needs to include references to publications that have made note of the individual's achievements as well as personal recommendations. The Dinner and Induction Ceremony is open to the Community and will be held on Saturday, October 8, 2011 at the Galion Middle School beginning at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$35 each and can be ordered by calling 419-468-3432, ext. 1004, ordered electronically at the Alumni website here, or by completing and mailing the Dinner Form provided here. Connections Weekend is truly a celebration of Galion! In addition to the Induction Dinner, you are invited to the other great

Connections Weekend activities happening October 6-8. We have added several exciting new events this year, including an old fashioned Bonfire and Pep Rally, Pancake Breakfast, 5K Fun Run/Walk, Tiny Tiger Tours through Galion Community Hospital and Air Extreme Inflatables Obstacle Course. A schedule of events is available here.

To view the outstanding videos on our website highlighting last years Connections Weekend and Hall of Fame Dinner, go to our microsite here. If you are interested in becoming a donor or a sponsor of Connections events, or if you know of anyone that would like to be, please feel free to forward this email. All of the forms can be accessed on the Connections website here. Please Note: We are extending the sponsorship deadline until August 15, 2011. Donations are accepted at any time. We hope to raise \$50,000 to continue the process of adding a wonderful Arts and Activity Center to the campus of the Galion City Schools, which will be funded entirely through private contributions - no tax dollars will be used. Get a look at the proposed project here.

There are some outstanding avenues of support that you can take advantage of that will benefit you/your company and the community. Please take a few minutes TODAY to review the links and respond. Thanks so much for your time and interest!

We hope you are able to attend this event to congratulate this year's inductees and be part of this wonderful weekend. You can contact the Board Office at 419-468-3432, ext. 0 for more information or reservations. Please make reservations as soon as possible and let us know if you will be able to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

