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I just wanted to congratulate all the outstanding swimmers and coaches and parents being inducted into the first class of the Wall Of Fame. I came to Peters Township in the Fall of 2000, I knew a little about the team and their success , basically the kids I swam with , and some of the names from the record board. As the years went by I started to look back into our history it became more and more apparent that what a fantastic tradition of excellence we have achieved over the last 40 years. I am so proud that we are able to celebrate a portion of that success tonight, and I would like to thank you for letting me be a part of your storied program. I hope this event will be an inspiration to all of our current swimmers that you all can achieve this level of success and challenge you all set a goal to get on this Wall of Fame

Swimmingly yours.  
David R Becki

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## Peters Township High School Swim Team

# Wall of Fame

## Inaugural Induction and 40th Anniversary of Peters Township Swimming





## *Welcome!*

Tonight we celebrate 40 years of Peters Township Swimming by honoring those who contributed to our present day success through: imagination, hard work, time, dedication and perseverance.

We begin a new tradition of honoring our best and brightest with the formation of the Peters Township Swimming WALL OF FAME and the inaugural induction class of:

Bill Marshall, Carl Magnusson, Tom Erdos, Eric Schwotzer, Jay Carter, Brian Day, Greg Albert, Cliff Hardin, Mike Meyers, Larry Maher, Tom Hay, Jocelyn Danko, and Kay Toth.

Congratulation and thank you to all of you, without your efforts and relentless pursuit of excellence in swimming this evening and this event would not be possible.



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*Swimmingly yours,  
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**KAY STAEBLER -TOTH**  
*Peters Township Class of 1997*  
*Wall of Fame Induction Class of 2008*

Kay Toth jumped in the pool at age five and after an amazingly successful swimming career finally hung up the goggles at age twenty. The youngest of the swimming Toth family, Kay made sure we would not forget the Toth name. She won individual WPIAL

gold medals for Peters an astonishing 7 times, sweeping the 500 free all four years and taking the 200 Freestyle three times. She didn't stop there, outdistancing the competition at the PIAA's 3 times, twice in the 500 and once in the 200 Freestyle. Kay also contributed in the relay events, helping Peters gather up another 10 medals at both the WPIAL and PIAA meets!

All American status came to Kay for her performances in the 500 her junior and senior years. Her performance was recognized in the area by being named a finalist in the Tribune Review's "Athlete of the Year" in 1997 and was the Advertiser "Most Valuable Player of Year" in 1995, 1996 and "Athlete of the Week" in 1996.

Kay went on to swim at Miami University for four years earning a BS in Education. She continued her academics by earning a Masters Degree in Education from Indiana Wesleyan University in 2005.

Kay currently is in her eighth year of teaching 5th Grade in Louisville, Kentucky. She is married to husband of five years, Kenneth and is the proud mother of her beautiful daughter Caitlyn born at the end of May 2008.



*Bill Marshall*



*Carl Magnusson*

### ***BILL MARSHALL and CARL MAGNUSSON***

The history of the Peters Township swimming program starts with Bill Marshall and Carl Magnusson back in 1968. Bill, father of four, and Carl father of three competitive swimmers, had a great interest in getting a swimming program started. As members of the Peters Township Recreation board, Carl and Bill worked with the high school administration and the community to get a pool built. The next step was to hire a coach for the high school and at that time, the AAU program. Bill and Carl chose Tom Erdos to be the first swimming coach for both Peters Township High School and Peters Township Swim Club. Bill and Carl also served as initial President and Vice-President of the swim club.

Bill became well known as an official at swimming meets across western Pennsylvania and his quick starts became legendary! Over the next 40 years, a very strong swimming tradition was built that has included many WPIAL and State Champions All-Americans, Junior and Senior National competitors, and even Olympic Trial qualifiers. Countless Peters Township swimmers have also gone on to have stellar careers in college athletics and eventually be successful in life outside of swimming. Those who have participated in Peters Township swimming programs owe a great debt of gratitude to these two men who tirelessly worked to see that the pillars of the program were put in place and that the program was set for success.



## **TOM ERDOS**

*Founding Coach, 1968-1977*

*Wall of Fame Induction Class of 2008*

A dedicated and inspirational coach for over 40 years, Tom Erdos, started the Peters Township High School and Club teams in 1968. Coach Erdos put in place the infrastructure that keeps the program producing Champions today. In his 8 years

at the helm of Peters Township Swimming he was “first” in so many of Peters’ accomplishments: first team, first WPIAL Championship, first individual WPIAL and PIAA champion, and then “Mythical State Champions” as no team points were kept in 1974. Tom launched this program!

30 WPIAL Champions, 7 WPIAL Records, 5 State Champions and 2 PIAA Records, Senior National finalists, and 8 All-Americans. He was not only a producer of Champions but a motivator for all who entered the pool. Tom has left his mark on countless young men and women from the program.

Tom went on to coach the Allegheny College Swimming team for 32 years where he continued to produce champions accumulating 7 National Champions, and 250 NCAA All American positions for Allegheny. Tom earned the respect of his peers garnering several Conference “Coach of Year” honors and the coveted NCAA Coach of the Year in 1988 and 1992.

An athlete in his own right, Tom was a High School All American for Butler High School and was drafted to play baseball. Tom is a member of both the Butler High School and the Slippery Rock University Athletic Hall of Fame.

Tom now is a Professor of Dance and Movement Studies and is Head of the Allegheny College Ballroom Dance Program. Tom and Mary Ann are the proud parents of Thomas, Todd and Jennifer.



## **JOCELYN MORELOCK-DANKO**

*Peters Township High School Class of 1989*

*Wall of Fame Induction Class of 2008*

Jocelyn Danko, a stellar swimmer in the late 80’s, kept Peters in the forefront of WPIAL Swimming. She was a WPIAL Champion three years in a row, 1987, 1988 and 1989 and a 2 time All American in the 200 Freestyle. Jocelyn, as Captain of the team

truly led by example. She was a six time PIAA All State, and received the NISCA “Top Ten” Award and represented Peters Township Swim Club at Junior Nationals 3 times.

Her hard work and dedication led to a swimming scholarship at the University of Kentucky where she lettered 3 times for the Wildcats. At UK she majored in pharmacy and went on to receive her Doctor of Pharmacy from Creighton University in 1996.

Jocelyn applies her degree at the Waccamaw Community Hospital in Murrells Inlet, South Carolina as a Clinical Pharmacist. She is married to her husband Mark and both are the proud parents of daughters Carolyn and Katelyn.



## **TOM HAY**

*Peters Township High School Class of 1989  
Wall of Fame Induction Class of 2008*

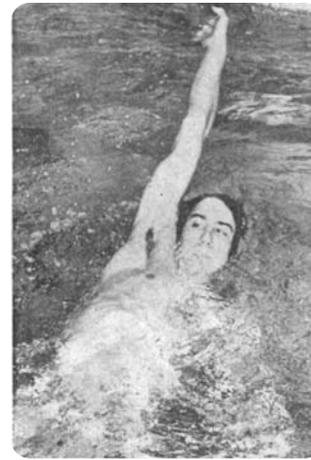
Tom Hay started swimming with Peters Township Swim Club when he was seven years old. Tom swam under the coaching tutelage of Mike Meyers for the first six years of his swimming career and under Mitch Stevenson for the next six years. While

swimming for Peters Township High School, Tom garnered a number of swimming accolades, including five WPIAL titles, five PIAA titles, and eight All-American awards. At the 1989 PIAA State Championship, Tom set a state record of 48.62 in the 100 Yard Butterfly. His 100 Yard Butterfly state record still exists today. Tom holds the Peters Township High School records in the 100 Yard Butterfly and 100 Yard Freestyle, as well as several pool records in the Pittsburgh area.

Tom went on to swim in college at the University of Michigan, where he was a member of four Big Ten Champion Teams and received four NCAA All-American awards.

Tom participated in the 1992 U.S. Olympic Trials in the 100 Meter Butterfly where he finished in 19th place.

Tom recently moved back to Peters Township with his wife Kathy, son Shaun, and daughter Abby. Tom looks forward to helping Coach Dave Becki and the current Peters Township swimmers.



## **ERIC SCHWOTZER**

*Peters Township High School class of 1974  
Wall of Fame Inductee class of 2008*

Eric is the cornerstone in the foundation of Peters Township Swimming. Arguably the Best Swimmer Peters Township has ever produced, Eric launched Peters into the lime light with a PIAA and National High School Record and a Top 6 finish at Senior Nationals

in the 100 backstroke in 1974. This feat topped off a stellar career of High School Swimming, garnering him Individual All American Status in the 100 back in his sophomore, junior and senior years and led the Peters Medley Relay to All American honors his junior and senior year. Eric accumulated 4 WPIAL and 3 PIAA Championships. This is considerably significant because at the time you could only enter 2 events at the WPIAL's.

Eric was awarded a swimming scholarship at the NCAA "Powerhouse" University of Tennessee and swam for four years. While at Tennessee he was All S.E.C., NCAA Finalist and All American all four years in the 100 back and on Tennessee's 400 Medley Relay. He also was a finalist and All American in the 200 back in 1976, 77 and 78. As Captain of the 1978 team he led Tennessee to their first National Championship. Eric's AAU career took him the Senior National Championship's 4 times where he "finaled" in the 100 and 200 back and Qualified for the Olympic Trials in 1976.

Applying his competitive spirit to the business world Eric is founder and President of Penn Gem International. He has been married to his wife Becky for 29 years and is the proud father of Ryan, Owen and Rachel.



## JAY CARTER

*Peters Township High School class of 1976  
Wall of Fame Induction Class of 2008*

Jay Carter is a three time All American, a 7 time WPIAL Champion, and was an integral part of the development of the Peters program. As the anchor of the 1974 WPIAL, and PIAA Record setting Medley Relay Jay launched his sprinting career. That year the

Medley was ranked first in the Nation. He won the WPIAL Championship in the 50 and the 100 in 1975 and in 1976 and was the WPIAL champion in the 100 free setting a new WPIAL Record of 48.1 as well as anchoring both the 200 medley and 400 free relay to WPIAL Championships and Records.

In 1974 he was rewarded for his prowess with a trip to the Senior Nationals on the medley relay and the 1976 Peters Township High School Athlete of the Year as well as the Peters Township Chamber of Commerce Athlete of the year.

Jay went on to swim at Western Kentucky University on a swimming scholarship. While at Western Kentucky he lettered four years, was Ohio Valley Conference All Conference and helped lead his team to the Ohio Valley Conference Championship twice.

Jay is now the owner of Bhate Associates of Birmingham Alabama, a 150 person Environmental and Construction firm. He has been married to his wife Diana for 30 years and they are the very proud parents of Lauren and Erin.



## MIKE MEYERS

*Coach of Peters Township 1977-1984  
Wall of Fame Induction Class of 2008*



Mike Meyers graduated from Penn Hills in 1970, West Liberty State College in 1974 and New Mexico State in 1976. At all three institutions he contributed to the swimming programs. At Penn Hills he

was a WPIAL finalist, and PIAA All State. At West Liberty he was a 13 time NAIA All American and 15 time WVIAC All Conference. He launched his coaching career at New Mexico State while earning his Masters Degree as assistant swimming and head water polo coach.

In 1977 he took the helm at Peters Township High School and over the course of 7 years, Peters swimmers earned 37 All American positions, set 4 PIAA, 4 WPIAL and 1 US Open record.

Mike left coaching but continued to swim himself while working on his career with British Airways. He participated in several triathlons, set the Michigan Masters record in the 200 butterfly and won two events at the World Corporate Games in London.

In 1999 he was inducted into the West Liberty State College's Athletic Hall of Fame. Coming out of retirement in 2004, Chatham University hired him to start their first ever swimming team. In just 3 years Chatham won the AWCC Championship. Meyers received the AWCC Coach of the Year two times in those three years. In March of 2008 Mike was inducted into the Penn Hills High School Sports Hall of Fame.

His proudest accomplishment is his 33 year marriage to Judi and his 3 children, Matthew 29, Courtney 26 and Megan 23.



## **LARRY MAHER**

*Peters Township High School Class of 1982  
Wall of Fame Induction Class of 2008*

An outstanding butterflyer, Larry is best remembered for his winning of the 1982 PIAA Championship in the 100 yd fly in a state record time of 50.55. Having finished 6th his sophomore year, and third his junior year, Maher would not be denied a third time for gold, and beat his arch nemesis from Conestoga, Pete Wise, with his All American swim. In doing so, Larry had to break the record of his former teammate, Greg Albert! Tom Hay would return the favor several years later, by breaking Larry's state record. Together with the Gold medal 200 Medley Relay swim on the first day of the 1982 State Championship meet, Peters Township finished the first day of State competition with the overall first place point total. Larry remembers that day fondly. I remember walking off the deck of the Penn State University Natatorium, looking at the team point totals, and thinking, "WOW, Peters Swimming is No. 1 in the State right now". Larry was a member of the PTHS team from 1978 through 1982. During his four years at PTHS, he was an important part of every team, obtaining 5 All American awards and several WPIAL Gold medal swims along the way. Larry represented PTSC at the Junior Nationals in 1980 & 1981 in the 100 Fly. Larry credits the good "motivational" coaching of Mike Meyers for his swimming success, as well as many painful repetitions of "Killer Drill No. 1". Larry received a swimming scholarship to THE North Carolina State University. He graduated from NC State in 1987 as a four year letterman in Swimming. He received his degree in Civil Engineering specializing in Transportation. He is currently employed as a Senior Project Engineer with SAI Consulting Engineers, Inc. in Pittsburgh, PA.

Larry met his wife Jaci (swim team manager) at the PT High School pool, circa 1979. Jaci and Larry have been married 20 years, reside in Peters, and have 3 children, Patrick 19 (Go PSU!), Taylor 16, and Isabelle 10. Jaci runs A-Link Printing in Bridgeville, PA and has contributed this fabulous looking program! Thanks Jaci!



## **BRIAN DAY**

*Peters Township High School Class of 1978  
Wall of Fame Induction Class of 2008*

Brian Day swam for Peters Township High School from 1975-1978. Brian is a talented athlete and intense workout swimmer whose work ethic led to his successes not only in the pool but in life evidenced by his still daily devotion to working out in his alma

matter's pool. He was a six time WPIAL champion; winning the 100 free in 1978 in WPIAL record time (breaking Jay Carter's record) and five times as a member of relays.

Always the swimmer you could count on to bring it home, Brian anchored the 1978 champion PIAA 400 Freestyle Relay which also set a WPIAL and PIAA record that year and was ranked 10th nationally. Over his career Brian achieved All-American status on 6 occasions. His senior year, his team won the WPIAL and PIAA Runner-up title.

Brian went on to swim at the collegiate level at the University of Texas at Arlington and West Virginia University qualifying for the NCAA National Championships 4 times. While at Peters Township "I was very fortunate to have two great coaches in Tom Erdos and Mike Meyers whom I credit not just my success in the pool, but success in being a son, husband, father, businessman, and in all walks of life."

Brian has been married to his wife Lindae for 23 years, resides in Canonsburg, and has two children, Chelsey and Mitchell. He holds a doctorate degree in Educational Psychology and is currently the Director of Advanced Analytics, at Highmark, Inc. in Pittsburgh.



## **GREG ALBERT**

*Peters Township High School Class of 1979  
Wall of Fame Induction Class of 2008*

Allegheny Mountain Association's 1979 "Senior Swimmer of the Year" and featured in a Post Gazette article "The day 'Fly Boy' took a bath" chronicling Greg's triumph over USC's seemingly invincible Jon Kenny, Greg Albert left his mark on Peters' swimming. Taking the

time to analyze his competitors race strategy he formulated one of his own and left the USC crowd stunned and shocked the WPIAL!

A two time WPIAL Champion and Record Holder in the 100 fly. Greg was a fierce competitor achieving 6 High School All American awards. In the 100 fly, he set the PIAA Record and achieved a ranking of 7th in the country. He also represented PTSC at Junior Nationals twice and finaled in the 100 fly in 1979.

Known for our ability to put relays together Greg was always an integral part of the 200 Medley Relay and 400 Freestyle Relays. Greg was a member of the winning WPIAL and PIAA State Record setting 400 Freestyle Relay and Champion 200 Medley in 1978. He came back in '79 teaming up with brother Brad, Cliff Hardin and Tom Marshall for another 400 Free Relay WPIAL triumph.

Greg went on to swim for Virginia Tech qualifying for NCAA's in 1980 and 1981. Greg majored in Mechanical Engineering, graduating in 1983. Greg currently resides in Chandler, Arizona with is wife Mary Julia, daughter Lindsey, and son Andrew. He works for Honeywell as a business leader in the aerospace division and he and his family have enjoyed living in Germany while working for the company.



## **CLIFF HARDIN**

*Peters Township High School Class of 1980  
Wall of Fame Induction Class of 2008*

An outstanding sprinter, best remembered for his winning of the WPIAL Championship in the 50 yd free with a blazing start from lane 1. His time of 21.7 earned him All American and All State Honors. Cliff Hardin was a member of the team from 1976

through 1980. During is four years he was an important part of every team coming into his own in '79 as a member of the WPIAL winning 400 Freestyle Relay and then anchoring with an All American 20.9 performance in the 200 Medley Relay at the PIAA's in his senior year. Cliff also represented PTSC at the Junior Nationals in 1979 on the 400 Freestyle Relay.

Cliff received a swimming scholarship to Western Kentucky University. He graduated from Western Kentucky in 1984 as a four year letterman in Swimming. He received his degree in Geography with a Meteorology track, and a minor in Geology.

He is currently employed as a Systems Engineer at the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, (NGA), located in Bethesda Maryland. Cliff has been with NGA since 1985 and has received several honors and awards, including Meritorious Unit Citations, Special Act or Service Awards, and Joint Meritorious Unit Awards.

Presently Cliff resides in Walkersville Maryland and spends much of his free time on the Golf Course where his competitive nature has helped show continued success by winning his Club Championship in 2002, 2003, 2007 and 2008, and then pairing up with a partner to win the 2008 Maryland State Golf Association Mixed Two Ball Championship.