

2000 Inductees

Mrs. Mary (Lillian) Kelbley



After taking a break from teaching to raise her family, Mrs. Lillian Kelbley received a call from then-superintendent Jones asking her to teach at Hopewell-Loudon School. She accepted, and served the Hopewell-Loudon School District in many capacities until her death in 1963. Her first duty was serving as the advisor to the eighth grade class, which was a full time job. She also taught business classes, including typing, shorthand, and bookkeeping.

Among her other roles at Hopewell-Loudon, Mrs. Kelbley was the advisor for the Scarlet and Gray newsletter, and organized the first senior class trip to Washington D.C., and New York City, and served as the chaperone for that trip in 1955. She also was the yearbook advisor beginning in 1956. She received 2 yearbook dedications, one in 1950 and the other in 1964.

In 1961, Mrs. Kelbley became Hopewell-Loudon's first guidance counselor. She had returned to Bowling Green State University night school to obtain her Master's Degree in counseling.

When Mrs. Kelbley was not busy, she sold tickets at the basketball games, gave piano lessons, and for over 35 years, she helped her husband Walter operate Walt's Lunch, a staple in Bascom.

Mrs. Kelbley's children, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren are graduates of Hopewell-Loudon. Two of her children are retired educators, and her daughter and granddaughter have both served on the Hopewell-Loudon Board of Education.

Mrs. Eleanor Lowery-Snavely

Mrs. Lowery, (as she was known during her teaching career), began at Hopewell-Loudon in 1954 teaching science and mathematics. In 1969 she began teaching advanced mathematics as well.

Because of her tireless and steadfast interest in math and in her students, the 1960 yearbook was dedicated to Mrs. Lowery.

She continued her career at Hopewell-Loudon until her retirement in 1978.

Mr. Frank Zurlo



It was during the summer of 1972 when Superintendent Jim Miccichi hired a new band director for Hopewell-Loudon School. With his clipboard tucked under his arm, he called his first band practice to prepare for a summer parade. Students soon learned his motto: “The band is only as strong as its weakest link.”

When Mr. Zurlo stepped up to the podium, it was time to get serious about music. It wasn't long until a sense of pride and ownership was instilled in the band students. During Mr. Zurlo's first year at H-L, the concert band received straight I ratings at the district and state contests.

Football marching band began in 1974, and Mr. Zurlo also started jazz band and a German band during his first year at Hopewell-Loudon.

A native of New York, Mr. Zurlo graduated from Bowling Green State University and taught instrumental music for 15 school years at Hopewell-Loudon until his untimely death in October of 1986.