

## **Our First Honorary Inductee in the Class of 2012 is:**

### **Delmer Giberson**

Delmer Giberson was born in Buffalo, New York, son of Franklin and Diva Bertocci, Giberson. He lived in West Wyoming and was a graduate of West Wyoming High School, Class of 1961. He received his Bachelor of Science in 1965 from Wilkes College and earned his Masters degree from Temple University in Philadelphia in 1969. Delmer was employed as a teacher in the Philadelphia school system from 1965 to 1969 and Wyoming Seminary Day School in Forty Fort from 1969 to 1972. In 1973 he became a member of the faculty at Lake-Lehman High School and taught Chemistry until September 28, 1988 when he died unexpectedly of a heart attack at age 44.

Del was a Christian, family man, teacher, leader, friend, athlete, and outdoorsman. These seven words were placed on a special two-ton memorial stone that is placed in front of the Lake-Lehman Junior-Senior High School and these words were also placed on a memorial scholarship plaque presented in 1988 to senior, Kevin Carey, the first recipient of the Delmer Giberson Memorial Scholarship. Recently, *Dr. Carey, current member of the Lake-Lehman School Board of Directors*, described Delmer Giberson as his most influential teacher.

Del, a beloved teacher, was known to his students as mentor and friend. He was kind, sincere and concerned about the well-being of his fellow man. Alex Frederick, a student, recalled in a letter: *Mr. Giberson was a rare kind of teacher that made a difference in a student's life. He was always there for his students in every day dilemmas, no matter how menial or unimportant. His career was not a task, but a wholesome devotion to a profession that he held dear to his heart.*

Student Mark Major wrote a letter, years later, recalling his memories of Mr. Giberson. He said *I know that his legacy lives on in me and many other people that he did and did not teach. Delmer Giberson or Del to his friends, educated our souls as well as our*

minds.+%Mr. Giberson showed me that it was equally important to be a good person in life as well as a good student.+

Mr. John Zaleskas, senior high principal referred to Del Giberson as %master of the classroom.+%He was an exceptional teacher; the kids loved him and respected him.+ %He was a super teacher.+

Mr. McGovern noted, throughout the reading of various correspondences, it became evident that Mr. Giberson captured the essence of what we refer to at Lake-Lehman as the %Human Element.+He challenged students to create independent thought; the foundation of intelligence. Mr. Giberson embodied each of the four axioms in which this society was founded.

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Induction Ceremony Brunch:

We are joined today by:

*Wife:* Carmella (Giberson) Nardone, (Husband Bob Nardone)

*Son:* Rear Admiral Scott Giberson, Scott's wife Lynette and son Payton.

Scott is the Chief Professional Officer for the Pharmacy. RADM Giberson leads the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service (Corps) pharmacy professional affairs, and advises the Office of the Surgeon General and the Department of Health Service (HHS) on the recruitment, assignment, deployment, retention, and career development of Corps pharmacists.

*Also: Del's Sister:* Yvonne Mould and husband James, family & friends

Accepting on behalf of Delmer is his son RADM Scott Giberson and Scott's mother Carmela Giberson Nardone.