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In **Lesson 9** students will explore the contributions of the 2012 Oklahoma Hall of Fame Honorees.

Lesson 9 will be updated with the new Hall of Fame Class Annually in May.

Featured Oklahomans

Stan Clark
Bart Conner
Edith Kinney Gaylord
Tom L Ward
Suzanne Warren
Lee R. West
Ronald H. White

Stan Clark

A native Tulsan, Clark resides in Stillwater where he has built one of Oklahoma's most recognized brands and become one of our state's greatest ambassadors. The Stan Clark Companies known as the "Three Amigos" includes the flagship Eskimo Joe's, Mexico Joe's, Joseppi's, and Eskimo Joe's Promotional Products Group. The Eskimo Joe's logo, featuring the smiling cartoon Eskimo Joe and his canine friend, Buffy, was created in 1975 by a freshman art student at OSU.



In addition to sponsoring a scholarship at Oklahoma State University in the College of Education, The Stan Clark Companies donations include the South Entry Plaza of the Boone Pickens Stadium, the Stillwater Public Education Foundation, Coaches vs Cancer, Oklahoma Project Women, and Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Clark Companies also has sponsored the Juke Joint Jog for 25 years and the Three Amigos' United Way Golf Classic for 20 years, both benefitting the Stillwater Area United Way. The companies' support of the Folds of Honor Foundation directly benefits the families of fallen and disabled veterans with post-secondary scholarships.

Activities

Elementary: Produce a classroom Hall of Fame. Students may choose a member of the Oklahoma Hall of Fame, found at www.oklahomaheritage.com, or represent the contributions they intend to make.

Secondary: Research the backgrounds and geographic locations and members of the 2012 Oklahoma Hall of Fame Honorees. How do you believe these elements impact their contributions and success?

Bart Conner

Conner is the only American gymnast to win Gold Medals at every level of national and international competition. Conner has been a USA



Champion, NCAA Champion, Pan-American Games Champion, World Champion, World Cup Champion, and an Olympic Champion. He was a member of three Olympic Teams—1976, 1980, and 1984. It was during the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics where he made a dramatic comeback from his second torn biceps injury to win two Gold Medals.

In the fall of 1976, Conner moved from his hometown of Morton Grove, Illinois, to Norman to attend the University of Oklahoma and be coached by Paul Ziert. While at OU, Conner earned 14 NCAA All-American honors and led his team to two NCAA team titles.

After graduating with a degree in Journalism PR in 1984, Conner went into business with Ziert. Today, they own several gymnastics related business interests, including the Bart Conner Gymnastics Academy, GYMNAST Magazine, the premier international gymnastics magazine; and Grips, Etc., a gymnastics supply company—opening a new office building and factory in Norman to produce gymnastics grips, t-shirts, and tumbling shoes.

Edith Kinney Gaylord

Edith Kinney Gaylord was a pioneer journalist and philanthropist with a life-long passion for the news business. She was born in Oklahoma City to Inez Kinney Gaylord and E.K. Gaylord, the editor and publisher of The Daily Oklahoman and The Oklahoma City Times.

Educated for a short time in Switzerland, Gaylord graduated from Oklahoma City Public Schools' Classen High School, known today as Classen School of Advanced Studies. She attended Colorado College in

Colorado Springs, where she later served as a trustee and maintained a lifelong relationship with the institution.

In 1937 she graduated from Wells College in Aurora, New York, with a bachelor of arts degree with emphasis in English, French, and Social Studies. Gaylord's journalism career began at her father's newspapers, writing news stories and reporting for the society department. Five years later she was hired by the Associated Press in New York City, ulti-

mately transferring to the Washington, D.C. bureau and becoming the first woman on the general news staff. An early assignment to cover First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt's press conferences quickly developed into a close friendship. Gaylord became the First Lady's media liaison and then secretary of Eleanor Roosevelt's Press Conference Association.



Tom L. Ward



Born in Shattuck and raised in Seiling, Ward has served as chairman and chief executive officer of SandRidge Energy, Inc. since June 2006. He previously served as president, chief operating officer, and a director of Chesapeake Energy Corporation, co-founded on a handshake with Aubrey K. McClendon. In November, 2007, SandRidge went

public and today employs more than 2,500 across Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas. Ward graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1981 with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Petroleum Land Management.

With his son, in 2006 Ward co-founded White Fields, Inc., offering a continuum care program and a home for severely abused and

neglected boys until they are out of high school. It is important to Ward that these young men know they always will have a place to call "home." He has provided scholarship funds to Oklahoma colleges and universities to increase the access for students to higher education and encourage them to remain in Oklahoma to live and work after they have earned their degree.

Suzanne Warren

Warren grew up in Greenwich, Connecticut and attended Rider College, the University of Connecticut, and graduated from Florida Atlantic University with B.A. and M.Ed. degrees. Following graduation she was employed by the Palm Beach County School System. She worked in several programs funded by federal grants for disadvantaged and low-income students both as a resource teacher and director, in addi-

tion to teaching adult education. Warren works to raise public awareness and funding for Tulsa's arts and social service organizations. Currently she serves as a director/trustee of the Children's Hospital Foundation at Saint Francis and the Mental Health Association Advisory Board. She is a past director of Cascia Hall Preparatory School, Monte Cassino School, Ronald McDonald

House, Tulsa Opera, and The Tulsa Philharmonic. She has served as honorary chair of the Red Ribbon 10-year celebration, which provides home care for patients with AIDS. Warren helped launch the Painted Pony Ball, the annual fundraiser that benefits the Children's Hospital at Saint Francis where she is a trustee. Through her work with the event, she helped build and financially support the organization so that no family or child in the region is turned away for the lack of ability to pay.



Lee R. West

Born in Clayton and reared in Antlers, following his high school graduation West earned a degree in government from the University of Oklahoma. After 28 months active duty in the United States Marine Corps, including 13 months overseas with the 3rd Marine Division in Japan and the 1st Marine Division in Korea, he returned to the University of Oklahoma where he earned his Doctor of Jurisprudence from the College of Law. He was admitted to the Oklahoma State Bar in 1956. He engaged in private practice until 1961 when he became a member of the faculty at the University of Oklahoma College of Law

where he taught torts, damages, evidence, trial practice, and workmen's compensation. During the 1962-1963 term he was a Ford Foundation Fellow in Law Teaching at Harvard Law School where he received an LLM degree. In 1963 he returned to private practice and served as Labor Arbitrator for the National Mediation Board. West was appointed by Governor Henry Bellmon to serve as District Judge for the 22nd Judicial District of Oklahoma, serving also as Special Justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court and Court of Criminal Appeals. He was appointed by President Richard Nixon, and later designat



ated Acting Chairman by President Jimmy Carter, to the Civil Aeronautics Board in Washington, D.C. where he negotiated treaties with 52 countries. Since taking senior status in 1994 he has remained active hearing cases at both District and Circuit levels.

Ronald H. White

A graduate of Seminole High School, White received his B.S. and M.D. degrees from the University of Oklahoma. Following residency, he served in the U.S. Navy in Da Nang, Viet Nam and at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. He completed a fellowship in cardiology at the OU Health Sciences Center and entered private practice, specializing in diagnostic and interventional cardiology.

He attended one of the first balloon angioplasty training courses in Switzerland and subsequently performed the first procedure in Oklahoma. White co-founded the American Society of Cardiovascular Interventionalists and Oklahoma Cardiovascular Associates, the state's largest cardiovascular physician group serving patients in 45 satellite clinics statewide. In 2002 he co-founded the Oklahoma Heart Hospital,



one of the nation's first all-digital hospitals. He served two terms on the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma and as chairman three years.

2012 Oklahoma Hall of Fame Honorees

(left to right) 2012 Oklahoma Hall of Fame Honorees Bart Conner, Suzanne Warren, Stan Clark, Lee R. West, Tom L. Ward and Ronald H. White



Did you Know?

Induction into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame is the highest honor an individual can receive from the State of Oklahoma

The Oklahoma Hall of Fame Banquet & Induction Ceremony is held annually in November, the month of Statehood

More than 655 individuals have been inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame

Each member of the Oklahoma Hall of Fame is featured in the Gaylord-Pickens Oklahoma Heritage Museum

The Oklahoma Hall of Fame is Televised on OETA

Educational opportunities annually offered by the **Oklahoma Heritage Association** include:

- More than \$4,000,000 in scholarships to high school students.
- Heritage Week competitions for students in grades 3 through 12.
- Teen Board for students grades 9-12.
- Interactive Versus Series compare and contrast an Oklahoman from our past with his or her contemporary.
- Field trips to the Gaylord-Pickens Oklahoma Heritage Museum—voted Nickelodeon’s Parents’ Choice Best Pick for Teens.
- “I Am Oklahoma” program for students of all ages.
- *Oklahoma: Magazine of the Oklahoma Heritage Association* is distributed to high school libraries statewide.

Oklahoma Hall of Fame Medallion

Upon induction into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame, the Honoree is presented with an Oklahoma Hall of Fame medallion.

The white star of the medallion, taken from the State Seal, represents Oklahoma as the 46th state of the Union and the 46th star on the flag of the United States. The gold center, Uncle Sam blessing the union of Oklahoma and Indian territories, is taken directly from the Oklahoma Heritage Association’s early impression stamp. The star is surrounded by a mistletoe wreath, like that of the impression stamp and the Oklahoma State Seal. The Mistletoe wreath first was used as an element of the Great Seal of the Territory of Oklahoma.

The five “T” shapes above the star honor the five Indian Nations that inhabited Indian Territory prior to Statehood. Surrounding the Ts are rays of the sun, the Indian symbol for constancy—unchanging or unwavering. The medallion hangs from a ribbon, reddish in color that depicts Oklahoma’s rich red earth. Originally hung from a short ribbon and pinned to the recipient, current medallions are hung from a ribbon around the neck



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