

THE NORTHERN KY SPORTS HALL OF FAME WILL INDUCT NEW MEMBERS INTO ITS ORGANIZATION ON WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 16, 2009 AT 1:00 PM THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND THE CEREMONY THAT WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE VILLA HILLS CIVIC CLUB HALL, 729 ROGERS ROAD VILLA HILLS KENTUCKY.

**PAUL FISER** - VILLA HILLS, KY. HE BEGAN PLAYING ORGANIZED SOFTBALL IN 1991. IN 1994 HE PLAYED WITH THE BUFFALO BAR IN THE KY STATE TOURNAMENT WHERE THEY PLACED 4<sup>TH</sup> OUT OF 100 TEAMS AND WAS SELECTED TO THE ALL- TOURNEY TEAM. IN 1998 PLAYED WITH BJ'S NOVELTY AND PLACED 3<sup>RD</sup> IN THE KY STATE AND WAS SELECTED TO ALL STATE TOURNEY TEAM. IN 1999 AND 2000 ALL STATE SELECTION OHIO MIXED STATE CHAMPIONSHIP. IN 2004 MEMBER OF GREAT LAKES NATIONAL CHAMPION, NIT CHAMPION AND OHIO STATE CHAMPION WITH HIGH VOLTAGE. FROM 1997-2000 HE WAS LISTED IN THE CINCINNATI SOFTBALL NEWS AS ONE OF THE TOP HOMERUN HITTERS IN THE AREA.

**RONALD FOLTZ** - UNION, KY. GRADUATED FROM COVINGTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL. HE PLAYED KNOTHOLE BASE BALL WITH ST PAUL AND CYO LEAGUE WITH ST JOHNS AS A PITCHER. HE PLAYED WITH THE REDS IN THE CAROLINA LEAGUE FROM 1961 - 1964 WHERE HE PITCHED 160 INNINGS WITH 260 STRIKEOUTS AND 8 WALKS. HE PLAYED IN THE BUCKEYE LEAGUE WITH BAVARIAN IN 1961 AND RETURNED TO PLAY WITH THEM FROM 1965 - 1974. HE PLAYD GOLF WINNING THE NORTHERN KY SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP IN 1990. HIS GREATEST THRILL WAS EATING BREAKFAST WITH MICKEY MANTLE, YOGI BERA AND ROGER MARIS.

**LEROY GOETZ** - COVINGTON, KY. HE PLAYED BASEBALL IN THE CYO LEAGUE WITH COVINGTON MERCHANTS, ST JOHN'S HOLY NAME AND WITH THE ARMY IN JAPAN, HE ALSO PLAYED IN THE BUCKEYE LEAGUE WITH ROBKE CHEVROLET AND JUDY REALTY, HE HAS ALSO PLAYED SOFTBALL WITH THE FOLLOWING TEAMS DIXIE NOVELTIES WHERE HE PLAYED IN THE WORLD TOURNAMENT IN PITTSBURGH, JIM'S BEVERAGE AND COVINGTON TURNER'S AND THEY WON THE LOUISVILLE CHAMPIONSHIP

KEVIN HERGOTT - FT. THOMAS, KY. HE PLAYED FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL AND RAN TRACK & FIELD AT HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL. WHERE HE GRADUATED IN 1987 AND ATTENDED COLLEGE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS. HE STARTED PLAYING FOOTBALL WITH THE FORT MITCHELL SPARTANS AND HIGHLANDS. IN 1986 UNDEFEATED NORTHERN KY ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CHAMPS WITH A 10-0 RECORD WHERE THEY LOST IN STATE QUARTERFINALS TO DANVILLE 35-34 DOUBLE OVERTIME. IN BASKETBALL HIGHLANDS WAS THE NINTH REGIONS CHAMPS IN 1984-85 AND 1985-86. IN 1984-85 THEY WON 9<sup>TH</sup> REGION AND PLAYED IN RUPP ARENA. IN TRACK AND FIELD HE WAS THE TOP SPRINTER, ANCHOR FOR STATE FINALS 4X 100 RELAY TEAM IN 1987

**JOHN KELLEY** - INDEPENDENCE, KY. GRADUATED FROM COVINGTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL WHERE HE PLAYED BASEBALL, FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL. HE WAS NAMED M V P 9<sup>TH</sup> REGION BASEBALL IN 1978 AND WAS DRAFTED BY THE DETROIT TIGERS HE HAS BEEN NAMED FIVE TIMES ALL TOURNAMENT TEAMS WITH JAYS, SCHIFER METALS, MAILE CONST, AND WILSON EXC. HE HAS COACHED SIMON KENTON FAST PITCH AND SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL, SIMON KENTON GIRLS FRESHMAN BASKETBALL. HE HAS BEEN NAMED NORTHERN KY SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR. HE HAS BEEN AN UMPIRE IN THE USSSA FOR 12 YEARS.

**BENNY ROSS** - UNION, KY. GRADUATED FROM COVINGTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN 1958 AND ATTENDED UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI FROM 1959-1963. HE PLAYED FOR OELSNER'S TAVERN CLASS A KNOTHOLE, LATONIA LEGION POST 203, COVINGTON CATHOLIC WHERE HE LETTERED 4 YEARS AND AT UNIV OF CINCINNATI HE ALSO LETTERED 4 YEARS. HE PITCHED FOR OELSNER'S TAVERN, CLASS A WINNER IN THE KENTON COUNTY KNOTHOLE LEAGUE PLAYOFFS, PLAYED SPRINGFIELD OHIO TIGERS AT CROSLY FIELD IN THE OPENING ROUND OF THE NATIONAL TOURNAMENT. THE OPPOSING PITCHER PITCHED A NO HITTER STRIKING OUT EVERYONE AT LEAST ONCE. HERE'S THE AMUSING PART, HE PITCHED A ONE HITTER. EDDIE TRANTER WALKED IN THE BOTTOM OF THE LAST INNING, HE STOLE SECOND BASE. THE CATCHER THRU THE BALL INTO CENTER FIELD AND EDDIE SCORED THE WINNING RUN. HE WAS INDUCTED INTO THE COVINGTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME IN 1983.

GUEST SPEAKER FOR THE CEREMONY WILL BE **CHRIS WELSH** HAS BEEN COLOR ANALYST ON FSN OHIO WITH THE CINCINNATI REDS FOR THE LAST 13 YEARS HE IS A NATIVE OF CINCINNATI AND GRADUATED FROM ST XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL IN 1973. HE GRADUATED FROM THE UNIV OF SOUTH FLORIDA IN 1977. HE IS A PUBLISHER OF "THE THINKING PITCHER" AN INSTRUCTIONAL TRADE LETTER ON PITCHING THAT IS READ BY PITCHERS AND COACHES WORLDWIDE.