



## Beatty, Bock, Lewthwaite, Lowe, Maier, Dumont elected to second Warren County Hall of Fame class

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WASHINGTON TWP. — Norman Beatty, Joe Bock, Dr. Barbara Jayne-Lewthwaite, Richard Lowe and Christopher Maier were selected for the Warren County Hall of Fame's newest class, along with former state Sen. Wayne Dumont, who was named posthumously.

Additionally, Ed Coyne, whose popular jazz series at Centenary College in Hackettstown have earned him accolades, will receive a special recognition award at the Hall of Fame Recognition Dinner on Oct. 15.

In a vote by a panel of judges with varied backgrounds from throughout Warren County, as well as previous Hall of Famers, the newest honorees were chosen from 14 overall finalists.

The Warren County Hall of Fame, sponsored by the Warren County Community College Foundation, creates a forum for honoring Warren County's finest in an array of fields. A gala dinner will be held on Oct. 15 at Hawk Pointe Golf & Country Club to celebrate the newest class of inductees and all the finalists.

The Hall of Fame itself is set up at Warren County Community College, where the public is invited to see it. For tickets to the recognition dinner and other information, call 908-835-2334 or e-mail [wchallofame@wcccfoundation.org](mailto:wchallofame@wcccfoundation.org).

The members of the Hall of Fame class represent an array of backgrounds, from business to education to politics.

**Norman Beatty** is the president, chairman, and CEO of First Hope Bank in Hope. He is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point and the University of Alabama Graduate School of Business. He retired from the Army a lieutenant colonel in 1983. Beatty currently serves as the ABA Membership Council Representative from New Jersey. ABA represents banks of all sizes and charters. Beatty resides in Hope Township and has long been a supporter of many community endeavors.

**Joseph Bock** is counsel with Florio Perrucci Steinhardt and Fader. He received his undergraduate degree from Seton Hall University, his law degree from Fordham Law School, and his L.L.M. in labor law from Temple University School of Law. Bock is a former board of trustees member of Warren Hospital in Phillipsburg and currently serves on the board of directors. He is a former senior vice president at American Home Products Corp., now known as Wyeth, where he was responsible for worldwide labor relations, compensation, personnel, affirmative action and security. Bock was the only management representative to be awarded a Bronze Medal from the Industrial Union Department, AFL-CIO, for his "invaluable help in settling the NYNEX strike" in 1989.

**Dr. Barbara Jayne-Lewthwaite**, a longtime professor at Centenary College in Hackettstown, was named the 12th president of Centenary College in May 2009, the second woman and second faculty member to hold the position since the college was founded in 1867. Before that, Lewthwaite held several positions at the college which included chief academic officer and chief operating officer. Lewthwaite serves on the board of the United Way of Northern New Jersey and is active in other nonprofits as well.

**Christopher Maier** is the owner of Land of Make Believe in Hope, a family business that has served Warren County for more than 55 years, annually attracting thousands of visitors to the county. Land of Make Believe is the largest employer of youth in the county. Under Maier's leadership, the park has grown dramatically and has been designated as one of the safest parks in the country for many years. Land of Make Believe is an integral part of the community, donating hundreds of tickets to nonprofit organizations every year.

**Richard Lowe** is the longtime president of Abilities of Northwest New Jersey, based in Washington. Abilities employs dozens of people with disabilities and serves the greater Warren County business community in partnership jobs. Among Lowe's many achievements, he has received the Leadership Award for his many contributions to Warren County.

**Wayne Dumont Jr.** is arguably Warren County's greatest "statesman." He served in the New Jersey Senate for more than 30 years, representing Warren County admirably. Dumont, who died in 1992, is most remembered by residents for his caring attitude toward those he served. He routinely was available to constituents and their needs.

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