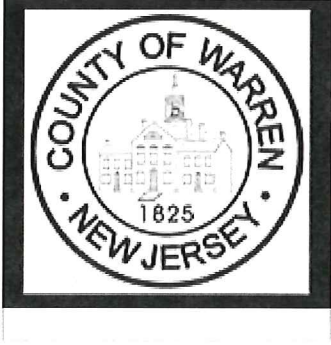




Among the Hall of Famers, Rich Maguire and two others have strong ties to Washington

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Three of the inductees heading into the Warren County Hall of Fame this year have strong ties to Washington.

Among the Class of 2013 are Richard Maguire, Peggy Campbell-Rush and Alvin Sloan. The full "class" also includes Lou Reda, Steve Gandley, and Therese Steinhardt. In the posthumous category, longtime businessman Alvin Sloan has been selected.

When it comes to volunteerism, few can match Maguire. The owner of the Warren Hills Memorial Home in Washington is as entrenched in the Washington community as anybody could be. Not only is he the chair of the annual Washington Celebrates America on July 4, but he is also a member of the Fire Department, Knights of Columbus and has been an integral part of the Washington Business Improvement District as a Board Director for many years.

Additionally, Maguire is very active in his church and is also now involved with the creation of the Washington Heritage Museum.

Maguire says that joining the Rotary shortly after he moved to town in 2001 was a key decision in his life. "I have learned so much through Rotary," he said. "While I am involved with a lot of things, Rotary is always there to back me up."

When the hugely popular Washington Celebrates America event was teetering a few years back due to a lack of volunteers, Maguire wouldn't let it go down. He took over, bringing in several volunteers with him, many of whom were — and still are — Rotarians, and put the event back on solid ground. As a Board of Director with the Washington BID Maguire helped to shape the revitalized look of the Downtown.

Campbell-Rush, who is an educator, education author, and has trained thousands of teachers worldwide over the years, began her teaching career at Memorial School. It was her first teaching position. The kindergarten teacher would eventually move on, gaining Teacher of the Year nominations and other awards throughout the years. She is currently the Director of the Lower School at Gill St. Bernard's.

Also getting the nod this year in the posthumous category is longtime Washington area businessman Alvin Sloan. Sloan, also a former Mayor, passed away about four years ago.

This year's Hall of Fame Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 19, at Hawk Pointe Country Club. The event

is open to the public.

The establishment of 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. 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 email wchalloffame@warren.edu.

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