

## 2014 Hall of Fame Inductees



### 1968 Central Bucks Girls Basketball Team

#### BUX-MONT CHAMPIONS – UNDEFEATED SEASON

Captains: Leslie McLeod and Wendy Sleicher  
Cindy Bull Walther, Polly Case Glowatz, Joyce Plummer  
Lee Haggerty Scheeler, Nancy Schaeffer, Eileen Steelman  
Cavanaugh Debbie Valimont Nyce, Carolyn Ward

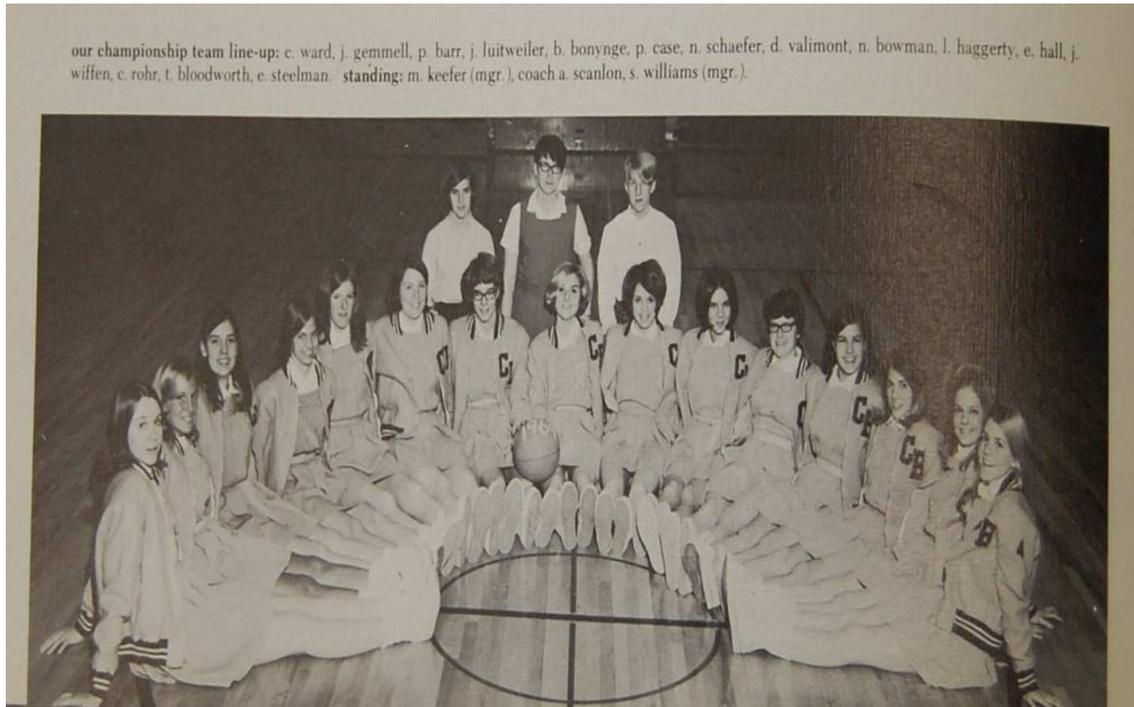
As published in the 1968 high school yearbook:

*Chanting "We don't mess around," the girls' basketball team won first place in the Bux-Mont League with a record of 8-0. Coached by Miss Scanlon and Mrs. Emig and led by captains Wendy Evans and Leslie McLeod, the girls excelled in team effort and exhibited good offensive and defensive rebounding. The team was noted for its high morale and willingness to cooperate. The season was high-lighted by defeating the closest contender Wissahickon in the next to last game of the season. C.B. then went on to defeat Hatboro-Horsham in the highest scoring game in the Bux-Mont, 76-40.*

We received many emails from former team members expressing how much they were honored to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. Their overwhelming praise for Coach Audrey Scanlon is summed up with—"We wish she was here."

After a 3-win season in '67, going undefeated the next year was—as shared by one team member—" ... a huge accomplishment." The classic Grey and Gold school colors were the uniforms back then. The team was made up of 2 Forwards, 2 Defenders and 2 Rovers, with four starters almost 6 feet tall. Their final game of the 1968 season was packed with fans. The team gathered at Wendy Sleicher's home for a unique celebration.

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#### **CONSECUTIVE BUX-MONT CHAMPIONS UNDEFEATED SEASON**

Captains: Debbie Valimont Nyce and Nancy Schaeffer  
Phyllis Barr, Trisha Bloodworth Bechtold, Betsy Bonynge  
Nancy Bowman Franey, Eileen Steelman Cavanaugh  
Polly Case Glowatz Joanne Gemmill-Bucciarelli  
Lee Haggerty Scheeler, Elaine Hall, Jane Luitweiler, Sally McHugh  
Chris Rohr Thompson, Carolyn Ward, Janet Wiffen

With a repeat of their 1968 season the girl's basketball team's seven-game schedule took them to the top again.

The Hall of Fame received notes from several team members sharing memories of "... dedicated young women who played a fiercely competitive game..." Evident in their comments was their love for the game and their spirit of camaraderie: Polly Case's hook shot that left the opponents jaws dropping-- or Deb Valimont's uncanny foul shot style rarely missed.

Teams from both years expressed praise for Audrey Scanlon, "...a coach ahead of her time who mentored assistant coaches like Mary West" (HOF 2007 Coach Inductee). Scanlon started coaching in 1967 and then turned the program around bringing Central Bucks two consecutive Bux-Mont Girls' Basketball Team Championships. Scanlon, it should be mentioned was instrumental in petitioning the U.S. Court for equal rights in women's sports. Title IX was passed in 1972 as part of the United States Education Amendments.

A favorite jingle sung by multiple past years of girls' sport teams at Central Bucks went like this for Coach Scanlon:

*We love you ASS, Oh yes we dooooo!  
We love you ASS and we'll be truuu  
When you're not neeeeeear to us,  
We're blue,  
Oh ASS,... We Love YOU!!!*

Nancy Schaeffer (2010 HOF Inductee) was a member of the '68 and '69 teams. Writing words reflective of both teams she praised Coach Audrey Scanlon "... who united us all and molded us into a group that truly exemplified the concept of team....Everyone had their own special talents and skills that combined to propel us to our 2 undefeated seasons....It is certainly bittersweet that Miss Scanlon cannot join us for this celebration."

Many of the team members are married with children and/or grandchildren and living full lives in their various communities.