

**2010**  
**Hall of Fame Inductee**  
**Walt Smerconish**  
**Community Service Leader**



Walt Smerconish grew up in the Pennsylvania coal country of Hazelton. In high school he played Center on the football team, earning two varsity letters. It is to this day that the competitive sport he loves the most is, *Football*. Walt also pitched for a semi-pro baseball team in the Anthracite League which consisted of eight teams in the Hazelton area. Although offered a Class D baseball contract to attend a farm team in the south, the draft intervened and he served in the army during the Korean War.

After his service, he attended Penn State University, then Bloomsburg University where in 1957 he received his B.S. in Secondary Education.

In 1959 Walt began his career as a Social Studies teacher at Lenape Jr. High School. This was the start of his long history of community service that spanned 25 years. As a PIAA and Mid-Atlantic College Football Referee, he spent hundreds of games on college fields as well as many of others for high schools in the Bux-Mont and later Suburban One League. On Mondays it was JV teams; and Thursdays it was Lenape, Tamanend or Unami Junior High School games. During this time Walt also received his Masters in Counseling from Lehigh University. In the 1980's an opportunity came his way where he began announcing all Central Bucks West High School Football Games. For Walt, announcing wasn't a "job". It was a Joy.

After retiring from counseling at West in 1993, Walt spent his leisure time fly fishing in Pennsylvania streams throughout the Pocono Mountains. He published several articles about this sport and enjoyed winter months fishing in the Gulf of Mexico. Some of his most colorful memories are the years he spent with the Union Horse Company.

Not one to ever sit still, over the years Walt participated in many community service organizations and activities that include the following:

**Community Service**

- Central Bucks Jaycees -- Director
- Central Bucks YMCA -- Board Member
- Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce -- Youth Committee
- Doylestown Youth Recreation Council -- President
- Bucks County Prison -- Adult Education Supervisor
- Doylestown Rotary -- Program Chairman

**Activities**

- Central Bucks Education Association -- President
- PIAA Football Official -- Founder and President of Abington Chapter
- Philadelphia Chapter Intercollegiate Football Officials -- Vice President
- Children's International Summer Villages -- Leader
- "Voice of The Bucks" CB West

Walt has two grown sons—Wally and Michael, and eight grandchildren. With this induction into the Central Bucks-Central Bucks West Hall of Fame another award will join the many others that cover the walls of the office in his Doylestown Township home.



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