

# Linda Becker

## *Builders Category*



Linda Becker was born in Chicago and raised in Arlington Heights. She was active in Choir and President of her Orchestis Club. After graduating from Forest View High School, she attended Illinois State University. She has worked as a Human Resources Administrative Assistant and HR Manager. Currently, she is a health insurance broker for Professional Insurance Producers in Park Ridge.

Linda met her future husband, Russ, in 1975. They married in 1976 and recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. They have 2 sons, Todd and Tim, and 2 grandchildren, Will and Ella.

Her youngest son, Tim, began skating with the Northwest Chargers at the age of 6 with a House and Mite A-2 team. She is proud to say that Tim played with the Chargers throughout his youth hockey career, Midget Major CSDHL.

In 1990, Linda ran into an old high school friend, Dick Glass, who was the President of the Chargers. When he found that she could type, he asked if she would be interested in volunteering a couple of hours a month to the Chargers.

Linda served as Registrar and Secretary of the Northwest Chargers from 1990 until 2001. In 2002, she was elected President of the Northwest Chargers. She held that post until 2008. The Northwest Chargers were one of the founding organizations of the CSDHL. Linda was elected Treasurer of the Central States Developmental Hockey League in 1999 and remained on the Board of Directors in that position until 2012. When plans for the Hoffman Estates rink were being formed, Linda worked as the Charger's liaison between the Chargers and the HE Park District. She was involved in the formation of the Southwest Spring League and served on its board. For 5 years, she was on the AHA! Rules and Ethics Committee.

Linda stepped away from all active hockey boards and duties in 2012 when her grandson, Will, was born. She now devotes all her time to family; traveling, biking and mostly spoiling her beautiful grandchildren. Her grandson, Will, is now 4, and is currently in the Learn to Skate Program at Rolling Meadows. She can't wait to see his first game!

Linda couldn't have done it without the support from her husband, Russ, and her children, who appreciated her passion for the game and volunteerism. She is forever grateful for the lasting friendships that have been made over the years with both hockey families and those that she has served with.

# Megan Bozek

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Megan Bozek was born in Buffalo Grove in 1991; the youngest child and only daughter to Patti and Tom Bozek. She completed a family of 5 with two older brothers, Dan and Stephen.

Megan first ice skated at 21 months during public skate at the Glenview Ice Center (GIC). This quickly became a weekly family habit. Every time her older brothers would have hockey practice or go skating, Megan begged to go with. She became a regular participant in the roller hockey games in their basement. During the summer, if she was not playing baseball or soccer, she had her roller blades on.

At age 4, she began hockey lessons at the GIC with Myles Gottainer and Sylvain Turcotte. By age 5, she played on her first team as a house Dynamite. At age 6 she started her travel hockey career (as a goalie!). She continued to play for the Glenview Stars through her first Squirt year before moving on to play AAA with the Team Illinois boys' team. Age 13 saw Megan make the switch to girls' hockey with Team Illinois and eventually the Chicago Mission programs, both coached by Tony Cachey. Her love of the game also had her double-rostered and playing 3 years of Girls High School hockey for Glenbrook.

Recruited by every Division I program in the country, Megan choose the University of Minnesota and Coach Brad Frost. During Megan's 4 years there, she was a 2-time first team All-American, set many defenseman scoring records, was a Patty Kazmaier award (women's Hobey Baker) finalist, was a Hockey Humanitarian award finalist, and won 2 National Championships. During her senior year (2012-13) she captained the Gophers to the only undefeated season (41-0) in the history of NCAA hockey and the National Championship.

Blessed with great development and coaching, fantastic hands, a knack for scoring, and a powerful slap shot of 88mph, USA Hockey first took notice of Megan as a 12 year-old playing with her boys' team in the Pee Wee Tourney in Quebec. She attended 4 years of U.S. National Development Camps, numerous festivals, and has been a member of Team USA since 2009. With Team USA, Megan has been a part of 3 gold-medal and 1 silver-medal World Championships and 1 silver-medal Olympic team (Sochi 2014).

In addition to her ongoing participation with Team USA, she currently plays professionally for the Buffalo Beauts of the NWHL and lives in Burlington, Ontario with Andrew and her beloved chocolate lab, Boone.

# Myles Gottainer

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In the 1940's Myles skated on the Chicago River (it was much cleaner in those years). He also skated in the old CBS studios before it was CBS. There was a pole in the middle of the rink and that was the one place where you learned to skate with your head up.

In 1954 Myles started working for a rink called Tower Cabana. He played with some great guys, one of whom was Rick Halpern. Rick was going in for a break away and of course he had a step on Myles so Myles tripped him. He slid into the boards and knocked himself out. From that day on, Myles always thought he was responsible for turning Rick from a conservative to a liberal.

Myles started teaching hockey in 1958 when a father paid him five dollars to teach his son. That five dollars kept Myles' gas tank filled for several weeks in those days. Some years later another father came up to Myles and said, "You probably don't remember me, but because of you I played hockey and now my son is learning from you."

In the early 60's Myles went to work for Olympic Airlines and held a series of positions. One was with Customer Service where Olympic Airlines offered a trip to Rome, Italy for twenty dollars. On the interline bus from domestic to international, Myles fell in the lap of this beautiful girl and when he awoke in Nice, France, he asked her out on a date; nine months later they were married. Olympic Airlines gave them a free honeymoon to Greece. She is from Melrose Park and they are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year.

Myles has two children, daughter Carrie who is a clinical psychologist and his son, Greg who is an attorney licensed in Washington.

When Myles son was in kindergarten he received a flyer for hockey lessons. The cost for five lessons was five dollars. When Myles brought his son to Glenview and saw Wally Kormylo he became hooked. He went on to work with Wally for ten years. He learned a whole different style of teaching from Wally.

Myles' wife and daughter spent years at the rink and he says he owes them both so very much. Greg went on to play for New Trier High School.

Myles had four businesses until eleven years ago when he sold them. He fixed everything around the house when his wife finally said, "You either get a job or I will divorce you." So he went to work for the Secretary of State.

Myles has taught great kids as well as adults. Some of these kids have played junior, college and pro hockey. Some of these boys played on the U.S. National teams. Some of the girls he coached played college hockey as well as pro hockey in Europe. One these girls is being honored tonight, Megan Bozek. Another player is Carisa Zaban Wahlig who was honored by being inducted into the Hall of Fame several years ago.

Myles had his own hockey camps and became a Master Level coach in 1987. He truly believes that he has gained as much as he has given coaching and teaching. Myles believes success is not the wins, but what you instill in the children and their successes in life.

# Steve Konroyd

## *Players Category*



50 years ago, Steve Konroyd played his first ever hockey game as a 5 year old at the East York arena near downtown Toronto. He wasn't very good, but he loved the smell of the rink and the guys he was playing with. The game of hockey has had a firm hold on him ever since. The son of immigrant parents, a British mom and a Polish dad, he spent his hours as a kid playing hockey whenever he could, whether it was on the streets or at the rink. After playing Junior A hockey with the Oshawa Generals, he was drafted in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the NHL draft by the Calgary Flames. After 5 years in Calgary, he was traded to the New York Islanders. While in New York, he met a girl from Chicago that he fell madly in love with. They were married in the summer of '88, and in a welcome turn of events, he was traded to the Chicago Blackhawks on November 25, 1988.

After 4 years of playing for the Chicago Blackhawks, he rounded out his career by playing with the Hartford Whalers, Detroit Red Wings, and Ottawa Senators. My dad realized that after 14 years in the NHL that he had lost a step and it was time to start a new chapter in his life.

Broadcasting became his new passion, and after serving as the first ever radio color commentator for the Phoenix Coyotes in 1996, he went on to be the TV face of the San Jose Sharks and Columbus Blue Jackets. It's been 12 years since he became the pre- and post-game analyst on Chicago Blackhawks broadcasts on Comcast SportsNet and WGN-TV. He also does the color commentating on about 20 Blackhawks games each year.

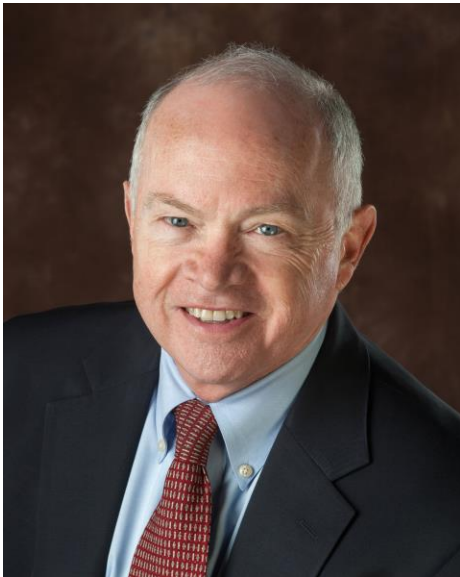
Well, almost 30 years after he met that girl from Chicago, Steve Konroyd has 5 kids – Danielle, Emily, Declan, Braelyn and me, Stephen. The boys in his family fell in love with the game that gave so much direction to their father's life. As a result, local hockey rinks became our home away from home. The Darien Sportsplex, home of the then "Chicago Huskies", was the first team that he helped coach here in Illinois. The Huskies then became the Hawks, and my dad was on the ice whenever he could be. The Hawks, the Fury, the Blues, and Team Illinois are all teams that my dad helped coach and that my brother and I played on.

Ladies and Gentlemen, my Dad, Steve Konroyd.



# Dave Loughnane

## *Builders Category*



Dave Loughnane began his youth hockey involvement through son Andy's and daughter Kerry's participation in the Winnetka Hockey Club. Starting in 1982, Dave served as travel team manager multiple times, and for several years as Board member and President of the Club. He served on the NIHL Board for a number of years, including terms as Vice-President and President. Dave was a long time member of the AHAI Board, and for many years continued to serve as a consultant to AHAI Presidents and Board members in dealing with administrative and dispute resolution issues.

Staying active in hockey has carried on with other family members, including son Andy, daughter Kerry (Farley), son-in-law Jack Farley, and grandsons Keane, Declan, Cormac and Rory Farley. Andy worked in the front office of the NHL's Detroit Red Wings during their Stanley Cup years and helped to launch the Columbus Blue Jackets franchise. He later used these hockey lessons in working as Vice-

President of the NBA's Detroit Pistons, and since 2014 has been President of Business Operations for the MLS' Columbus Crew. Kerry was part of the first wave of girls playing hockey on both boys and girls teams, including with the Shooting Stars and later for New Trier High School. Jack Farley serves as the Winnetka Hockey Club's House League Director and is active in coaching each of his children. Not to be outdone, Andy and Kerry's older sister, Leah, beside getting dragged to countless ice rinks as part of family support, helped to paint the Winnetka ice rink – plus when venturing into new neighborhoods, often took one of the hockey pucks living in their freezer, supposedly for protection, but probably for comfort.

Dave operates his own law practice as a trial attorney and mediator, and aside from trying to keep up with the never-stop U.S. family members, he and his wife Leslie stay close with Leah and her family in England, including grandson Benjamin. Benjamin is one of those Cubs and Blackhawks fans who speak with a British accent, and he also plays grass-hockey (known to some as soccer and others as football).

# Mike Mullally

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Mike was born, July 7th, 1953 in Chicago. He lived and grew up in Park Ridge. His love of hockey started early on the pond just a block from his home, putting on skates in the snow, his dad teaching him to skate at age 3. He played his first organized youth hockey through Michael Kirby, with Paul Rhuby at Oak Park, then competing with “Park Ridge Park Board”, Elmhurst, Wilmette and with the Chicago Minor Hawks, a club started by his Dad and “Big Bill” Roche.

The opportunity and inspiration provided by the Minor Hawks staff, Coach Bob Gatcke, and his team mates gave Mike the good fortune to play NCAA hockey at Ohio University, under Coach McComb, later turning down an opportunity with the Milwaukee Admirals, playing college club hockey and finally graduating from Illinois State University in 1976.

Mike developed an exceptional passion for ice hockey and “giving back”, instilled by those early inspiring experiences. When playing competitively was no longer an option for him, he began coaching and enjoyed almost 25 years behind the bench. After college graduation, Mike coached the Franklin Park Panthers and the Flames at Franklin Park Ice Arena, teaching learn to play hockey as well as coaching players through Pee Wee. Later Mike would coach his sons on Travel Bantam and Midget and High School hockey teams.

His career in international business prevented him from continuing to coach, thus he has been involved in hockey exclusively as an administrator for the past twenty some years; first as administrator and President with the Sabres Youth

Hockey Association and seven years with the Naperville Central Redhawks board and the past 17 years with AHAI and USA Hockey, and the Central District.

In 2000, Mike was asked to join AHAI as a Director by then AHAI president, Mike Lebarre. The past 17 years as an AHAI Board member, Mike has been responsible for various events and positions: House Hockey Chairman, High School Chairman, AHAI Treasurer, the High School State Tournament, Blackhawk Charities Christmas tournament, “AHA! College Night”, the Chicago Showcase Event, and the Illinois Showcase Boys Team, Player Safety Chair, Tier I Chair, President of the Illinois High School Hockey League and many other hockey duties and responsibilities. Mike ultimately served 6 years as AHAI’s President.

Mike and his wife Barb have been married 35 years, having lived in Naperville for 23 years. They have 3 boys, Michael 34, (a goalie, go figure), Mark 30 and Matt 21 years old. The two oldest boys both played and coach today. Matt continues to play at Illinois State. One of Mike’s greatest joys was watching them grow through participation in Illinois hockey.

“It has always been my pleasure to serve others in our hockey community. I have always had the great good fortune to work with some wonderful people, at Franklin Park, the Sabres, Naperville Central, AHAI, Central District and USA Hockey. They are truly the “bread and butter” of hockey in Illinois. I have met so many wonderful people through hockey. The hockey community is so much the better for the people who volunteer and devote their time and energy to our kids.”

Mike would like to thank all those that have gone before him to make involvement in this sport such a great growth experience for our youth (including his sons) – as well as those who will follow, and carry on the great traditions of our sport for today’s youth.

# Michael “Rodie” Rohdenburg

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Michael “Rodie” Rohdenburg was born and raised in Elmhurst, IL, where he continues to reside. Michael grew up an athlete, excelling in various sports such as football, baseball, wrestling, boxing, and track. As a kid, Michael always knew there was one sport missing from his repertoire: hockey. Getting a late start, Michael finally got his chance when he tried out for his high school hockey team. As a result of Michael’s athleticism, hard work, and passion for the game as a Freshman he was second on his team with 41 goals and was eventually pulled up to varsity and played the last 7 games with them. The following year, he left high school hockey to play with the Huskies Hockey Midget Program, where he won his first of many state championships.

The following year, Michael tried out for the Huskies Jr. team, competing with 92 other players for just 20 spots. Michael, as a 15 year old, was selected for the team alongside many who were much older and much more experienced. Michael’s talent far surpassed his age and experience, and that year he helped his team win a state and national championship. From there, he went on to win two more state championships with the Huskies.

Michael continued his hockey career playing in college in Upstate New York. With hockey being his passion, he decided to give back to the sport through coaching. He began his coaching career 25 years ago in Wilmette, where in the first five years of his coaching career he won several state championships with both Mite and Squirt teams. Michael later returned to the Huskies, this time as a coach, where found continued success winning numerous state and national

championships with Pee Wees, Bantams, and Midgets. Bringing his coaching philosophy to Hinsdale Central Red Devils Hockey Club, Michael transformed the program in just three years, going from 6-28 to 33-6 and making the Final Four in the Red Division.

Coach Rodie leads by example and teaches his players to embrace responsibility of representing the club in a manner worthy of its top teams. His detailed preparation for practice and games is unequalled. His passion for the game is second only to his interest in developing fine young men who represent their club and themselves well in hockey and in life. Rodie has coached for the last 24 years. With his 25<sup>th</sup> year in hand, he has made 21 Final Four appearances and won 14 of his 15 state championship appearances. Michael has coached his way to two national championships, along with one runner up and three third-place finishes.

Michael has also coached the Metro-West All Star Games three times, and has been on the select committee for the Illinois Showcase, including coaching them to a national championship. Michael has selected and coached numerous AHA! Central District player developmental camps. For the last 6 summers he has coached the Summer Colligate Hockey League at West Meadows. Michael’s commitment and passion for coaching both on and off the ice earned him the title of AHA! Coach of the Year in 2013. Rodie’s overall coaching record is 1542 wins, 439 losses, and 193 ties.

For over 20 years, Rodie has owned three businesses in Bloomingdale, IL: Brodies Auto Body, Bloomingdale Rescue & Recovery, and R&S Holding Company. He has a 23 year old son named Shawn Michael. Rodie’s outgoing and fun-loving personality has made him instrumental in planning various social events with the organizations he has been involved with. He is a role model for his teams both on and off the ice, and the positive impact he has on his players extends far beyond his time as their coach.

# Richard “Dick” Sharp

## *Officials Category*



Richard “Dick” Sharp was born on March 11, 1930 on the South Side of Chicago, Illinois. He was an exceptionally bright man who lived every aspect of his life “by the book.” This attitude stemmed from his impressive educational resume. Dick graduated from Leo High School in 1947, and earned his undergraduate degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Detroit. He furthered his education at the University of Illinois where he obtained his Master’s in 1953. Dick went on to utilize his education in his professional life. He operated a family-owned heating and air conditioning business for twenty-five years with his father. He later joined the Pipefitters Union Local 597 in 1977 and secured a job at

McCormick Place where he worked until he retired in 2006.

Dick married Terry Kazmierski in 1951, and together they raised five children: Nancy, Tom, Robbi, Patti, and Carol. He was the proud “Papa” of eight grandchildren: Kelley, Nicole, Stacey, Sarah, Molly, Danielle, Taylor, and Jack, and great-grandpapa of Gregory, Addison, Charlee, and Brantley.

His love for the game started as a boy when he played street hockey at Russell Square Park. He was a die-hard Blackhawks fan who loved Bobby Hull, Stan Makita, Tony Esposito and the thrill of hearing Nancy Faust play the organ at the Chicago Stadium. His 20 year journey as a referee began in the late 1960’s. What started as a hobby quickly became an integral part of his life and turned into a second career. It was the perfect fit for Dick as he was such an honest, fair, and hard-working man. He quickly became a highly requested and respected referee for High School Hockey, Men’s League Hockey and Amateur Hockey leagues. He officiated at many ice rinks including Southwest Ice Arena, Homewood Flossmoor Ice Arena, The Saints Spectrum, Oak Lawn Ice Arena, Glenwood Ice Rink, and Park Forest South Ice Rink. During his lengthy career as an Illinois Officials Association Referee, Dick officiated more than a thousand hockey games and mentored novice referees. He was always proud to recount stories of how he would exercise his text book knowledge of the game on players who would later play in the NHL.

Although his career as a referee came to a close, officiating his beloved Chicago Blackhawks from the family room chair lived on until his last days.



# Dave Siatta

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Dave Siatta considers himself very blessed to grow up in Chicago during the mid to late 1950's in a strong traditional neighborhood. Just across the street lived a family relative, Bill "Moose" Skowron, who played for the world famous New York Yankees. This was the era of Mickey Mantle, Roger Maris, Yogi Berra and many other Baseball Greats wearing the pinstripes. Naturally Dave set his sights and dreams on being a big league baseball player.

That was until the 12<sup>th</sup> of February in 1961, when David's Uncle Chester took him down to The Chicago Stadium to see his first hockey game between the Blackhawks and The Montreal Canadiens.

Passed down to Dave were the stories, traditions and history of "The Flying Frenchmen". Out on the old Stadium ice that day were hockey immortals, Jean Beliveau, Jacques Plante, Henri Richard, Bernie Gefferion, Doug Harvey, Dickie Moore, Pierre Pilote, Stan Mikita, Al Arbour, Moose Vasko, Robert Marvin Hull and Glen Hall. From that one day with a loving Uncle, a burning passion and dedication to Our

Game began that continues to this very day.

Dave began to play Our Game in the places that teach all the important lessons, in the alleys with kids of all ages. From there to the frozen ponds and parks of the Chicago Park District with little or no equipment and rules passed down by what is known as "The Old Code". That "Old Code" taught the lessons of discipline, playing

with pain, and learning it did not matter "Who was Right", but it always mattered "What is Right"!

As a member of the Gordon Tech High School Hockey Team in 1969, Dave played his first game on "artificial ice" at Rainbo Arena, on Clark Street near Lawrence. While working and taking classes for college, Dave volunteered as the Assistant Coach for Steinmetz High School. Both Gordon Tech and Steinmetz were original members of the Chicago Metropolitan High School Hockey League and soon Dave was a Team Representative and volunteer for many committees for the League.

Watching the officials during games and tournaments, Dave thought he could help out by learning the rules and duties of officiating. In 1973, he registered and passed the test to become an approved official for The Amateur Hockey Association of the United States. For the next 41 seasons Dave laced up his boots and pulled on the sweater to officiate games of all levels.

Dave officiated many years in the International Hockey League and the Central Collegiate Hockey Association. He was selected for multiple State, Regional and National Tournaments. All of this while continuing to skate here at home with all games from Mites to Juniors. Dave would go anywhere at any time to officiate so the kids could play their games.

While working on his career, raising his children with Marcelle, officiating all levels of Our Game, Dave volunteered to instruct for Coaching and Officiating Clinics and Seminars. Dave became a Certified Instructor and never missed a Seminar Season for over 30 years. On top of that schedule, Dave was elected to many terms as a Director for the Officiating associations here in Illinois.

Currently, Dave owns his own business, Advanced Fitness and Mobility Systems USA. He is humbly proud of the accomplishments and success of his daughter, Nicole and son, Mark, and still in love with his wife of 38 years, Marcelle.

Dave Siatta, truly described as a Real Hockey Person in Heart and Soul and one of the Honoured Members Inducted into The Illinois Hockey Hall of Fame in 2017.