

RIVER VALLEY WRESTLING HALL OF FAME



Dr. Ihor Anton “Doc” Galarnyk Team Doctor Inducted 2017

Dr. Ihor Anton “Doc” Galarnyk was one of the early members of the RV Wrestlebackers Club. He was the team doctor for the RV Wrestling Teams for many years – long before the inception of athletic trainers that we now have.

Born in Ukraine, Doc and his surviving family escaped WWII, immigrating as refugees to Manitoba, Canada. It was there that he learned English and restarted his medical studies. It was in Winnipeg that Doc met his wife, Genya. They married and four years later, in 1956, moved to Plain where Doc practiced general family medicine until his retirement in 2006. Doc and Genya have eight children – Roxanne, Ihor, Danylo, Christopher, Timothy, John, Dorianne and Paul. Many of his children were actively involved in the RV Wrestling Program as wrestlers and managers. Two of his sons--John and Paul--were State Runners-up.

Doc gave numerous amounts of his time in caring for the athletes and students at River Valley. During wrestling matches, he could usually be found in the front row of the bleachers cheering, or ready to lend a hand when needed for an injury.

Doc passed away in 2015. Throughout the years, Doc went “the extra mile”, not only for all the sports of RV, but especially the Wrestling Program.

The RV Wrestling Family would like to thank Dr. Ihor “Doc” Galarnyk for his many years of commitment and passion shown towards the Wrestling Program and welcome him into the Class of 2017 River Valley Wrestling Hall of Fame.