

# Mark J. Kleback Memorial "Outstanding Thespians Award"

*Include Kleback Addendum Form with your application*



To honor Mark J. Kleback's memory his wife, Donna and his children, Maria & Mark established the Outstanding Thespian Award in 2016.

Mark Kleback was a dedicated community member and he was extremely involved in the hobbies and pursuits of his children. Mark was a drama parent for a full decade, going above and beyond for the kids he loved in his community.

Mark moved set pieces for the first *Bye Bye Birdie* ('00), created the marquee on the school for *Footloose* ('08) and assembled the program book for many shows, even after his own children graduated. Seeing the theatrical performances brought Mark joy. He knew the dedication that the students gave and he was always happy to lend a hand and to be part of the crew. Mark was often found selling tickets on the days of the shows and always attended all three performances and any fundraisers that were held by the club.

Mark was a 1982 graduate of Wyoming Area School District, and received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1985 from Bloomsburg University. He continued to earn his master's degree from Marywood University. Mark worked as a computer systems analyst for MetLife Insurance Co. In addition to being a drama parent, Mark was very active in his community through the years as president of the Exeter Lions Little League, leader of St. Cecilia's Church Youth Group, Drama parent, and coach of numerous sports teams despite his children's lack of athletic talent. Mark was a prominent member of his neighborhood and loved to walk his dog, Lucy. He was known to the kids as "Mark the Dad" in order to avoid confusion with his son, "Mark the Brother." Mark was a wonderful husband, father, brother and friend, loved for his sense of humor and kindness.

Criteria was developed by the donors and they, along with Drama Advisor, served on the selection committee.

**Criteria:** Any senior who was an active honor member of the WA Thespian Troupe #4795 with at least 60 (SIXTY) points can apply for this award. The selection criteria includes: dedication, leadership and outstanding performance both on and off stage in the drama club. Applicants need to fill out the Kleback addendum form found online under Application and Special Pages Required in the Scholarship - Downloads section. Complete the form and have the Mr. Chuck Yarmey or Kate Mangan sign it. Give the completed signed form along with your completed application packet to Mrs. Rabel.