

ALFRED A. RENINO

Alfred A. Renino, Class of 1947, has, for more than 50 years, inspired thousands of students and residents of Westchester with his passion for music and his talent as teacher, mentor, musician and conductor.

As a music teacher, music director and performing group director for 35 years in the White Plains schools, Mr. Renino nurtured the love of music, performance skills, and the value of hard work and discipline in generations of students. Three of his students are renowned professional musicians and WPHS Half of Fame members - Garrick Olson, William Wolfram and Mindy Kaufman.

In addition, as the founder, director and conductor of the all-professional White Plains Community Band, Mr. Renino brought rousing musical performances to appreciative audiences for 25 years through the popular Concerts in the Parks series.

Music was a major interest for Mr. Renino at White Plains High School, where he was a member of the a cappella choir, the band and a clarinet soloist in the orchestra. He earned a BS in Music from the Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam and then spent two years as a musician in the Marine Corps Schools at Quantico, VA.

Mr. Renino joined the White Plains Public Schools in 1954 to teach music at elementary schools throughout the district. In 1960, the year he was awarded a Masters in Music from New York University, he moved to the High School where, over the next 22 years, he taught Music History, Music Theory and Instrumental Music, conducted the Wind Ensemble and Band and was a music director of theater productions. Mr. Renino also taught instrumental music at Highlands Middle School and capped his White Plains teaching career by serving as Assistant Coordinator of Music and Art.

Beyond White Plains, Mr. Renino was President of the Westchester County School Music Association, Regional Director of the first statewide Music in Our Schools Day and Director of the Winds and Band Program at the Aaron Copeland Music and Arts Camp of Westchester County.

Mr. Renino's wife, Marjorie, and his five sons and daughter all graduated from White Plains High School.