

*Dr. Raymond H. Werking, Jr.*

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Dr. Raymond H. "Ray" Werking, Jr., currently retired, has been a lifelong resident of East Greenbush. After his graduation from Columbia High School in 1966, he attended Siena College where he received a B. A. in English Education. He continued his formal education by earning a Masters Degree in Education from Russell Sage College and proceeded to earn a Doctorate in English from the State University of New York at Albany.

Dr. Werking's professional career has seen him sharing his outstanding abilities as both educator and truly caring human being initially with the North Colonie School District as an English teacher at the Junior High School. While at North Colonie Dr. Werking was a leader and instrumental in developing a "schools within a school" organizational plan, which has reaped a harvest of awards and honors in student achievement and recognition. His leadership in the English Language Arts program created a standard by which the English program is still held to. Dr. Werking's efforts and achievements were no less laudable during his tenure at the State University at Albany where he distinguished himself as a lecturer and active participant in that school's prestigious Writing Center. Dr. Werking has further distinguished himself professionally as the author of a variety of scholarly efforts. Among these are a published young adult novel in 1984; his graduate research on Mark Twain; an extensive study on test anxiety in 1985; and his endeavors on behalf of the Modern Language Association's Handbook and Style Manual.

Dr. Werking's academic success and achievements have their equivalency in his role as a community activist. Beginning in the early 1970's up to the present, Ray's participation and inspirational leadership in a variety of communal activities and projects is legendary. Among them are: reintroduction of theater in the East Greenbush area; the Werking Scholarship Program honoring the memory of his parents; East Greenbush Education Foundation; Playground Committee of Green Meadow; Winterfest Planning Committee; and the East Greenbush Board of Education where he is liaison to the school Transportation Team; a member of the Health/Safety Committee; the Education Committee; Columbia High School Re-Organization Committee; Architect's Committee; and the Systems Committee.

It is therefore with the greatest respect that the East Greenbush Education Foundation extends its congratulations to Dr. Raymond H. Werking, Jr. upon his induction into the Columbia High School Hall of Fame.