

William J. Romer, is currently CEO and owner of Clear View Bag, Inc., a manufacturing company specializing in container production. Starting as an employee in 1961, he rose through the ranks and purchased the company in 1970. At the time of purchase CVB (Clear View Bag), employed twelve people. Today, through the energetic and skillful efforts of "Bill" Romer, the corporation employs over 115 people in its Albany and Thomasville, N.C. plants. It is of more than passing interest to note that 36% of Mr. Romer's employees are Columbia graduates, powerful testimony to his commitment to his origins and the local community.

The Romer family is a well-known name in area athletic circles. Bill Romer excelled as an athlete, lettering in track, football and basketball, where he served respectively as captain while winning All-Suburban Council honors in his junior/senior years at Columbia. He still remains active both as a player and consultant with the New York State Empire Senior basketball gold medal team.

As a long-standing member of the local community, especially in the Nassau area, Bill has remained an active and exemplary participant in his community as a member of the Board of Directors for the Rensselaer Boys/Girls Club and the Nassau Little League. His generous financial and material support to the East Greenbush School District as well as various other community organizations within Rensselaer County make him a 'role model' for civic responsibility and participation. Recognition of his efforts are visibly testified to by the re-naming of the 'old' Columbia football field as Romer Field.

Bill has been married to his high school sweetheart, Debbie, for the past 33 years and they have three children of whom they are very proud. The East Greenbush School District takes great pleasure in recognizing William Romer as a recipient of Hall of Fame induction.