

The following was presented by a Board Member at the Hall of Distinction Induction Ceremony of the Dover Historical Society, on Sunday, April 17, 2016.

## JERRY STRATTON MARLOWE

When you say the name, Jerry Marlowe, two things come to mind, wild hats and outrageous stunts to get into the Ohio State-Michigan home football games. Jerry owns about 180 hats. The fun is in never knowing what he will turn up in for any occasion, whether it's a concert, a wedding, a sporting event, a luncheon, or just a quick trip to the Post Office.

Jerry, of course, has always contributed to his Alma Mater financially and has come up with some truly original ideas for gate crashing. He has been a Boy Scout Leader, a Nun, an O.S.U. band director, a T.V. camera man, a Football game referee, and Ohio State Cheerleader, to name just a few. He entered a game as a hot dog vender, and made \$80.00, which he donated to a church food stand. He claims he sold more hot dogs because he featured Grey Poupon Mustard.

Jerry comes by his talents and creativity naturally. His father, Mack, was also a pharmacist. Jerry's mother, Fannie, was truly a legend in her own time. Fannie greeted everyone with a hug, a smile, and a spritz of perfume. She was lovely, hilarious, and a very astute business woman.

Dave, Jerry's older brother was also a pharmacist and Jerry's business partner. Dave was a gentleman of the first class. Smart, kind, and very funny, Dave loved music, especially jazz and Ethel Merman.

Dave and Jerry both graduated from O.S.U.'s School of Pharmacy. Jerry took a little longer. He explained that for several years he majored in Fraternities. Today, Jerry sponsors a scholarship in honor of his much loved brother.

Jerry is a Gourmet Chef. Not just a good cook, but a true food connoisseur. He attended a summer session of The Culinary Institute of New York, the Cordon Bleu School of Cooking in London, and the Lavarenne Cooking School in Paris. His interest in cooking started when he was a child, learning from his Welsh grandmother. His cooking adventures have been written in countless newspapers, he's cooked on t.v. and been mentioned in several books over the years.

He also taught children's cooking classes, changing the way kids think about food - how it's cooked, how to present a dish beautifully, how to try new foods, and how to eat healthily. All this while making his classes great fun.

He studied acting at The American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York City, which graduated people like Spencer Tracy, Grace Kelly and Robert Redford.

Jerry has performed at our local Little Theater and he and his family have sponsored hundreds of Little Theatre shows.

Jerry has also sponsored many concerts personally or through his business with the Philharmonic Orchestra. The Philharmonic was very special to his brother Dave and after his passing, Jerry took his position on the Board of Directors.

Jerry's wife of sixty years, Willi, has helped him by being his hat maker, costumer, co-conspirator and raising their three beautiful daughters, Chris, Kathy and Jan. Now they enjoy their seven active grandchildren.

Jerry has enriched so many lives in so many ways and we are lucky to have him in Dover.