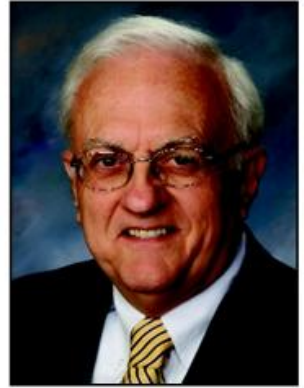


*2009 Volleyball Hall of Fame*

**FRANCIS G. HAMEL**

**Mintonette Medallion of Merit**



*Francis G. Hamel*, Fran as we know him, has been a strong supporter of the Volleyball Hall of Fame for more than 2 decades.

Since joining the Board of Directors in 1986, Fran has served the Hall of Fame in many capacities including Director, Induction Committee Member, Selection Committee Member, President, Special Events Committee Chairman and much more. He is now officially an Honorary Board Member but maintains an active role in Hall activities including bringing financial support to Hall activities and hosting international visitors.

Fran has been instrumental in shepherding the Hall of Fame - Spalding relationship over the years throughout the corporate changes that have occurred. A 35 year Spalding employee, Fran has been key to the 20+ year support of Spalding as a major Induction Sponsor. He has helped make numerous international connections through his world- wide network at Spalding such as assisting with contact with the family of 2008 Honoree Sinan Erdem of Turkey when efforts through normal channels were fruitless.

Fran & Spalding were also instrumental in start up of the Hall's Showcase of Champions High School Invitational tournament program for both boys and girls. This follows many years of support for our collegiate men's Morgan Classic & Clinic and the Hall of Fame Women's Invitational.

*For his continued support of the Hall of Fame's mission and his many significant contributions, Francis G. Hamel is truly deserving of the Medallion of Merit,*

Currently the International Credit Manager at Spalding, Fran is getting ready for retirement transitions that will include part time work, more golf, and continued involvement with the Hall of Fame. Fran is also active in the community including membership in the Beavers Businessmen's Club. He is looking forward to continued community involvement and more family time.

Fran enjoys time with his wife Pat and children Jennifer and Jeff and grandchildren Jack, Lucas, Quinn, Chase and Ella.

*Founded in 1996, the Mintonette Medallion of Merit is awarded in recognition of significant individual achievement.*