

Victoria Galchick Sherrow '67, author of 100 books

Victoria Galchick Sherrow '67 enjoys learning, she always has.

As a student at the Salem Junior High School she was in the science club. As an undergraduate at Ohio State University she had three majors - nursing, psychology and sociology - and managed to graduate in four years. As a counselor with a master's degree but no job in California, she enrolled in a class at the University of California-Los Angeles taught by children's author Eve Bunting.

Bunting is a prolific author, but with 100 books to her credit in 25 years Sherrow may be her star pupil. She uses Victoria Sherrow as her professional and legal name.

Sherrow's first books were picture books for young children published by Harper Collins. Most of her published works are detailed non-fiction, hard-cover books intended for older children, teens and adults. Her current projects include a book on archeology in Africa for National Geographic Books.

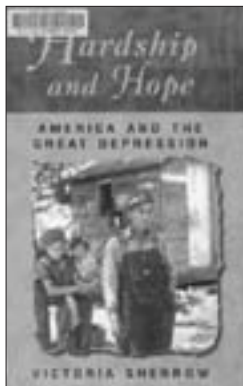
"I have been able to use all my education at one time or another as background for my books," Sherrow said.

Used Instruments Sought

The Salem Band Boosters requests that alumni donate brass horns, woodwinds and percussion instruments they no longer use to current students.

"We have a lot of kids who simply cannot afford the cost of a new or rental instrument," according to Band Booster President Julie Bell.

If you happen to come across a playable instrument while you are cleaning closets, the attic or basement, please contact Bell at 330-337-0213, or Boosters Vice President Robin Fisher Stewart '72 at 330-332-5091. The Band Boosters' address is P.O. Box 1413, Salem, OH 44460.



The breadth of the topics Sherrow has written about is enormous. Her science titles stretch from endangered mammals to bioethics. Her histories have looked at medieval monasteries, the gold rush, polio, the Holocaust and the Depression. She has focused on more current events in books on disasters at Love Canal, Oklahoma City and the World Trade Center. She has written about places like Cuba and Amsterdam, and groups of people including American Indian children, and separate books on the Hopi, Maya, Aztec and Iroquois Indians.

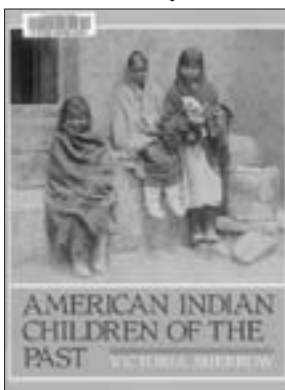
She has written biographies of Wilma Rudolph, Jonas Salk, Mohandas Gandhi, Guglielmo Marconi, Alexander Graham Bell, and others.

Her reference books for Oryx Press are fact-packed exegeses on contemporary topics like women in business, women in sports, women in the military, youth in wartime, and beauty. The last volume is intriguingly titled, *For Appearance's Sake: The Historical Encyclopedia of Good Looks, Beauty and Grooming*.

Her *Women in Sports* won a national award as an outstanding reference source. She has received a Parent's Choice Gold Award, and honors from the National Association for the Advancement of Science. Her work has also been selected by the New York Public Library for its elite list of Best Books for Teenagers.

The process of learning how to learn definitely began for Sherrow in her hometown: at home, in her neighborhood and in the Salem schools. "I think it's excellent, actually, for any size system. I received an excellent education there," she wrote in an email. During a telephone interview she connected the schools' quality to the city's founding by Quakers and the high value the Quaker community placed on education and equal rights.

Sherrow has expressed gratitude to Salemites more than once in her book



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dedications. *Hardship and Hope: America and the Great Depression* is dedicated to her mother, Lillian DePietro Galchick '44. Her parents, Charles and Lillian, reside in Salem.

She dedicated *Great Scientists* to Walter "Bing" Newton, her eighth grade science teacher. She remembers his classes as academically rigorous with lots of biology and hands-on experiments. "He was just a fantastic teacher and he sparked an interest in science that has continued throughout my life," she said. She also considers him "such a great person" for taking time after school to lead the science club and to take students to science fairs.

She dedicated the biography of Gandhi to "our lovely neighbor on Liberty Street, Mildred Woolf, because she is a great reader and lover of philosophy and ideas." Woolf lent Sherrow and her sister, Marianne Galchick Jones '69, many books when they were growing up. She also spent hours talking with them about philosophy, spirituality, the arts and humanitarian issues.

Sherrow served as a judge for the Golden Kite Non-Fiction Award in 2003, and she has helped cultivate other writers' talents as a teacher. She has been an instructor for many years for the Institute of Children's Literature, and has taught continuing education classes for the public schools in Westport, Conn., where she lives. "I love it when my students get published," she said.

Sherrow has three daughters, Christine, Caroline, and Natalie.

Kaiser says with luck you take “home” with you

Outstanding Alumnus Frederick M. Kaiser '62 disagrees with the pessimism of Thomas Wolfe's book *You Can't Go Home Again*. The author's assertion that education, career success, travel and just the passage of time disconnect people from their childhood homes does not square with Kaiser's experience.

"In some ways, home never leaves you. If you've accumulated the values of your parents, family and town, home will remain with you. You won't have to worry about what Thomas Wolfe said," Kaiser told the alumni association scholarships winners on June 4.

Kaiser made his remarks during the 124th Annual Reunion Banquet where he was honored as the 2005 Outstanding Alumnus for his government service.

During his career, Kaiser has written extensively, conducted briefings, testified before Congressional hearings, and taught political science. Kaiser is an American Government Specialist for the Congressional Research Service, the taxpayer-funded think tank known for its in-depth research and non-partisan analysis. From his office in the Library of Congress, Kaiser focuses on executive legislation and Congressional powers.

One of his recent reports considered the 9-11 Commission's recommendation for a joint House and Senate committee on intelligence. His work on government reorganization during previous administrations, prompted his involvement in the creation of the Department of Homeland Security.

Kaiser was also in the first contingent of Western advisers who went to Romania and the Republic of Georgia to help create representative governments and other democratic institutions after the break-up of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

At the banquet, Kaiser described a difficult time in the Romanian negotiations when a key team member became ill. He said he implored that man to stay involved using much of the same language that he had used to encourage an injured Dave Edling '62 to stay on the field during the November 1961 game against undefeated Dover. "They stayed in the game," Kaiser recalled triumphantly.

Kaiser's wife, Carol Linder Kaiser '62, their five children Teresa Kaiser, Lisa

Kaiser Ralli, Aaron Skrivanek, Jennifer Miller Buckberg, and Timothy Miller, their children's spouses, six grandchildren and many friends attended the banquet.

In addition to thanking those present, Kaiser expressed gratitude to his deceased parents, Fritz '35 and Victoria Kaiser '40. Their "love of education" encouraged him to get his bachelor's degree from Cornell University and master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh. Both of his parents pursued educational goals as adults. After rearing her children, his mother graduated magna cum laude from Youngstown State University, and went on for a master's degree in reading. She taught in the Salem schools.

Kaiser told SHS's newest alumni he shares his parents' belief in the opportunities that education affords. "It puts us in a position to be the right person in the right place at the right time".



Ethan Miller and Nathan Buckberg liked the cake and balloons at the alumni banquet where their grandfather, Fred Kaiser, spoke.

Scholarships recognize excellence in academics, sports, extra-curricular activities & leadership

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ball scholarship from Colgate University.

Jay Pitcher is the third recipient of this year's \$2,000 Floyd and Cora May Reich Stone Vocational Scholarship.

Seven student athletes were given \$1,000 Max Fisher Awards. They are Andrew Clutter (golf), Ashley Hannay (volleyball), Ryan McCallister (baseball), Jessica Potts (basketball), Grant Sevek (football and baseball), Keith Viola (wrestling), and Ryan Yeager (soccer).

Three students who were involved in diverse extracurricular activities and maintained GPAs between 2.5 and 3.5 were awarded J. Robert Sebo Achievement Scholarships. Brett Hiltbrand, Heather Gilbey and Jeffrey Zimmerman each received \$2,500.

The \$1,500 J. Robert Sebo Bowling Green Scholarship was given to Britney Dermotta to attend Bowling Green State University.

Two, \$2,000 J. Robert Sebo Scholarships were given to Allison Boron '04, who earned a 4.0 GPA during her freshman year at Point Park University in Pittsburgh, Pa., and Matthew Stelts '04, who has a 3.91 GPA at Mount Union College in Alliance, OH.

Meredith Miles received the \$5,000

Greenisen Leadership Scholarship in recognition of her leadership on student council, the volleyball and basketball teams, and at a church youth retreat.

New SHS Athletic Hall of Fame

Two individuals and three teams will be the first members of the new Salem High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

Kirk Lowdermilk '81, 1981 State Heavyweight Wrestling Champion, and Jenni Brown '96, 1992 State Cross Country Champion, will be inducted during a Sept. 1 dinner.

Each member of the 1993 Boys Cross Country Team, which was the Division II Champion, the 1993-94 Girls Basketball Team, which made the state semi-finals, and the 1959 football team, which had an 8-1 record, will be recognized when their teams are inducted.

Mike Lesch '85, Ted Schuster '87, Sally Snowball Chappell '60 formed the organization to recognize the achievements of athletes, coaches and boosters. Call Chappell at 330-332-0106 to make reservations for the \$20 dinner.