

HERITAGE HALL OF FAME

Ten prominent Rhode Islanders set for induction

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Ten people, including several prominent businessmen, a nationally renowned bankruptcy judge, and a noted heart surgeon, were selected by the board of directors of the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame for membership, according to a news release.

The inductees:

■ Richard L. Bready, retired chairman and CEO of Nortek Inc. and chairman of the board of trustees of Roger Williams University. Inducted by Robert Burke.

■ Alfred L. Carpionato, real estate developer,

philanthropist and president of the Carpionato Group. Inducted by Hall of Fame President Patrick T. Conley.

■ Bartlett S. Dunbar, sailor and naval officer, president and founder of Bowen's Wharf Co., who revitalized the Newport waterfront and was a prime mover of construction of the sail training vessel Oliver Hazard Perry. Inducted by Russell DeSimone.

■ Robert L. Galkin, Wini (Blacher) Galkin and Warren B. Galkin, leaders of West Warwick-based Natco, an international company with factories in China, Canada and three U.S. states.

Major benefactors of local charities and educational organizations via the Galkin Foundation. Inducted by Spencer Viner.

■ Joseph R. Paolino Jr., former mayor of Providence and U.S. ambassador to Malta, prominent figure in national Democratic Party circles, real-estate developer and civic leader. Inducted by Patrick Odess.

■ Dr. Arun K. Singh, cardiologist and heart surgeon at Rhode Island Hospital who has performed more than 18,000 open-heart surgeries. Prolific author of medical papers on heart disease and humanitarian. Inducted by



Bready



Carpionato



Paolino



Singh



Vareika



Votolato

Dr. Scott Molloy.

■ William Michael Vareika, Newport art dealer and collector, specializing in 18th- and 19th-century American art. Historian, historical preservationist, philanthropist and civic leader. Inducted by Kenneth Dooley.

■ Judge Arthur N. Votolato, Rhode Island's longest-serving U.S.

Bankruptcy Court judge (1968-2012). He also held the position of chief judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit Bankruptcy Panel. Inducted by William Delaney.

The Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame was created in 1965 to honor "any individual who has brought credit to Rhode Island, brought Rhode Island into prominence, and

contributed to the history and heritage of the state," according to Conley, the board president.

To be inducted, people must have been born, lived, studied or worked, or made his or her reputation in Rhode Island.

This year's induction ceremony will be on Saturday at The Inn at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick.