

Steve and Sue Koenck

Inducted into the *Hall of Fame* in 1999

Steve and Sue Koenck are former Presidents of the Patrons of Performing Arts at Washington and long-time general supporters of performing arts programs. They have two sons, Alan ('89) and Neil ('94), who were excellent musicians at Washington. Alan played the tenor saxophone and Neil played the trumpet. They were members of the Warrior Marching Band, Wind Symphony, Jazz Band, Orchestra, Momentum Band, and Musical Pit Orchestra.

During Alan's high school years, the family enjoyed many concerts, contests, performances, and events. When Neil started at Washington in 1990, Steve and Sue served as Band Representatives on the PPA Board. In those days, the Marching Band members brought their own uniforms to Kingston Stadium and the large equipment was delivered to the stadium in a school district panel truck. It was at the Five Seasons Marching Band Contest that year that Steve saw the Ankeny High

School equipment trailer and an idea was born. In a matter of days, Steve put together a plan and estimated cost for the Warrior Wagon and presented the idea to the PPA Board. The rest is history. The trailer was purchased from a manufacturer in Indiana and was outfitted by parents with carpet, equipment racks, and shelves. The Warrior Wagon made its maiden voyage to Kingston in 1991.

In the following years, Steve and Sue supported the Performing Arts at Washington in a variety of ways, including teaming with other parents to drive the Warrior Wagon throughout the United States on many occasions.

