

# John Malagise



**Freedom Area Class of 1968**

*"Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful."*  
-Albert Sweitzer

Born on August 12, 1950, John Malagise is one of seven children born to Angelo and Anna Malagise. As a youth he resided on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Freedom and attended St. Felix Grade School. He was a guard for the St. Felix basketball team where he set a single game scoring record 38 points during the eighth grade Knights of Columbus Tournament. (This is where; incidentally, he was introduced to his wife of 42 years, Debbie Padgett).

Malagise graduated from Freedom Area High School in 1968 where he was a three-year letter winner in football, baseball, basketball and track. His love and knowledge of sports continued when his three children, Craig, Matthew and Jocelyn, attended Freedom. He coached youth football, was president of Freedom Little Bulldogs and served as president of the Freedom Quarterback Club. He also coached youth baseball from Little League to American Legion and served as equipment manager for Freedom baseball teams from Little League to American Legion. Malagise also served as chairman of the New Sewickley Township Recreation Board. Last year he coached his granddaughter's fourth grade basketball team to an undefeated season and currently coaches the girls fifth grade team and assists with the girls eighth grade basketball teams.

Malagise also proudly served our country for seven years in the Army reserves from 1969 to 1976.

Professionally, Malagise attended Penn State University, New Kensington Campus, and completed the four- year Electrical Apprenticeship at Local Union 712 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers from 1971-1975. He then completed Union Steward, Local Union Leadership and Union Counseling courses and attended the George Meany College of Labor Studies. This led him to a position as general foreman in charge of all electrical maintenance at the Beaver Valley Nuclear Power

Stations Units 1 and 2. In 1991 he was elected as vice president of Local Union 712 and in 1992 was appointed president. He was re-elected president in 1994; elected as business manager in 1997 and re-elected in 2000. In 2001 Malagise was appointed as International Representative, where he served in the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Office until retiring December 31, 2012.

While an officer in Local Union 712 and an International Representative, John served on numerous committees and charitable organizations. He served as a trustee on Health and Welfare Funds for ten years; presented COMET training module to officers and members of Local Union 712. He served on the Penn State Beaver Advisory Board for nine years, the LaRoche College Labor advisory Board, the United Way Boards of Directors for six years and captained the Walk America Team.

Malagise was the first labor representative ever appointed to the Beaver County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, serving for three years. He served on the Labor Chairman-Beaver County Labor Management Committee, where during his tenure as Chairman, he was instrumental in regionalizing and amalgamating with Washington and Greene counties forming what is now the Southwest Area Labor Management Committee. He was chairman of the Local Union 712 Labor Management Committee, where he was the recipient of the Governor's Award for Labor Management Excellence Award from Governor Tom Ridge in 1998. Other offices held include serving as secretary/treasurer of Beaver County Building Trades, president of the Tri-State Business Managers Association, secretary/treasurer of Western PA Business Managers Association and secretary/treasurer of the PA State Electrical Workers Association for ten years.

Malagise also presented IBEW training modules (Business Managers Training, Local Union Leadership Training, and Construction Stewards Training) to hundreds of officers and members of the IBEW.

Continuing to serve the community through St. Felix Parish in Freedom, Malagise lectures, cantors and actively participates in the Holy Name Society, where he served as president and secretary. He has been a high school CCD teacher and with his wife Debbie developed pre-marriage classes for young couples. Both currently volunteer at bingo. John was selected St. Felix Parish Man of the year in 1999 and was the recipient of the Bishop's Award in 2009.

Malagise and his wife of 42 years, Debbie, have three children, Craig, Matthew and Jocelyn, and nine grandchildren with one of the way.