

Bellaire Goblet:

Controversy, Conflict, & Creativity

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Fred Ottoson is a native of Shadyside, Ohio and a graduate of Shadyside High School and The Ohio State University. He taught science and computer science at Bridgeport and Bellaire High Schools. Upon leaving the classroom, he became active in the National Imperial Glass Collectors' Society and currently serves on the Board as well as maintaining membership in many glass clubs. He organized the Shadyside Community Band in which he plays trombone, is a charter member of the Great Stone Viaduct

Society in Bellaire, and serves on the Bellaire Historic Landmark Committee.

Many of Fred's family members worked in the glass industry. Among them, his maternal grandfather Henry Vaupel was a mould maker at Rodefer Glass in Bellaire, and his paternal grandfather Carl Ottoson came to Imperial in 1931 to oversee the reorganized cutting shop. His father Axel was a ceramic engineer at Imperial from c.1942 until his retirement in 1977. Uncle Henry Vaupel was a mould maker at Imperial in the 1920s, but he spent the majority of his career with Overmyer Mould in Winchester, Indiana. Brother Eric and Great Uncle Ernest Ottoson also worked for brief periods at Imperial.