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Invocation. . . . . Rev. Farrell Hopkins  
Introduction of Master of Ceremonies . . . . Leon Pesner

### INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEES

Dinner . . . . . Leon Pesner — A. Bogitsh  
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### INDUCTION PROGRAM

Bob Bacheller	Frank Cosentino
Harry Dee Dembnicki	Jerry Hollahan
Bob Grossman	E. J. Maurers
Bruno Ablondi	

Concluding Remarks and Thanks. . . . . Leon Pesner  
Benediction. . . . . Rev. Farrell Hopkins

Music for Dancing

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to the driver who amassed the most points in one year. During these years he was in competition with such great drivers as Mario Andretti, A.J. Foyt, Phil Hill and Fireball Roberts who also was his teammate in many races.

In 1957 he won the trophy for most improved driver in New York State. In 1958 he won the trophy for most outstanding driver in the New York Region. When he won the Sports Car Club of America race at Marlboro, his total points was 5,600, more than double his nearest competitor.

In 1961 he was the top winning American at Lemans, France. He was awarded that trophy at Sardi's Restaurant in New York City and honored as America's finest sports car driver.

His greatest thrills were: setting the record at Lemans for the most consecutive finishes and the two wins he had there. His best week end was in Bridgehampton where he won the Double 500 on Saturday and also on Sunday. These are two individual races back to back. In 1966 the Ford Motor Company decided to enter the Lemans in a serious attempt to win. They built a special car and chose Bob Grossman as their driver. However the engine blew.

### **FRANK COSINTINO**

Attended Tappan Zee High School.

#### **HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS:**

All County Football (2 years); All County Basketball (2 years);  
All County Baseball (1 year).

#### **COLLEGE AWARDS:**

First Team Football Quarterback, Princeton U.

#### **PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS:**

Drafted by Green Bay Packers, 1956, but he choose not to accept.

#### **STATE ACHIEVEMENTS:**

Was Section 9 Golf Champ and third in the State Championship.

#### **RECORD HELD:**

Holds the P.S.A.L. lowest Golf Score of 75.

### **OTHER IMPORTANT STATISTICS:**

All County Golf Team 3 years in a row.

Was Captain of Princeton U. Golf Team and played 4 years of golf as No. 2 man. He helped them win the Ivy League Golf Championship in 1956.



### **JERRY HOLLAHAN**

**"9 Letter Man"**

Pearl River High School — 1929. Voted best athlete in class. Played football, basketball and baseball. Was best as a football player and was known to be a rough and tough competitor. He was considered to be a very good all-around athlete. He was captain of his baseball team and batted close to 500 for the season.

Lou Little who was a renowned football coach at Georgetown tried to persuade Jerry to enroll on a football scholarship. But Jerry was needed to financially help his family during the depression. He played football with many local teams such as the Pearl River Alumni, Pearl River Deacons, Spring Valley Alumni and the Nyack

All-Stars. He also played with a service team in Great Falls, Montana. Such athletes as Peck Artopee, Pete D'Auria, Les Lepori, Emil Willis, Harry Jackson and Hale DeChelfin will attest to Jerry's ability.

Jerry made All County Fullback on semi-pro teams in 1929 and 1930. Also in 1931 and 1932. The records from newspapers show that he scored 3 touchdowns in a number of games and rolled up great yardage in others.

In baseball, he played with the New City Farmers, Pearl River Alumni and Spring Valley. He played against the House of David and other fast semi-pro teams.

Jerry is also quite a golfer. He won the club championship at Messina country club in 1974-75-76. Finished second in 1977 and lost in sudden death in 1978. He was a member of a 6 man team in the Northern, NY Canadian Golf League. He plays to a "2" handicap. (A 74 average)

His high school yearbook had this poem about him:

Nimrod and angler,  
A saxophone strangler,  
A star in each major sport!  
An all-around man in Gerard Hollahan,  
Three cheers as he sails, from the port!

This resume has been compiled by screening committee member Hale DeChelfin.

#### **EDWARD J. MAURER, SR.**

##### **BOWLING:**

County representative of the American Bowling Congress for 16 years.  
Won John Koster Memorial Trophy in 1946.  
Organized The Rockland County Bowling Association in 1947.  
Bowled in A.B.C. Tournament in 1929.  
Wrote Column in Journal News on Bowling.

##### **BASEBALL:**

Pitched Semi-Pro Baseball. Pitched against Babe Ruth, Frankie Fritsch and many other Big League players.  
Umpired Semi-Pro Baseball 15 years. Officiated in games with NY Black Yankees, Pennsylvania Red Caps, House of David and many other Semi-Pro teams.

##### **BASKETBALL:**

Organized St. Ann's Basketball team which included Eddie Green, Bill Perry, Andy Podraskie, George Rotelli and many outstanding County athletes.

##### **FOOTBALL:**

Managed Nyack Alumni Foot Ball team for many years.

#### **BRUNO ABLONDI**

(Deceased)

Attended Pearl River High School.

##### **HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS:**

All County Football, Basketball, Baseball, 1946-47

##### **COLLEGE AWARDS:**

University of Kentucky, 1 year, 1947-48, Football behind Babe Parilli

##### **SEMI-PRO ACHIEVEMENTS:**

Starter for Pearl River Wildcats Football till Korean War.  
Starter for Pear River Cubs Champions, 31-2, 1950.

##### **SEMI-PRO AWARDS:**

Hit 365

##### **RECORD SET:**

For total yardage, School and Country, 1946

##### **BATTING AVERAGES:**

High School - 1945: .365; 1946: .391; 1947: .441

##### **SCORING AVERAGES:**

3 year Varsity, 48 games, 564 points, Basketball

##### **OTHER IMPORTANT STATISTICS:**

Killed in Korean War, 1952.  
Bruno Ablondi Memorial Trophy awarded to County Champion in Football from 1952 to 1966, retired trophy in Nyack or Haverstraw.



Considered by many, the best individual athlete to play ball in  
Pearl River High School.

Unanimous choice All County Baseball. SS 1947, also pitched  
4 wins, 0 losses.

High School Football, 1946. 16 TD passes, 7 TDs rushing  
1946: 2,086 total yards completed, 79 of 130 passing 1946.

1945: 4 games, 8 TD passes.

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- A. Attain prominence in either professional or amateur sports as a player, coach, manager, official, owner, writer or broadcaster.
- B. Have been a resident of Rockland County at the time of his or her prominence.
- C. Be a person of integrity and good character.
- D. A period of 5 years shall have elapsed since he or she gained prominence.

Nominations for consideration by the Hall of Fame Committee are solicited from the general public. Nominees are reviewed by the screening committee and then voted upon for enshrinement by the entire committee.

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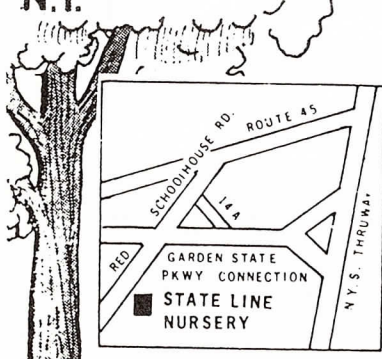
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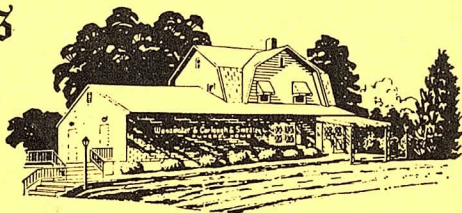
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