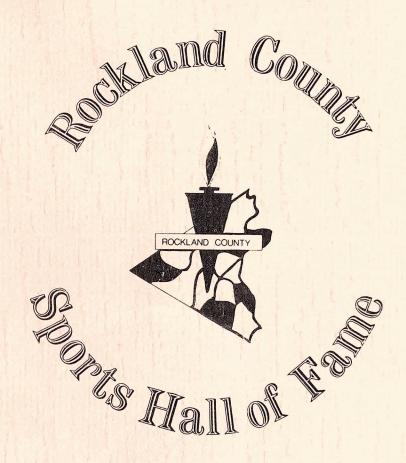


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NEW INDUCTEES

Wilbur J. (Wil) Arietta	Eugene (Gene) Erickson	
Joseph (Josh) Bolack	Anthony John Gemma	
Joe (The Saint) St. Lawrence		

Music for Dancing by Don Mario

Flowers donated by Al Dykstra

ENSHRINEMENT REQUIREMENT

The Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame was established to honor outstanding professional and amateur sportsmen, living and deceased, who have gained prominence while residing in Rockland County. To be considered for nomination to the Sports Hall of Fame, a prospective candidate must meet the following criteria:

- 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.

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WILBUR J. (WIL) ARIETTA

Good things come in small packages? You better believe it! A case in point is Wilbur J. (Wil) Arietta, Nyack native and long time resident of Nanuet, who died at the age of 59 in 1981.

Wil was an extremely "small package", scaling the diminutive height of five feet, three inches (5'3") and tipping the scales at a modest 145 pounds. It did not hamper his athletic ability, however.

Arietta attended Nyack High School in the years just prior to World War II and was a letterman in all three of the so-called "major" sports, football, basketball and baseball. In addition, Wil was selected to All County teams in all three sports... As a running back on the football field...as a leading scorer and forward on the Indian basketball team . . . and . . . as a catcher, yes, CATCHER, on the Nyack High baseball team. His batting average during his high school career was well in excess of .400. But that was just the beginning of a very active and illustrious athletic career for Arietta. Wil went on to become an outstanding shortstop in Rockland County softball circles and for many years plied his catching trade with the Nyack Blue Sox of the Rockland County Baseball League. During his high school days, however, came a tip on things to come in still another sport where size is of little value...bowling. While still a student, Arietta rocked Rockland's then small bowling world with a 720 series on games of 255, 197 and 268. It marked him as a real "comer" in the game.

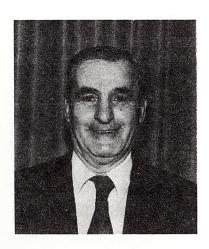
His biggest accomplishment was to come on March 23, 1949 at the Nyack Bowling Center. Here in an era when ally oiling was unheard of and the lanes were finished with shellac, Arietta, rolling for the St. George Hotel team in the Nyack Classic League, put together games of 255, 258 and 279 for a fantastic 792 series. It was the fifth highest 3-game set recorded by the American Bowling Congress during the 1948-49 season in the United States.

Team; was selected as one of the goalies. As team prepared to leave for Cortina, Italy, for the '56 Olympics there were insufficient funds. Five players were cut from team. One goalie from east and one from west was sent. Mr. Erickson was cut as east goalie because the one sent had been on team before. Mr. Erickson on standby.

Professional: Ice Hockey: Schenectady Generals. Named "Best Goalie in the Loop;" "Best Goalie of the Interstate Hockey League." Red Hockey Team (before our local league was started); Rockland Colonials; Rockland Rockets (still playing goalie as of 3/77).

Sponsor: Through his business Erickson sponsors youths in ice hockey, baseball, bowling, and has coached them.

In September Erickson was one of 14 invited by the NHA to act as a host to Bobby Orr, and was a guest at the dinner given in Orr's honor in New York City. Also, when Orr was in Rockland Country recently at Sport-A-Rama, Erickson was a sponsor.



ANTHONY JOHN GEMMA

Graduated from Dobbs Ferry High School in Westchester County. Earned twelve varsity letters in football, basketball, and baseball. All-League in basketball and baseball during junior and senior years.

Scholarships to Fordham but pursued a pro baseball career with the New York Giant organization in Jackson, Tenn. of the Appalachian League as a pitcher.

Enlisted in the Navy on May 4, 1942; played on Bob Feller's Naval base team composed of college and professional players. (big league). A member of the base team in basketball at Newport, Rhode Island. Acted as a swimming instructor for naval recruits also.

Left Rhode Island for Mediterranean theatre in Africa. A member of championship basketball team at the naval station versus Army and Air Force teams.

Assigned to active duty on a minesweeper in Mediterranean. Later

reassigned to the Pacific theatre of operations.

Returned to Dobbs Ferry to marry high-school sweetheart, Molly Muscente. The Gemma's have 3 children, Robert, Marianne, and Barbara, and 1 grandson, Jason Bonanno.

Enrolled at Ithaca College under the G.I. Bill in 1947. Played football, baseball and basketball in freshman year, later just played varsity baseball under "Bucky Freeman". In summer played in Border League at Ontario, Canada.

Became assistant freshman football and assistant varsity baseball coach while doing graduate work.

Taught Physical Education at Deposit High School in the early fifties. Coached varsity football, J.V. basketball and varsity baseball.

Arrived at Clarkstown High School in 1954, as varsity baseball coach, later varsity wrestling and freshman basketball included.

A member for ten years of Rockland County Soccer Association for college and high school.

Retired in 1975 from baseball, after winning league, sectional and regional championship.

Record consists of ten championships in twenty years, seven consecutive championships. Coach of the year five times.



JOSEPH ST. LAWRENCE

Mr. St. Lawrence began his career at Suffern High School in September, 1942 to replace Ed Greene who was on duty with the Navy. One month later "The Saint" went into the Navy as well for a three year stint. He returned to Suffern High in 1945 to become Director of Physical Education and Director of Athletics in Ramapo Central District.

During his tenure at Suffern, Joe continued active in coaching and officiating. He took over the football team until 1951 and had or shared 3

RCPSAL championships, developing fine teams and notable athletes such as Ralph Consiglio and Joe Nappo.

From 1945 up until 1964 Joe Saint continued as Track and Cross-Country coach. In all that time, it was rare that Suffern teams were not in top contention or at least producing premier athletes in various events. Six PSAL titles, 5 Section 9 championships and 1 Cross-Country Sectional Championship highlighted the team achievements.

Joe St. Lawrence was both a promoter and an ambassador of the sport of Track and Field. In 1946 he began the annual tradition of bringing Suffern athletes to the Penn Relays, a practice that is almost sacred to Rockland Track coaches today. As early as 1959-60 he was introducing Suffern athletes to running on the boards on indoor tracks at Madison Square Garden, the 168th Street Armory and West Point. In the late 1950's the Triple Jump was introduced at Suffern's home meets to develop interest in the event. By 1963, New York State recognized the event as part of the program.

In 1953-54, Joe was awarded a Fullbright Scholarship by the State Department to teach, coach and learn in the Middle East and Europe. In 1954 he became the principal National Coach for Athletics and Chairman of Olympic Development in Iraq. While in a capacity of consultant to the Ministry of Education in Iraq, Joe established both an Intercollegiate Championship Meet, National Championship Competition, and Olympic Team Selection procedures. In addition to this, he helped to coach one athlete to world class status in the Long and Triple Jumps.

Joe St. Lawrence has led his life totally in dedication to the two things he loves the most — sport and his fellow man.

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