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## **DINNER PROGRAM**

Call to Order and Welcome . . . . . Chairman Leon Pesner  
Pledge to Allegiance . . . . . Joe Holland  
Invocation . . . . . Ref. Farrell Hopkins  
Master of Ceremonies . . . . . Leon Pesner

## **COMMITTEES**

Dinner . . . . . Leon Pesner  
Program Book . . . . . Harry Jackson  
Screening . . . . . Joe Grasso  
Shrine . . . . . F. McGarvey  
Trophy . . . . . Joe Grasso  
Tickets . . . . . Richard Mathias

## **NEW INDUCTEES**

DON CLANCEY  
GUY W. GUCCIONE

ROBERT SCHASSLER

DENISE MCGUIRE  
ABRAHAM SCHUSTER

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

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.

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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# SPORTS HALL OF FAME PAST RECIPIENTS

## 1974

Charles (Chuck) Aleno  
Henry (Peck) Artopee\*  
Dr. Daniel (Danny) Fortman  
Joseph (Jo-Jo) Mackey  
Howard (Howie) Pierson

## 1975

Roger Brown  
Joe D'Auria  
Bill Drescher\*  
Bill Hogan  
Donald 'Pop' Sherwood\*

## 1976

H. Parker Talman\*  
John Koster\*  
Jim Ridlon  
Pete D'Auria  
Gloria Callan Jones

## 1977

August Bradley Chapman\*  
Nick Gamboli\*  
Ed Greene  
Harry Jackson  
Richard (Gus) Shankey  
Paul Toscano

## 1978

James (Jim) Brown  
Harold (Hale) DeChelfin\*  
James (Jim) Faulk\*  
James A. Schnaars  
Nicholas (Nick) Mottola  
Ira Shuttleworth\*

## 1979

Bob Bacheller\*  
Frank Cosentino  
Harry Dee Dembnicki  
Jerry Hollahan\*  
Bob Grossman  
E.J. Maurer\*  
Bruno Ablondi\*

## 1980

Dr. Jeffrey Munson  
Arthur Orlando\*  
Britain Patterson\*  
Nickolas Ryder  
Horace Tyrus  
Emil Willis\*  
Mickey Wittman

## 1981

Arthur Hopper\*  
Frank Horan  
Howard Johnson  
Lester Lepori  
Walter Ostrom  
Victor Shankey\*  
William Yuda

## 1982

Frank DePatta  
Tony Gamboli, Jr.  
Bill Perry\*  
George Jakowenko  
Ed McGrath

## 1983

Warren Austin\*  
Jim Brechbiel  
Frank Dawson  
Jeanette Paddock  
Walter Sickles\*

## 1984

Jim Ashcroft  
Marvin Branche  
Ralph Cordisco  
Bryan Hassett  
Bob Tierney\*

## 1985

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

## 1986

Joe Alleva  
John Jemison  
Harold Lederman  
Bob Mathias  
Sylvester McGee

\*Deceased

## 1987

Fred Hahn  
Charles Halbrook  
Chuck Scarpulla  
James Stamos  
Robert Strack

## 1988

Ronald Becraft  
Darryl Brown  
Tom Canty  
Pat D'Auria  
James Feeney

## 1989

Ralph Consiglio  
Patty Dillon  
Vincent Kovalsky  
Frank Nelson  
Bob Wolff



## **DON CLANCY**

In the early 1960's when Don Clancy's name was mentioned everyones thoughts turned to speed. Don started his track career at Nyack High School in 1960 running the 440 relay with Al Taylor, Ed Walker and Norm Daniels. Their time of 44.9 seconds set a new Nyack H.S. mark that year.

In 1962 "Dashin" Don, as he was known, started to chip away at the RCPSAL Track records. His races against Bob Goff of Spring Valley H.S. in the 100 yd. dash, 220 yd. dash and as anchor man of the 880 yd. relay produced the following results; he tied the 10.0 county record in the 100 yd. dash, ran the 220 in 22.7 and a new record time of 1:35.5 in the 880.

In 1963 Don ran again, only this year, his chief rival was present, Rockland County Hall of Famer, Jim Ashcroft, from Spring Valley H.S. Don lost only one race to Jim in their H.S. carers. 1963 was to be Don's year. In the County Meet he ran the 100 yd. dash in 9.8 seconds becoming the third runner in Rockland County history to break the 10.0 mark. He then ran the 220 yd. dash in 22.0. Don came in 3rd place in the 100 yd. dash in New York State that year running a 9.75, the winners tied at 9.70. Don was All County Track for 4 yrs., while at Nyack High School.

Don did not only excel at track, he was all County Football for two years and played halfback on offense and in the defensive secondary. He played on the Nyack H.S. 1962 team that were co-champs with Haverstraw H.S. that year.



**GUY W. GUCCIONE**

### **Athletic Achievements**

Football: Varsity letters 1954, 1955, Team Captain 1955, Honorable Mention All County 1955, Quarterback Award 1955.

Baseball: Varsity letters 1955, 1956, Team Captain 1956.

Wrestling: Varsity letters 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, Team Captain 1956, Suffolk County Team Champions 1954, 1956, Undefeated in all four years of County Competition, Outstanding Wrestler 1956, Long Island Champion 1954, 1955, 1956, Held longest win streak on Long Island for twenty years - 59 straight victories, Overall Record 1953 - 56-74 wins, 2 losses, Metropolitan Champion 1956, Earned four year scholarship to Penn State Univ. (full ride)

Recently named (1989) one of the top 10 Long Island Wrestlers by the Long Island Newsday.

### **Penn State University**

Wrestling: Varsity letters 1958, 1959, 1960, Eastern Team Champions 1960, Undefeated 1957, Ranked Nationally 1958, 1959, 1960, 3 Time Place Winner in the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Championships, Semi-finalist in the NCAA Tournament in 1960.

### **Coaching Achievements**

Bellefonte Area High School - Wrestling: 1960-61 - Team Achievements: Won 10 Lost 3; 1961-62 - Team Achievements: Won 10 Lost 3.

1962-63 - Rockland County Champions, Section 9 Champions, Orange County Community College Champions.

1963-64 - RCPSAL Champions, O.C.C.C. Champions.

1964-65 - RCPSAL Champions, O.C.C.C. Champions, Section 9 Champions, Mt. Vernon Christmas Tournament Champions.

First ever Rockland County wrestler to win State Championship.

1968-69 - RCPSAL Co-champions, Section 9 Champions, Mt. Vernon Tournament Champions, 4th N.Y.S. Unofficial Scoring.



**DENISE McGUIRE**

**1975-76 Freshman Year**

Starter on Pearl River High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team; Went undefeated - 22 wins, 0 losses; Won Rockland Co. P.S.A.L. Championship; Won N.Y. State Section IX Championship; Received Honorable Mention All County.

**1976-77 Sophomore Year**

Starter on Pearl River High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team; Won County Division Championship. Placed second in county; Received First Team All County Honors - Unanimous vote; Third in league in scoring - 344 pints - 20 points per game.

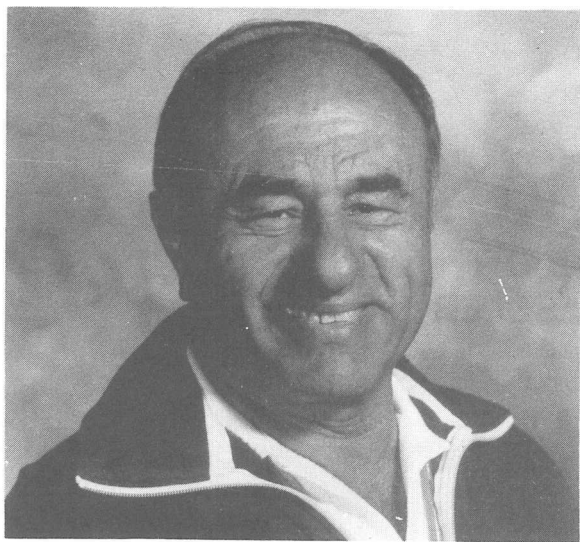
**1977-78 Junior Year**

Pre-Season Play: Most Valuable Player of Pearl River Invitational Basketball Tournament; First Team All County; Team Captain; Most Valuable Player - 20.4 PPG; Scored 43 points in one game. Third highest in Rockland County history of Girls' Basketball; Rockland Co. P.S.A.L. Division Champions; State Section IX Runner Up; Chosen to represent Region 2 in New York's Empire State Games.

**1978-79 Senior Year**

First Team All County - Unanimous - Third Year; Team Captain - Basketball; Most Valuable Player - 20.6 PPG; First Girls ever in Rockland County Girls Basketball history to score 1,000 points; Total career points - 1,476; All American Nominee for Scholastic Coach Magazine - Pending First girl ever in Rockland County Basketball history to have her uniform number "22" retired; Led her high school basketball team to the: Division Championship, County P.S.A.L. Championship, State Section IX Championship, Intersectional State Championship; Named to the Adidas Scholastic Coach Magazine All-American Girls' Basketball Team; Named to the 1979 Prep All-American Girls' Sports Team.





## **ABRAHAM SCHUSTER**

Sports participation while a student at Spring Valley High School (1/44 - 6/47): soccer squad - three years (1 year J.V., 2 years varsity), mostly halfback, varsity track manager - one year, wrestling - four years.

Made the varsity team as an 8th grader, wrestling at 95 pounds (even though he only weighed 85 pounds). Missed 8th grade graduation in Jan. to wrestle his first varsity match against Suffern, which he won!

Wrestled varsity for four years, losing only four matches in all that time.

As a freshman he was 2nd place, 95 pounds, in the County Championship.

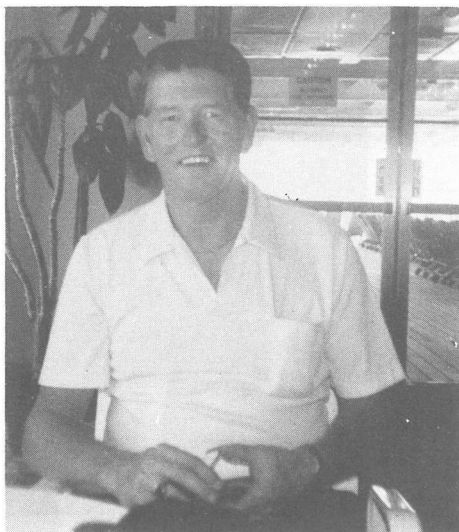
As a sophomore, he was undefeated all year at 103 pounds and took first place in the County. The SVHS team was County Champs that year.

As a senior, he was undefeated all year at 120 and took first place in the County. He was the team's co-captain.

In 1947 he took first place, at 120, in the Rockland County All Star Tournament.

He was the founder and first president of the Rockland County Wrestling Officials; refereed countless county, sectional, and invitational wrestling tournaments, soccer games, & track meets; judge at National AAU Wrestling Championships - 1966; table official for the first ever USSR vs. USA Wrestling meet, at the New York Athletic Club in 1958; honored by the Ramsey High School Athletic Department and the Superintendent of Schools, on the occasion of their twentieth year of soccer, for having started soccer at Ramsey.

## **ROBERT SCHASSLER**



### **HIGH SCHOOL CAREER**

Freshman Year - 1948-1949: Track team; Junior Varsity Basketball; Varsity Baseball (All County).

Sophomore Year - 1949-1950: Varsity Football - First Team - Right End; Varsity Basketball - First Team; Varsity Baseball - All County; Tennis Team; Track Team.

Junior Year - 1950-1951: Varsity Football; Varsity Basketball - All Star - All County Unanimous Choice; Varsity Baseball - All Star Unanimous Choice; Tennis Team; Track Team.

Senior Year - 1951-1952: Varsity Basketball - All Star Team - All County Unanimous Choice; Varsity Baseball - All Star Team - All County Unanimous Choice; Track Team; Football - Colleges asked me to refuse to play football because they offered me scholarships for both Basketball and Baseball.

### **COLLEGE**

Full four year paid scholarships offered by: North Carolina State, Colgate University, Michigan State, Fordham University, (Scholarships were offered for both Basketball and Baseball).

### **PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL**

1953 - Signed a Contract with the Brooklyn Dodgers which in so doing, could not accept a college scholarship.

1953 - Played for Great Falls, Montana (Class "C") 12-8 Record.

1954 - Great Falls, Montana (Class "C") 15-7 Record.

1955 - Newport News, Virginia (Class "B") 19-7 Record, received M.V.P. Award, All-Star Team.



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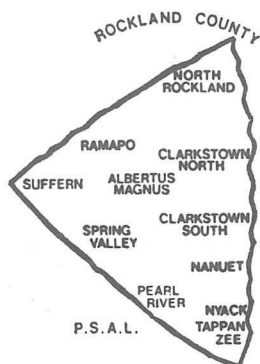
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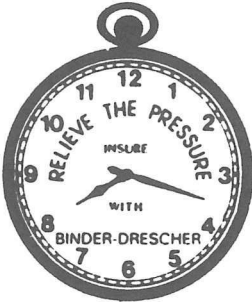
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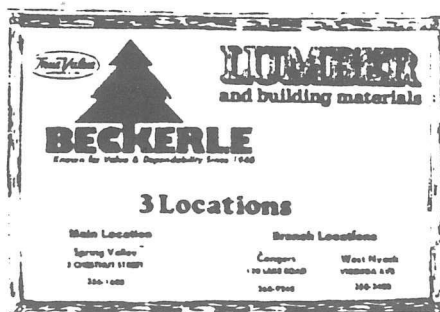
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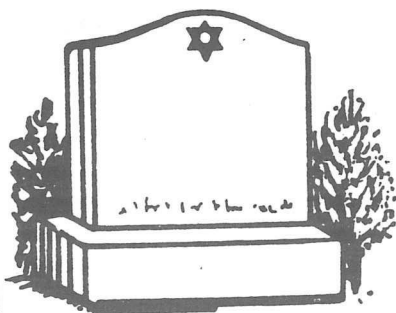
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