



Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame

Welcome to the 34th annual induction ceremony of the Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame. As always, this year's event affords us an opportunity to salute past enshrinees even as we roll out the red carpet for a new class of Hall of Famers.

The Class of 2007 continues the tradition of excellence that has epitomized the Rockland Hall of Fame. Included among this year's headliners are: John Flaherty of West Nyack, one of the county's greatest all-time athletes who distinguished himself as a Little League star and Major League Baseball player for 14 seasons; Julius "Dag" D'Agostino – whom we honor posthumously – a highly successful wrestling coach whose teams won six Rockland County championships, and a gym teacher whom I remember fondly from my elementary through high school days from Pearl River; Barbara Hebel of Clarkstown South, who made All-County nine times in basketball, soccer, softball and track and who went on to become an academic All-America at the University of Massachusetts; Robert Neuendorf, who excelled as a swimmer at Tappan Zee and for the University of Maryland, and who joins his sister Joan as the first brother-sister combo to be enshrined in the hall; and Old-Timers category recipient Richard "Dixie" Reilly of Haverstraw, a 1950s basketball standout and premier basketball official.

This year's Joseph R. Holland Lifetime Achievement Award goes to our distinguished colleague and friend Dan White. Dan was a fine basketball and tennis player at Nyack in the '50s. Dan has been active with the Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame for the last 14 years having served as master of ceremonies, ticket chairman and as a current member of the selection committee. We're really proud of Dan's accomplishments and appreciate his many years of service.

The Hall of Fame has a web site that serves as a rich repository of Hall of Fame information, including bios and photos on all 184 inductees. Visit the web site at www.rcshf.org.

The Hall of Fame is always seeking high-quality candidates to consider for induction. We applaud the continuing efforts of local high school halls of fame to honor their past stars and to assist us in obtaining the resumes of top candidates from the respective schools.

We also wish to thank those people who keep our organization a vital force in the community: Kathy Dapolito, vice chair and dinner arrangements; Ethel Doller, secretary; Pete Castellano, treasurer and ticket chairman; Bob Veltidi, master of ceremonies, screening committee chair and program editor; and Bruce & Phyllis Schweizer of Quality Graphics.

Regards,

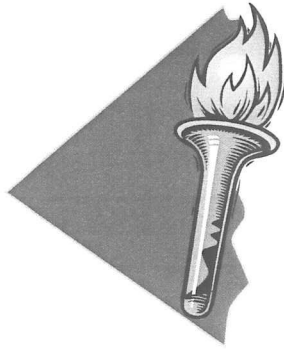
Pete Scheibner, Chairman

Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame List of Inductees

<u>INDUCTEE</u>	<u>INTRODUCED BY</u>	<u>TROPHY SPONSOR</u>
Julius D'Agostino	Doug & Drew D'Agostino	Pearl River Athletic Dept.
John Flaherty	Bob Gauzza	Bob Gauzza Insurance Agency
Barbara Hebel	Dick Hale	
Robert Neuendorf	Don Driscoll	South Orangetown Sports Club
Richard "Dixie" Reilly	Marty Springstead	
Dan White	Al Cann	Friends of Danny White

The Hall of Famers social hour
(6 p.m. to 7 p.m.) is being sponsored by
Gibby Sweet, Gene Erickson and George Dalzell.

The regular cocktail hour (7 p.m. to 8 p.m.)
is being sponsored by Paul Miller Toyota.



Dinner Program

Pledge of AllegianceGene Erickson
InvocationFather Frank Samoylo
National AnthemPatty Blee
Master of CeremoniesBob Veltidi

Committees

DinnerKathy Dapolito
Program Book.....Peter Scheibner
Screening/EditorBob Veltidi
TicketsPete Castellano
Steve Dugandzic

2007 Inductees

Julius D'Agostino

John Flaherty

Barbara Hebel

Robert Neuendorf

Richard "Dixie" Reilly

Dan White

ENSHRINEMENT REQUIREMENTS

The Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame was established to honor outstanding sportsmen and sportswomen, living and deceased, who have gained prominence while residing or competing in, or have brought recognition to, Rockland County. To be considered for nomination to the Hall of Fame, candidates must meet the following criteria:

- A. Attain prominence in sports as an athlete, coach, manager, official, owner, writer, broadcaster or supporter.
- B. Reside or have resided in Rockland County, competed here at the time of their prominence, or brought fame to Rockland County as a result of their accomplishments.
- C. Be a person of integrity and good character.
- D. Candidates cannot be considered until 10 years after their high school class graduation, except in special cases.

Our committee encourages the public to send athletic resumes/nominations of prospective candidates to Screening Committee chairman Bob Veltidi, 400 Jersey Avenue, Greenwood Lake, NY 10925. Nominees are reviewed by this committee and, if accepted, voted upon for enshrinement by the committee as a whole.

The Hall of Fame Committee holds monthly meetings the first Tuesday of the month from October to May. Anyone wishing to join the organization should write to Chairman Pete Scheibner: 1 Captain McGovern Drive, Stony Point, N.Y. 10980, or e-mail him at scheibnp@msn.com.

Each inductee in the Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame receives a commemorative trophy and is further honored with an individual plaque, which is given to the inductee's high school for public display.

The Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame is more than awards and trophies and dinners, however. It is really about people – Rockland County people who have had an impact in the world of sports. A total of 178 such individuals have been honored since the Hall's inception in 1974.

The Hall of Fame has evolved from those early beginnings to become a recognized presence in Rockland County athletics. In addition to its annual dinner, where it honors new inductees, the Hall makes sizable donations to worthwhile local organizations and charities. Included among these donations have been cash gifts to:

- ARC • Varsity Athletes Against Substance Abuse • Salvation Army
- Haverstraw Little League Save the Fields Fund • American Cancer Society
- Special Olympics • Venture • Big Brothers-Big Sisters • Challenger Little League

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Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame Nomination Form

Nominee: _____
(Last) (First) (M)

Current Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Date Submitted: _____

** If deceased, please give name, address and phone number of family member.*

H.S. and Year of Graduation: _____

College and Year of Graduation: _____

On a separate typewritten page, list all of the significant accomplishments of the nominee, both as a Rockland County resident and otherwise. Please be as specific as possible. Include varsity sports played in high school and college, dates, letters earned, honors won, records set, post-collegiate achievements, etc.

** Please submit a clear black-and-white or color photo of the nominee.*

Nominating Person:

Last name: _____ First: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please Submit to:

Bob Veltidi
Chairman, Selection Committee
Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame
400 Jersey Avenue
Greenwood Lake, NY 10925

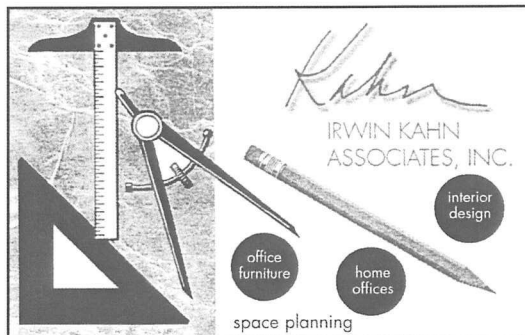
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Rockland County Hall of Fame Inductees

1974

Chuck Aleno*
Henry "Peck" Artopee*
Dr. Daniel "Danny" Fortmann*
Joseph "JoJo" Mackey
Howard "Howie" Pierson

1975

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

1976

Howard Parker Talman*
John Koster*
Jim Ridlon
Pete D'Auria*
Gloria Callan Jones

1977

Augusta Bradley Chapman*
Nick Gamboli*
Ed Greene*
Harry Jackson*
Paul Toscano
Richard "Gus" Shankey*

1978

Jim Brown
Harold "Hale" DeChelfin*
Jim Faulk*
Ira Shuttleworth*
Jim Schnaars
Nick Mottola*

1979

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

1980

Dr. Jeffrey Munson
Art Orlando*
Brit Paterson*
Nick Ryder
Horace Tyrus
Emil Willis*
Mickey Wittman

1981

Art Hopper*
Frank Horan
Howard Johnson
Lester Lepori*
Walter Ostrom
Victor Shankey*
Bill Yuda*

1982

Frank DePatto*
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

Wil Arietta*
Joseph "Josh" Bolack*
Gene Erickson
Tony Gemma*
Joe St. Lawrence*

1986

Joe Alleva
John Jemison
Harold Lederman
Bob Mathias*
Sylvester "Molly" McGee*

1987

Fred Hahn*
Charles Holbrook
Chuck Scarpulla
Jim Stamos
Bob Strack

1988

Ron Becraft
Darryl Brown
Tom Canty
Pat D'Auria*
James "Sham" Feeney*

1989

Ralph Consiglio*
Patty Dillon Solliday
Vincent "Dugan" Kovalsky
Frank Nelson*
Bob Wolff

1990

Denise McGuire
Guy Guccione
Abe Schuster
Robert "Red" Schassler*
Don Clancy*

* Denotes Deceased

Rockland County Hall of Fame Past Recipients

(Continued)

1991

Steve Drummond*
Lew Brundage
Johnny Burns*
Pete Haubner
Ethel Doller
Dominic Gamboli

1992

Murray Olderman
Jerome Bonomolo
Joseph "Biscuit" Picarello
Dale Lydecker
John Mercurio

1993

Jim Kane
Kathy Miller Dapolito
Jay Bohnel
Mike Deane
Don Driscoll

1994

Hubert Nealy
Martin "Hawk" Jacobs
Joe Goldsmith
Tom Collins
Ron Tellefsen*

1995

Ron Edwards
Walter "Red" Levy
Max Talaska*
Joe Klopchin*
Joe McDowell*
Paul Urban*

1996

Harry Babcock*
Gerald Kapusinsky
John Orlando
Al Simonds
George Garrecht
Marty Springstead

1997

Mike Hagon
Hank Kapusinsky
Tom Mounkhal
Dennis Pozsar
Steve Wanamaker

1998

Kevin Kane
Lou Kliewe
Rocco Marano
Howie McNiff
Blaise Winter

1999

Jim Cann
Joe Casarella
Ervan Levine*
Gibby Sweet
Dick Yerg

2000

Rich Conklin
Kevin Houston
Dawn Royster
Sarah Will
Alex Zilko*

2001

George Dalzell
Gerald D'Auria*
Seth Joyner
Tod Giles
Debbie Grant
Bill White

2002

Ken Harniman*
Derrick Lassic
Norinne Powers
Kris Snider
Dick Teetsel
Walt Weiss

2003

Genny Mulderig Allard
Jeff Bryant
Peter Hackett*
David Hirsch
Bill Kurisko
†† Joe Grasso*
† Charles "Jumbo" Strack*

2004

Jim Gallo
Dave Hanson
Joan Neuendorf
Nancy Rosenfeld Lewis
Ed Rubbert
Frank Samoylo

2005

Jane Ronner-Beckley
Mike Carroll
Tom Doherty
Jamie Kempton
Lee Klepper
†† Leon Pesner*
Rudolph Rejholec*

2006

Tony Harlin
Jon Hess
Jim Pollard
John Scanlan
Jeff Van Wie
John Van Wyck*

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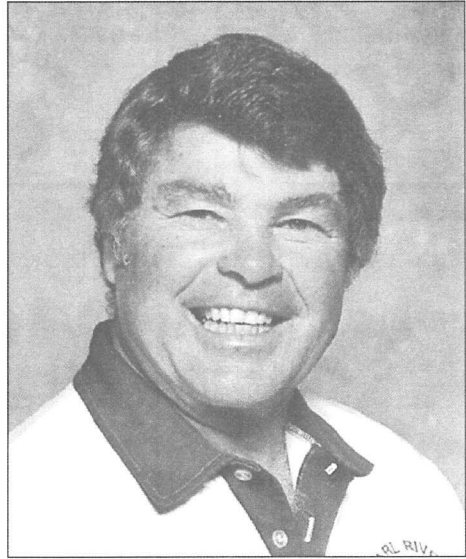
† Old Timers Special Award

†† Joe Holland Lifetime Achievement Award

JULIUS “DAG” D’AGOSTINO

Julius D’Agostino made a lasting impact on the community of Pearl River and Rockland County. “Dag” or Coach Dag, as he was affectionately known to all, moved to Rockland County in 1960. For 32 years Dag taught, coached, and guided the youth of Pearl River with enthusiasm in a very professional manner.

Growing up in nearby Clifton, New Jersey, Dag was a member of the Clifton High School New Jersey state football championship team. He was also a first-team All-State baseball player and went on to play semi-pro baseball for Milford, Massachusetts, and won a tryout with the Philadelphia Phillies.



After serving his country in the United States Navy from 1951 to 1955, Dag enrolled at Springfield College. While there Dag was a starter on the varsity baseball team for two years, and an outstanding gymnast on the fabled Springfield College gymnastics team.

In 1960 Dag was hired by the Pearl River School District as a physical education teacher and varsity baseball coach. Dag served as the varsity baseball coach until 1968. During his tenure as baseball coach Dag was awarded Rockland County Coach of the Year honors by The Journal News in 1962 and 1964.

In 1967 Dag was appointed to the position of varsity wrestling coach at Pearl River, a sport he fell in love with. His positive attitude and tremendous love of kids led him to be one of the most successful wrestling coaches in Rockland County history. From 1967 to 1978, and then again from 1989 to 1993, Dag and the Pirates amassed a record of 127 wins and only 41 losses with 2 ties. His teams had two undefeated seasons and four straight county championships (1967-1970), and at one point Dag’s Pirates had a streak of 28 straight dual-meet victories. In 1974 Pearl River was the No. 7 ranked wrestling team in New York State, and in 1975 the Pirates were the Section 9 champions. Six times during Dag’s wrestling coaching career he was The Journal News Coach of the Year. Dag’s wrestlers won 21 individual section championships and he had 20 all-state wrestlers, including four state finalists.

Dag was more than just a baseball and wrestling coach. He never passed up an opportunity to help the youth of Pearl River. Dag coached varsity golf, JV and modified football, swimming and diving at the Pearl River Naurausaun Swim Club, and, in the off-season, Dag started the Pearl River Wrestling Club. He found time to be a Rockland County baseball official for 20 years and a Section 9 wrestling referee for 25 years.



Every year at the Rockland County Wrestling Tournament the most prestigious honor awarded is the Julius D'Agostino Service Award. It is awarded to a person who has unselfishly given his life and energy to the sport of wrestling. Dag's ability to motivate young athletes made him a unique person and a natural leader who was a great example of how to live your life. One of Dag's former wrestlers, John Scanlon, sums it up best by stating, "Dag was beyond a coach, he filled the void of my missing father."

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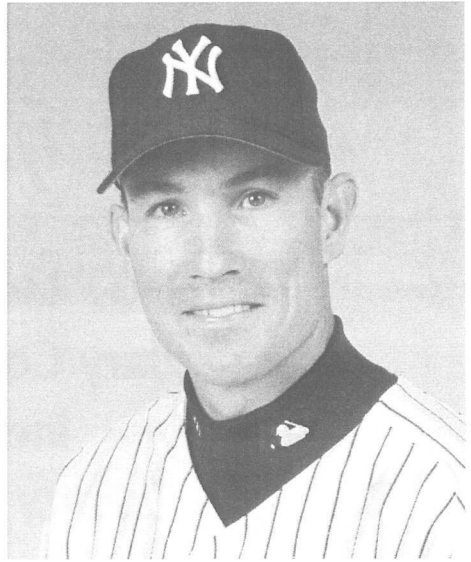


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JOHN FLAHERTY

John Flaherty began his baseball career in the West Nyack Little League. As a 12-year-old John pitched eight no-hitters and averaged 17 strikeouts per game. He went on from St. Anthony's Elementary School in Nanuet to star at St Joseph's Regional High School in Montvale. John was awarded a baseball scholarship to George Washington University, where he went on to be the star attraction of the team.

In 1988 John was drafted on the 25th round by the Boston Red Sox and after toiling in the minor leagues for four years made his professional debut with the Red Sox in 1992, playing in 35 games. During his 14-year-career John played for the Boston Red Sox, the Detroit Tigers, the San Diego Padres, Tampa Bay Devil Rays and the New York Yankees.



John had an outstanding career. During that time, totaling 1,047 games, he had a batting average of .252 with 80 home runs and 395 runs batted in. John's best season came in 1999 with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays when he hit .278 with 14 homers and 71 RBI. After that season John signed a three-year, \$9 million contract.

Some of the highlights of John's career include hitting safely in 27 straight games in 1996, the second-longest hitting streak by a catcher in major league history. John also appeared in the Major League playoffs with the San Diego Padres in 1996 and in the World Series with the New York Yankees in 2003.

During his 14-year-career in the Major Leagues, John was behind the plate for some of the game's all-time greatest pitchers. They include Roger Clemens, Fernando Valenzuela and Mariano Rivera, and he was the personal catcher for the future Hall of Famer, Randy Johnson. His teammates have included Rickey Henderson, Tony Gwynn, Wade Boggs, Kirk Gibson, Jose Canseco and the world-renowned New York Yankees, including Derek Jeter and Alex Rodriguez.

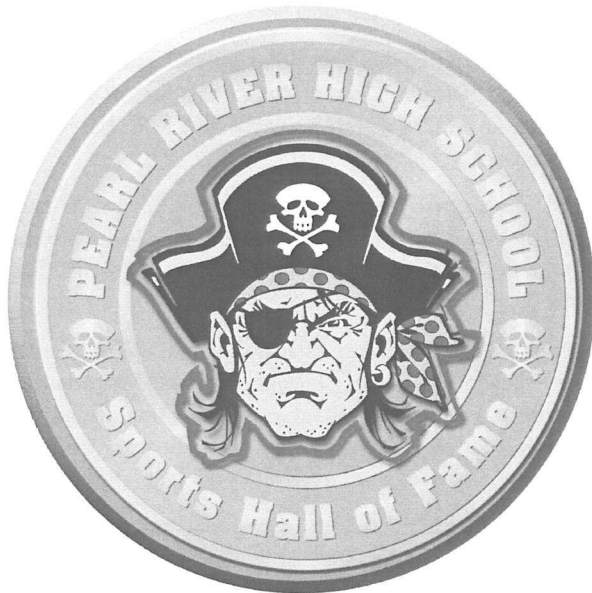
In addition to his accomplishments in the field of professional baseball, it is important to note that John Flaherty has an impeccable reputation as a gentleman, sportsman and professional. Immediately upon his retirement, John was hired by the YES Network to do baseball commentary and is currently a part of the network's coverage for the New York Yankees. John is also an active part of the Major League Baseball Mentoring program that counsels future professional baseball players in such areas as drug awareness and financial planning.

John currently lives in Pearl River with his wife, Allyn, and their children Kristen, 9, Brian, 7, and Logan, 5. John is an active part of the Pearl River community, participating as a featured speaker in fund-raising events for the Pearl River Little League and local law enforcement groups. John also finds time to help coach his son's T-ball team.



Congratulations

**2007 Inductees and
Legendary Coach D'Agostino
into the
Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame**



GO PIRATES!

**The Pearl River High School
Sports Hall of Fame**

BARBARA HEBEL

Barbara Hebel is a truly gifted athlete. She starred at Clarkstown South and the University of Massachusetts in her chosen sports. While attending Clarkstown South, Barbara played soccer, basketball and softball and then participated on the track team. In the fall soccer took up much of her time. Barbara played three years on the varsity soccer team and was selected All-County all three years. She played on the Hudson Valley Region team at the Empire State Games as a junior in 1980. In the spring Barbara started out as a softball player, making the varsity team as a sophomore and a junior. She achieved All-County status in softball both of those years. In her senior year Barbara decided to go out for the track team. In only one year on the varsity track team Barbara was voted the MVP of the team, as she qualified for the state meet in the pentathlon and once again achieved All-County status.



But it was on the basketball court where Barbara was at her best. She played varsity basketball four years and was selected All-County three of those years. Barbara was selected to play on the Hudson Valley Region basketball team at the Empire State Games three times, once on the scholastic team as a high school senior, and twice on the open team following that. She was the MVP of her high school team in her junior and senior years. In her senior year, Barbara was selected as The Journal News Player of the Year and attained the elite status of a 1,000-point scorer.

After high school Barbara accepted a full scholarship and enrolled at the University of Massachusetts to participate on the basketball team. During the four years that Barbara played on the U. Mass. team she became the fourth-leading scorer in school history (1,498 points), a place she holds today despite the absence of a three-point line during her college tenure. She still holds the all-time single-game record for field goals made (18 versus Siena in Nov. 1982), and the all-time single-season record for free throw percentage (.850 in 1985-86). Barbara ranks 10th or better in nine offensive career categories (games started, scoring, scoring average, field goals made, field goals attempted, free throws made, free throws attempted, free throw percentage, assists) and one defensive category, steals. She was a 1,000-point scorer in her junior year; she was the MVP of the team in her junior and senior years; All-Atlantic 10 in her sophomore year; and the award of which Barbara is most proud, being named a CoSIDA Academic All-America in her senior year at U. Mass.

After graduating college in 1986, Barbara began a successful basketball coaching career that included stops at Ithaca College in upstate New York, Beloit College in Wisconsin, and the United States Military Academy at West Point. Thereafter Barbara turned to a career in law and is currently an Assistant District Counsel for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. She holds B.S., M.S., J.D., and LL.M degrees, and was named the 2000-01 U.S. Army Corps of