

HONORING

NOREEN ANNUNZIATA APICELLA  
CHARLES F. DITTMER  
REID HOFFER  
RANDY NELSON  
PAUL PIETROPAOLO  
ELIZABETH "PAT" RYAN  
TIM ST. LAWRENCE



**35TH**  
**ANNUAL INDUCTION DINNER**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2008**

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## Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame

Welcome to the 35th annual induction ceremony of the Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame. This anniversary 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 2008 continues the tradition of excellence that has epitomized the Rockland Hall of Fame. Included among this year's headliners are two sons of famous coaches who were previously inducted into our Hall of Fame – Randy Nelson, son of Frank Nelson, and Tim St. Lawrence, son of Joe St. Lawrence. Randy Nelson was a four-sport athlete at Nyack who earned collegiate All-America honors in soccer at West Point. Tim St Lawrence distinguished himself in track and field at Suffern, where he was a state champion pole vaulter and has gone on to a successful coaching career in cross country and track. Paul Pietropaolo of Nanuet was the first Rockland wrestler to earn 100 career wins and also starred in track and field and soccer. Noreen Annunziata Apicella, a gifted three-sport athlete from Pearl River, was the first female basketball player to score 1,000 points in both high school and college (Mercy). Reid Hoffer, a 1967 graduate of Clarkstown, starred in basketball and soccer and continued his sports exploits in basketball and track at Hartwick College. Old-Timers category recipient Charles Dittmer of Congers was an all-around athlete in soccer, basketball, track, baseball and golf in the 1940s.

This year we honor swimmer Elizabeth "Pat" Ryan of Pomona with the Old-Timers Special Award. As a 13-year-old, Pat was the youngest athlete on the U.S. team selected to the 1936 Olympic Games, where she won a bronze medal as a member of the 400-meter freestyle relay. Pat won the U.S senior national 100-meter freestyle at age 14 along with a host of additional national and regional events in the years to follow.

*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 190 inductees.*

**Visit the Web site at [www.rcshf.org](http://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: Joan Neuendorf, vice chair; Gibby Sweet, for dinner arrangements; Ethel Doller, secretary; Pete Castellano, treasurer and ticket chairman; Bob Veltidi, master of ceremonies and screening committee chair; Dan White, Tom Doherty and Jamie Kempton for their behind-the-scenes support; Bruce and Phyllis Schweizer of Quality Graphics; and the entire Board of Directors, who all contribute to the support of the organization throughout the year.

Regards,

Pete Scheibner, Chairman

## Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame List of Inductees

INDUCTEE: **NOREEN ANNUNZIATA APICELLA**

INTRODUCED BY: *Tom Doherty*

TROPHY SPONSOR: *Nicholas, Christopher & Steven Apicella*

INDUCTEE: **CHARLES F. DITTMER**

INTRODUCED BY: *Michael Dittmer*

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INDUCTEE: **REID HOFFER**

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TROPHY SPONSOR: *Nyack Indians Foundation, Inc.*

INDUCTEE: **PAUL PIETROPAOLO**

INTRODUCED BY: *Rich Conklin, Mike Achille*

TROPHY SPONSOR: *Nanuet High School Sports Hall of Fame*

INDUCTEE: **ELIZABETH "PAT" RYAN**

INTRODUCED BY: *Peter Scheibner*

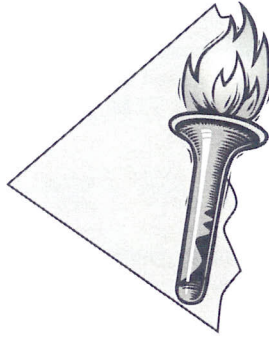
TROPHY SPONSOR: *The Rockland County Athletic Directors*

INDUCTEE: **TIM ST. LAWRENCE**

INTRODUCED BY: *Tom McTaggart*

TROPHY SPONSOR: *Purple Wave Foundation*





### Dinner Program

Pledge of Allegiance.....Gene Erickson  
Master of Ceremonies.....Bob Veltidi

### Committees

Dinner .....Gibby Sweet  
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Screening/Editor .....Bob Veltidi  
Tickets .....Pete Castellano  
Dan White

## 2008 INDUCTEES

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## 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](mailto: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



## 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 Hasset  
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\*

### 1991

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

## Rockland County Hall of Fame Inductees

### 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

### 2007

Julius D'Agostino\*  
 John Flaherty  
 Barbara Hebel  
 Robert Neuendorf  
 Richard "Dixie" Reilly  
 †† Dan White

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*† Old Timers Special Award*

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## Noreen Annunziata Apicella Class of 1982 Pearl River

Noreen Annunziata burst upon the Rockland County athletic scene in style. She was a six time All County athlete in three different sports: softball, soccer and basketball. On the softball field, Noreen was an outstanding pitcher, with an overall varsity record of 46-15. She led her team to a Section 9 title in 1980 and was named All County in 1982. On the soccer team, Noreen was voted All County twice, in 1981 and 1982, for her aggressive play at halfback for the Lady Pirates. Her soccer and softball coach, Jean Carey described her as follows, "Her quickness and coordination are her greatest assets. She has the ability to cover a lot of ground in both soccer and softball because she can run like the wind."

Basketball was the sport where Noreen soared to heights that very few have achieved. While at Pearl River High School, Noreen was a 1st team All County selection three times. She led the county in scoring three consecutive years, 1980-81-82. At the conclusion of her high school career, Noreen had scored 1,385 points to place her third at the time on the county's all time scoring chart. Never one to rest, during the summer of 1981 Noreen competed on the Hudson Valley girls basketball team in the New York State Empire Games.

After high school Noreen enrolled at Mercy College to continue her education and athletic career. As a member of the highly successful basketball team at Mercy, Noreen was called by her coach the "sparkplug of the team". Noreen beat opponents with pure hustle. A good ball handler, who always seemed to come up with a big steal, she was named to the New York State Division II All State team. She finished a brilliant four year career with 1532 points and the basketball team compiled a 98-34 record. Noreen graduated as the college's third all time leading scorer and was named Mercy's Female Athlete of the year for the 1985-86 collegiate season. As a testament to her ability, Noreen



was the first female basketball player in Rockland County history to score 1,000 points in high school (1,385) and college (1,532).

Noreen continued her education at Mercy College, receiving a master's degree in Adaptive Physical Education and Psychology. She secured a job teaching special education in Spring Valley, and then took off nine years to raise her family. Noreen and her husband, Steve Apicella, have three sons; Steven, Nickalas, and Christopher and live in Stony Point. Noreen is back at work now, in the North Rockland School District, teaching Physical Education. She still finds time to coach her sons in C.Y.O. basketball and youth soccer, and manages to play in a women's softball league.



**Pearl River**



## Tim St. Lawrence

### Class of 1966

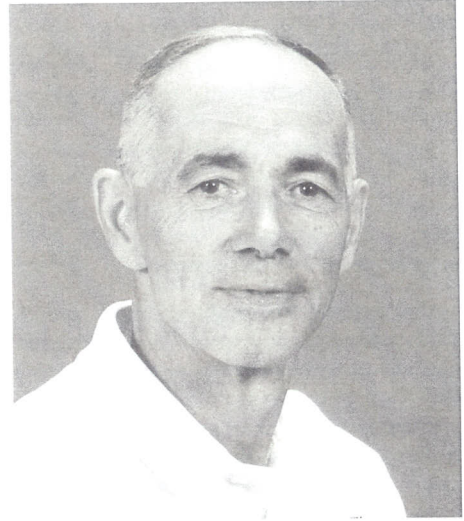
### Suffern

When looking at the history of Track and Field in Rockland County, one cannot avoid frequent encounters with the surname St. Lawrence. Joe St. Lawrence was the 25-year coach of Suffern High's Track team from the 1940's through the mid 60's, before entering the state legislature and later serving as the County Treasurer. His sons all embraced his enthusiastic love of Track and Field and excelled each in their own way in the sport.

Timothy, the second son of Marguerite and Joe St. Lawrence, showed the promise of athletic greatness even as a small child. He excelled at basketball, football, swimming, diving and being able to amaze his friends with his ability to do acrobatic tricks. The St. Lawrence's "backyard" was expansive, and frequently with help from his dad, Tim and his friends would hold small track meets. Tim was usually a leading point-getter in those meets. Nothing much changed as he grew as an athlete. He was usually one of the best athletes in any contest in which he competed.

In 1962, when Tim was in eighth grade, a pole-vaulter named John Uelses became the first to clear the sixteen-foot barrier. He was using a pole made of fiberglass as well as a new technique. St. Lawrence knew at that point that he wanted to be a pole-vaulter. As a freshman at Suffern High, he matched the school record of 11 feet 6 inches set in 1955, and later that year cleared 12 feet. Along with David Mumme of Spring Valley, during the years 1963 through 1966, Tim pioneered the use of the fiberglass pole in this area; he helped to bring high school vaulting to an entire new level of achievement. County championships typically won at 11 feet now ascended to 12, 13, and eventually 14 feet plus, in a matter of just four years.

Never selfish about his knowledge of the event, he conducted clinics for his competitors that lifted the level of local competition exponentially. The landing pit erected in the St. Lawrence's back yard (ball nets stuffed with



strips of foam rubber recovered from the International Nickel Plant in Sloatsburg) was probably one of the best places around for a young vaulter to learn and excel. It became a local "Mecca" where pole-vaulters could come to "play". Just a couple of years later, as Tim became a collegian, the backyard pit hosted some of the best pole-vaulters in the nation, as they would drop by to visit and train.

St. Lawrence capped an outstanding run in high school by winning the pole vault at the New York State Championship in 1966. His winning performance of 14 feet, 5 inches, set a new state record at that time, and thirty-eight years later, it remains as the Suffern High School record in the event.

At the University of Alabama he won four varsity letters in Track and Field. At the Alabama Relays in 1971, he set an Alabama school record with a personal best performance of 17 feet, 1 1/4 inches. After college, he competed for the New York Athletic Club, where he won 19 consecutive Metropolitan Association pole vault championships - 9 indoor and 10 outdoors. This is a Metropolitan Association record for an individual in any Track and Field event that still stands today. During this time he competed in the 1972 U.S. Olympic Trials, and represented the USA in

### Tim St. Lawrence (continued)

meets in Edinburgh, Scotland, Ontario, Canada, and Tel Aviv, Israel. In 1976, he was on the East team of the inaugural Olympic Sports Festival. If you ask St. Lawrence what time it is today, he possibly would be looking at the watch he won as champion of the Penn Relays Olympic Development Pole Vault in 1976 where he jumped 16 feet 6 inches.

Following the inspiration of his father, St. Lawrence sought a career in teaching and coaching. As great as he was as an athlete, as a coach he has been simply sensational. He is currently in his 33rd season as Track and Cross-Country Coach at Warwick Valley High School in Orange County. His cross-country teams have won 25 championships there and won the NYSPHSAA state titles 4 times (1982, 1994, 1995 and 2007). His Outdoor Track teams have won 30 championships and were New York State Class B Champions in 1997. He began the Indoor Track program in 1978, and they won 20 championships under his tutelage.

In 1997 he was honored as the National Federation of High Schools Athletic Associations Cross Country Coach of the Year. He has coached 40 state champions (22 in cross-country; 18 in Track), 32 High School

All-Americans, and has had 18 teams over the years ranked nationally. His cross-country teams now have an active dual-meet winning streak of 156 wins, while his outdoor track teams have an even more remarkable streak of 167 wins!

His incredible enthusiasm for Track and Field has now been communicated to two generations. He has become a master promoter of the sport, and is currently the director of the Purple Wave Fast/Times Relays - one of the most popular meets among athletes in the area. Many of his graduates have gone on to excel in collegiate track - including an NCAA champion. Many more have gone on to become coaches as well. Although Tim has retired from teaching Physical Education at Warwick Valley High School, he remains the cross country coach. Tim has also started a pole vaulting academy named, The Hudson Valley Flying Circus, in Warwick. In its third year of existence, the academy has 85 members and has produced 3 state champions.

Tim is married to Alice Wolf St. Lawrence. They have two sons - Timothy (27) and Michael (25), who were both members of a state championship cross-country team while at Goshen High School. The St. Lawrences reside in Goshen, New York.



## Reid Hoffer Class of 1967 Clarkstown

Reid Hoffer was a multi-sport athlete whose career spanned more than twenty years. At Clarkstown North, Reid was the starting short-stop on the varsity baseball team, a member of the Rockland County and Section 9 Championship soccer team, and the leading scorer on the highly successful basketball team. For his efforts on the soccer field, where he led his team in scoring, Reid was voted first team All County by The Journal News, an accolade he attained again as a basketball player in the winter of his senior year.

After graduating for high school, Reid enrolled at Hartwick College, in Oneonta, New York. At Hartwick, Reid continued playing basketball but gave up soccer and baseball for track and field. As a four year member of the track and field team, Reid competed in the long jump, high jump, triple jump, and the pole vault. In his junior and senior years, Reid was the leading scorer on the track team and was voted the M.V.P. of the team both years. In basketball, Reid was a two year starter on the Hartwick team that qualified for the NCAA Division II finals in Evansville, Indiana, where they finished eighth. That year Reid was selected to the All Star team at the NCAA regional finals in Buffalo. He finished as the second leading scorer on the team in his senior year.

Graduation from college did not end Reid's athletic career. He continued to play competitive basketball around the metropolitan area. Reid was a member of some of the most highly regarded Rockland County teams such as, The Hoop Street Gang, Villa Mt Ivy, and Hogan's Diner. Reid also played in the New Jersey Shore Professional Summer League from 1977-82. That league included many N.B.A. players and European professionals as its members. In 1982 Reid was selected to be a member of the U.S.A. All Stars basketball team that toured Portugal playing that country's professional teams.



Never one to confine himself to one sport, Reid kept up with his track and field competitions after college. In 1982 Reid competed in the Empire Games regional track meet and finished second in the long jump with a leap of 22'9". This jump qualified him for the finals later in the summer, but he was unable to attend because of commitments to the Pro Summer league. In 1986 Reid again competed in the Empire Games, this time in the pole vault. Reid vaulted 13' 6" to finish second in the regionals and sixth overall in New York State that summer in Buffalo.

Reid lives in Blauvelt with his wife Barbara and 20 year old daughter Catherine, who is currently enrolled at the University of Maryland. He is a teacher in the South Orangetown School District where he is the girl's varsity basketball coach and, in the spring, Reid coaches the boys and girls varsity track and field team.



**CLARKSTOWN**



## Randy Nelson Class of 1970 Nyack

Randy Nelson was an outstanding four sport star at Nyack High School who went on to become an All American soccer player at West Point. As a sophomore on the baseball team, Randy was the second leading hitter in the Rockland County P.S.A.L. and garnered All County honors. In his junior year, Randy switched sports in the spring and joined the fledgling Nyack lacrosse team. The lacrosse team played in the Hudson Valley League, which covered Rockland, Westchester, and Putnam Counties. As a senior, he was selected for first team All League recognition as a defenseman. For two years, Randy was the starting point guard on the basketball team and led a very good Nyack team to second place finishes in the Rockland County P.S.A.L.. Standing 5'4" and weighing 125 lbs., Randy proved that he could compete with the "big boys".

But it was the sport of soccer at which Randy excelled. During his three years on the Nyack High School's soccer team, Randy accounted for 97 points, which included a then county record of 32 goals and 15 assists in 1970. That year Randy was selected as a first team Region 2 All American by the National Soccer Coaches' Association. He led his team to three county championships and two sectional titles, along the way being selected first team All County and All Section 9 three times.

After high school, Randy received an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point. As a plebe, he began his four year stint as a starter on the soccer team and was an All New York State collegiate selection. Cadet Nelson was the first freshman to play varsity sports at West Point since the Korean War. He finished his college career ranking second in goals (37) and assists (19). His total of 56 points placed him fifth on the West Point all time scoring list. In 1974, his senior year, Randy earned All American Honors. Randy also became the first West Point soccer player to be drafted by the



North American Soccer League, and had two practices with the New York Cosmos. His five year military commitment prevented him from pursuing a professional career, and Randy was off to Germany.

When his military commitment was over, Randy went to work for the Duracell battery company. He continued to play amateur soccer and 1982 his team played in the finals of the Colorado State amateur championships.

Randy and his wife, Judy have been married for 27 years and have two children, Alexandria 26, and Randy 24. They live in Maryland now, and Randy still works for a battery company that sells their product to the military.



## Paul Pietropaolo Class of 1976 Nanuet

Paul Pietropaolo's interest in wrestling began at home. His older brother, Jim, would come home after wrestling practice and try out all his new moves on Paul and his brothers. Most evenings, the living room furniture would be cleared away and the boys would "go at it". This fraternal competition, combined with Nanuet's Saturday morning wrestling program, gave Paul his start in wrestling.

By the time he reached high school, wrestling had become a passion for Paul. He went on to establish himself as one of the premier wrestlers in Rockland County history. His accomplishments were extraordinary. Paul was the first Rockland County wrestler to reach 100 career victories, and held the record for most victories (106) when he graduated. In high school Paul was undefeated in the Rockland County dual meets with a record of 35-0. Along the way, Paul was a three time Rockland County tournament champion and a four time Section 9 champion. In 1976 Paul was voted the Most Outstanding Wrestler in the Rockland County tournament and placed three times in the New York State tournament, including a second place finish in 1975. In 1976 Paul was a member of the Section 9 team representing the USA against the Polish Junior Olympic Freestyle Wrestling team.

After graduation from Nanuet High, Paul continued his career at Cornell University, earning four varsity letters in wrestling. In his senior year, Paul was named "Wrestler of the Meet" at the Princeton University tournament. In 1980 Paul placed third in the United States Wrestling Federation Pennsylvania Regional tournament.

Paul was best known as a wrestler, but his accomplishments reach beyond the mat. While in high school he played varsity soccer for two years and was the captain of the team in his senior year. In the spring Paul was a member of the very successful Nanuet track team. In his junior



and senior years that track team was the Rockland County and Section 9 Class B Champions. Paul competed in the pole vault and 220 yard dash.

Professionally, Paul, the holder of degrees in landscape architecture from Cornell and a M.B.A in marketing from Iona College, works for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. He is the engineer for capital security projects and is involved with the reconstruction of the World Trade Center. Paul is a survivor of both the 1993 and the 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. He was awarded The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Civilian Commendation Award for Bravery, for actions taken on September 11, 2001, concerning the evacuation of staff from the World Trade Center.

Paul and his wife Susan have two daughters, Jill aged 20, a student at Villanova, and Amanda, an 18 year old senior at Clarkstown South High School. They are still county residents, residing in New City.



Nanuet Golden Knights



## Charles F. Dittmer Class of 1948 Congers

Charles is a life long resident of Rockland County. He was born in Rockland Lake and now makes his home in Congers. Growing up in a small town was a memorable experience. During those years, playing sports was a daily way of life.

Athletic skills were developed that paved the way for sport successes in high school and beyond. Charles was a beneficiary of this process. He was an outstanding athlete during these early years and developed the talent to play all sports well.

Charles attended Congers High School and lettered in 4 sports. He was a two year varsity letter winner on the track team, and a three year varsity letterman on the basketball team. Charles was a four year starter on the county championship Congers High soccer team. During that time, Congers only lost one game and were the county champs all four years. But it was baseball where Charles really excelled. He was the starting catcher on the baseball team for four years. Charles was the starting catcher in the very first baseball game played in the county under the lights at Nyack. During the summers while still in high school Charles played baseball for the Congers Liberties, an outstanding baseball team that won the county championships in 1947 and 1948. Aside from being a very well schooled catcher, Charles was an outstanding left handed hitter who could hit with power.

In 1949 Charles joined the U.S. Navy and continued to play baseball. He was on the Atlantic Fleet Division Team. They were champions in 1952 and Charles led the Newport Rhode Island League in homeruns that year. While playing in that league, Charles was spotted by the great Branch Rickey and, after being discharged from the Navy, Charles was signed to a professional contract by Mr. Rickey to play for the Dublin Irish which was owned by the



Pittsburgh Pirates in the Georgia State League. He played one season and came home the following year to marry his wife, Eleanor.

Like all good athletes Charles was not content to sit idle, so he took up golf, and became very good at that sport, too. Charles became the Rockland Lake Course Champion in the C flight in 1985 and the Rockland Lake Course Champion in the A flight in 1986. In 1994 Charles was the Governors Cup Champion.

Charles and Eleanor have three children: William, Diane, and Michael, and seven grandchildren. He still enjoys golf, doing crossword puzzles, and his family.

## THE CONGERS LAKERSIDERS



## Elizabeth "Pat" Ryan Olympic Swimming Bronze Medalist

Elizabeth "Pat" Ryan was born in 1923 at Women's Hospital in Manhattan and grew up in Pomona, where her father, Dr. William J. Ryan, was superintendent of the Summit Park Sanatorium. She graduated from St. Joseph's Parochial School in Spring Valley in 1936 and went on to attend Marymount Academy, a private boarding school in Tarrytown, graduating in 1940.

Ryan started swimming at age 5 in small lakes and pools around Rockland County. At age 9 she joined the renowned Women's Swimming Association (WSA) in New York City to develop her swimming talent. One pool where she swam regularly was the Monterey Pool in Bardonia.

Under the guidance of WSA Coach Lou B. de Handley – who also coached Gloria Callen of Nyack and other champions – Ryan improved rapidly. In June 1936, at age 13, she won the 440-yard Junior National title at Jones Beach, N.Y. Her meteoric rise through the swimming ranks received a major boost a few weeks later, when she competed in the U.S. Olympic Trials in Astoria, N.Y. Ryan finished sixth in the finals of the 100-meter freestyle sprint race to earn the final qualifying berth for the Olympic Games in Berlin.

At age 13, she was the youngest athlete on the U.S. team in the Berlin Olympics.

In the Olympic Games, she swam on the U.S. 400-meter freestyle relay team. In the elimination heats, the U.S. won its heat with a team of Elizabeth Ryan, Bernice Lapp, Mavis Freeman and Olive McKean. They defeated teams from Great Britain, Canada, Hungary and Austria.

In the finals, the U.S. finished third for the bronze medal, with Katherine Rawls (the Olympic Trials winner) replacing Ryan as the leadoff leg. Holland won the gold medal in an Olympic record time of 4:36.0, followed by Germany (4:36.8) and the U.S. (4:40.2).



Ryan received a bronze medal as a member of the relay. She is the only athlete from Rockland County to earn a medal at the Olympic Games.

After returning from the Olympics, Ryan won both the New York State and Metropolitan A.A.U. 100-yard freestyle swims in indoor and outdoor competition. She also anchored a 300-yard medley relay team that set the American short-course (indoor) record. One of her teammates on that three-person relay was Gloria Callen, a Rockland Sports Hall of Fame inductee.

In September 1937, at age 14, Ryan won the U.S. senior national 100-meter freestyle title at the A.A.U. outdoor championships in San Francisco, setting a meet-record time of 1:08 over a 100-meter straightaway course. Her time was only 1.2 seconds off the American record at that time.

In 1938 she successfully defended her indoor and outdoor titles in the New York State and Metropolitan A.A.U. championships, and went on to win the Metropolitan titles in 1939 and 1940 for a run of four consecutive championships.

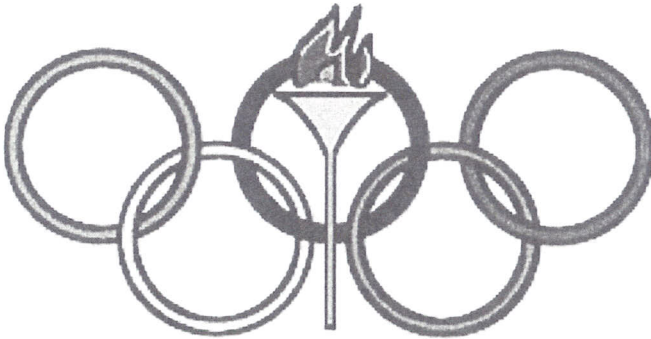
Still in her prime, Ryan was favored to make the 1940 Olympic team before the Games were cancelled due to World War II. She retired from

### Elizabeth "Pat" Ryan (continued)

competitive swimming while still at the peak of her fame. She was in demand for many years afterward, however, and made many charitable appearances while accepting no money and preserving her amateur status. One such event was a 1944 swimming meet in Burlington, Vt., organized by Burlington Daily News editor John Donahue, a fellow Rockland County native and a 1938 Pearl River High School graduate.

At the Burlington meet, Ryan served as honorary chairman and chief judge of the event, joined in judging duties by her younger sisters, Helen and Marita. Elizabeth and Helen (an accomplished swimmer herself) also performed a demonstration of freestyle and backstroke as well as synchronized swimming.

Ryan lived in Queens for many years and never married. She died in 1998 at age 75 from complications of a muscular disease.



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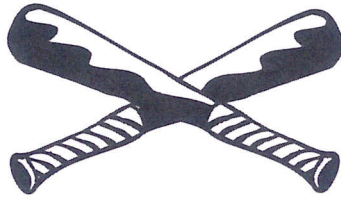
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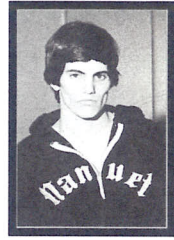
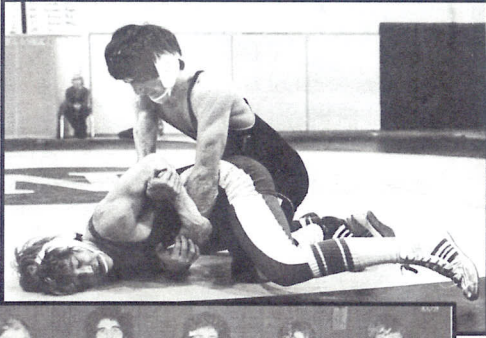
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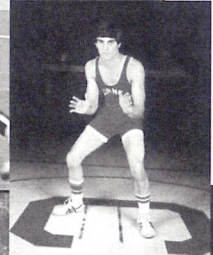
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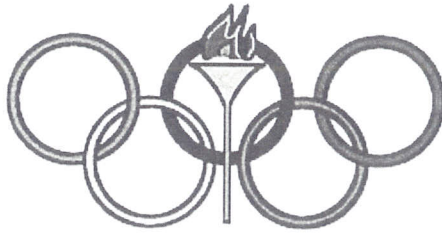




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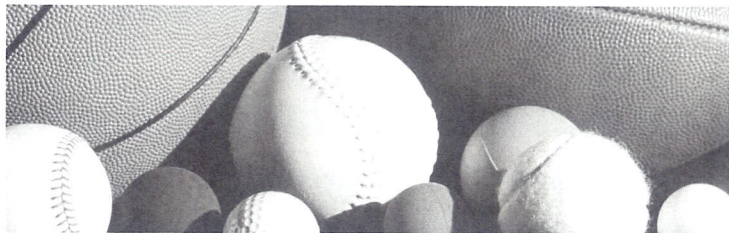
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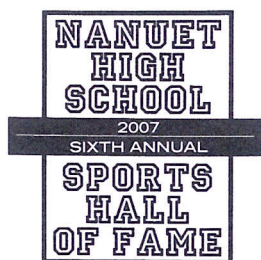
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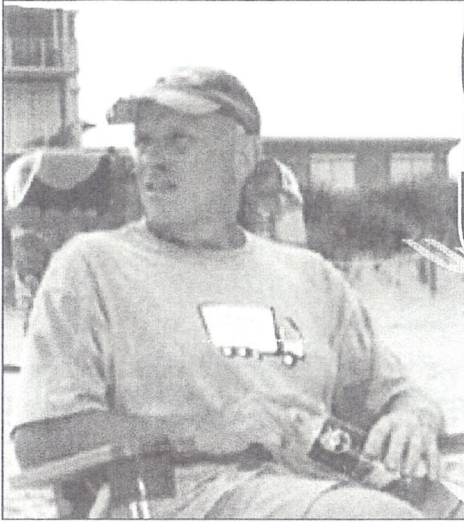
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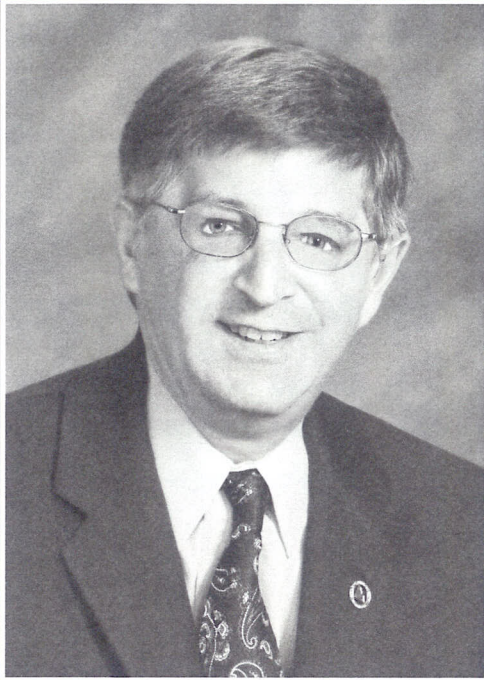
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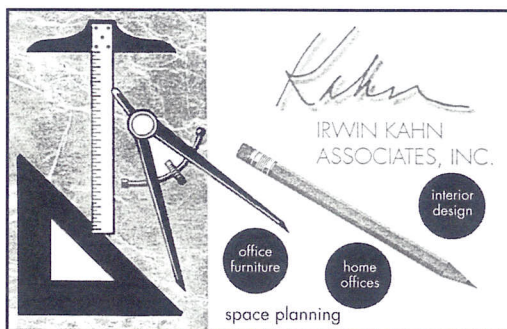
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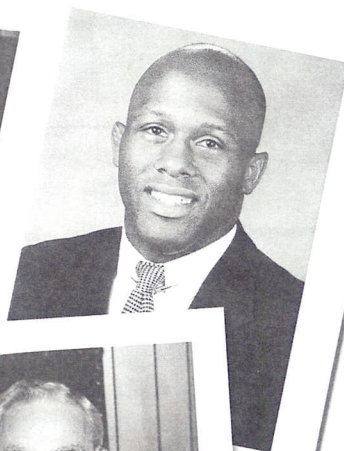
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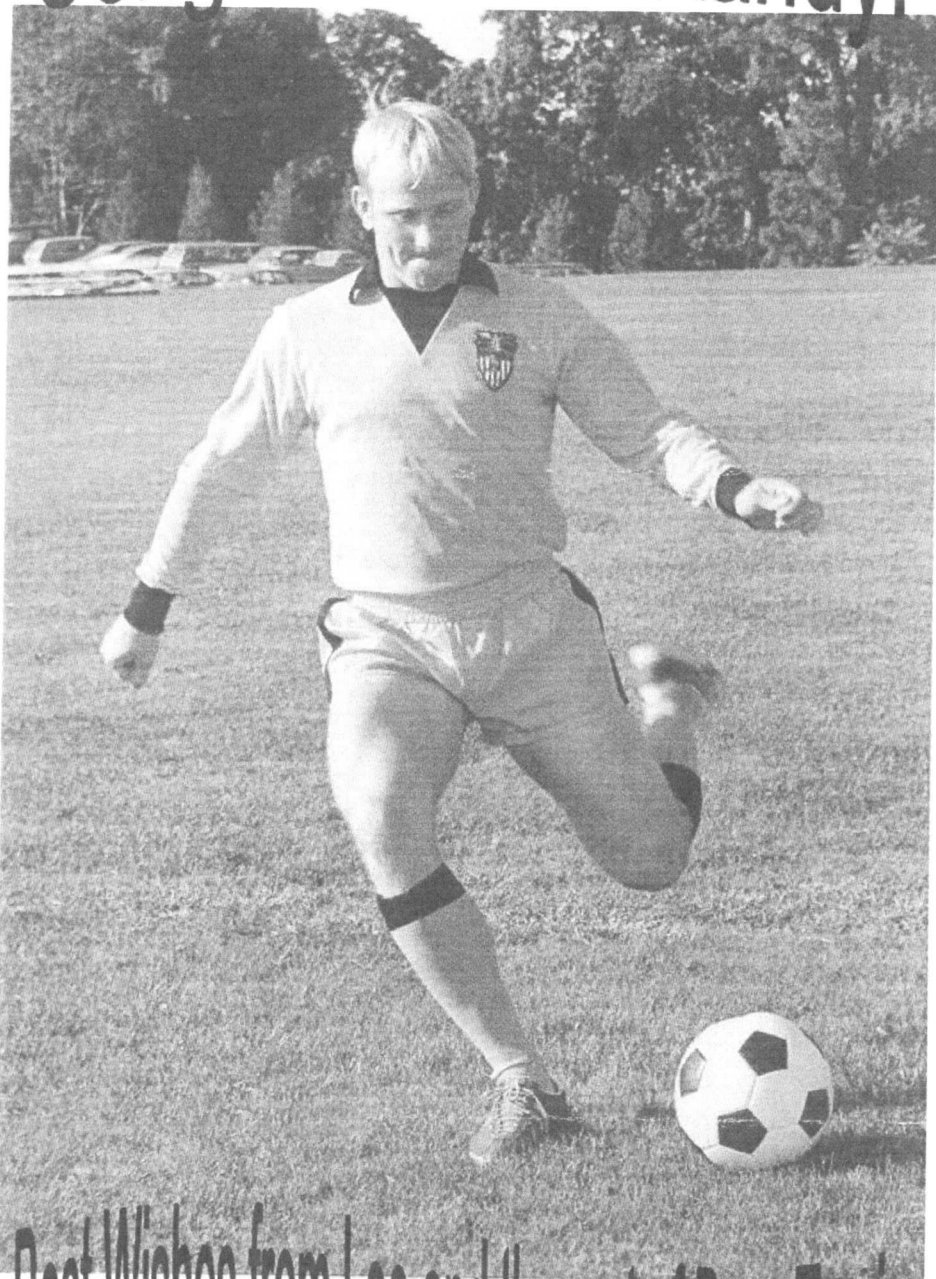


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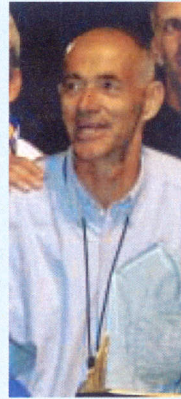
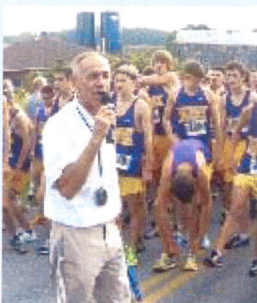
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