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Welcome to the 36th 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 2009 continues the tradition of excellence that has epitomized the Rockland Hall of Fame. Included among this year's headliners are Joe Biddy, the highly successful cross country and winter track coach of Suffern; Jeff Brown, Clarkstown South basketball star and current basketball coach of Middlebury College; Jim Horvath; a multi-sport athlete for Ramapo who won the New York State 167-pound wrestling championship in 1972; Janice Olszewski of Nanuet, who was the first female basketball player from Rockland to score 1,000 points and set the County career scoring record; and John Sottile, the highly successful North Rockland baseball coach whose teams won numerous league and Section 1 titles along with three New York State high school championships. Mike Longuil, who coached football, wrestling and track for Nyack for a combined total of 52 seasons while officiating wrestling for 50 years, is being recognized in the Old-Timers category.

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. This year we salute the Tappan Zee Athletic Hall of Fame, which will be inducting its first class on Nov. 8, 2009.

Sadly, we are compelled to report the passing of Richard "Dixie" Reilly, a real sports icon and great person from North Rockland. We are proud to have honored Dixie for his basketball and officiating exploits to a packed house in 2007.

We also wish to thank those people who keep our organization strong as a vital force in the community: Joni Neuendorf, vice chair; Ethel Doller, secretary; Pete Castellano, treasurer and ticket chair; Bob Veltidi, master of ceremonies and screening committee chair; Gibby Sweet, for dinner arrangements; Dan White, Gene Erickson, Tom Doherty and Jamie Kempton for their behind-the-scenes support; Phyllis and Bruce 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

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Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame List of Inductees

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INDUCTEE: JOHN SOTTILE

INTRODUCED BY: Ron Gamma
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Pledge of Allegiance	Gene Erickson
National Anthem	Jean Marie Beckerle
Master of Ceremonies	Bob Veltidi
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Dinner	Gibby Sweet
Program Book	Peter Scheibner
Screening/Editor	Bob Veltidi
Tickets	Pete Castellano

2009 INDUCTEES

JOE BIDDY
JEFF BROWN
JIM HORVATH
MIKE LONGUIL
JANICE OLSZEWSKI
JOHN SOTTILE

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
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Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame Nomination Form

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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 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*

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 Mounkhall 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

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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 Ruppert
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

2008

Noreen Annunziata Apicella Charles Dittmer Reid Hoffer Randy Nelson Paul Pietropaolo Tim St. Lawrence † Elizabeth "Pat" Ryan

* Denotes Deceased † Old Timers Special Award †† Joe Holland Lifetime Achievement Award

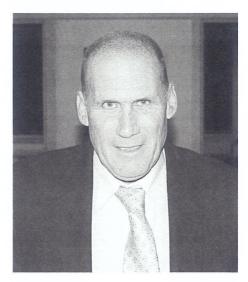
JOE BIDDY Suffern High School

Suffern High School's track and cross country history is legendary. With Hall of Fame athletes such as Ervin Levine, Ralph Consiglio, and Tim St. Lawrence, and coaches like Joe St. Lawrence, Nick Mottola, and David "Skip" Gaunt, the foundations of the programs were in good shape. Then along came Joe Biddy, and he brought the programs to new heights.

Joe arrived in Suffern in 1967 and served as an assistant coach for two years. In 1969 Joe was elevated to the position of head boys' cross country coach. After 40 years and a lot of miles, Joe's boys' cross country team total stands at 616 career victories (522 duals and 94 invitationals), which is the New York State career record. During that time his teams won 13 league titles, 13 county meet titles, 15 sectional Class A titles, 2 New York State Public School team titles (1993, 1999), and one New York State Federation Team title (1993). From 1986-1995 Joe Biddy's Suffern boys' team compiled a 132dual-meet win streak, which is still a record for a Rockland County boys' team. Individually, Joe has coached more than 75 first team All-County runners and one of his athletes, Justin Romaniuk, went on to win the New York State title in 1999.

In 1973, after only a year of the program's existence. Joe took over the reins of the boys' indoor track and field program. And, when the girls' indoor track program was started in 1978, Joe was appointed as the head coach of boys' and girls' indoor track, a position - along with boys' cross country coach - that he still holds to this day. Joe's boys' teams have won 61 invitational meets, 7 league titles, 9 Rockland County meet titles, and 17 Sectional team titles. The girls' teams have gone on to win 120 invitational meets, 23 league titles, 24 Rockland County meet titles and 18 Sectional team titles. During that time, Joe has coached 106 boys' Rockland County individual champions and 170 girls Rockland County individual champions.

On the state and national level, the Suffern boys' and girls' indoor track team coached by



Joe Biddy has been outstanding. The team has had 126 sectional champions qualify for the New York State meet. From that 126, 53 went on to become New York State champions. Joe sent 46 Sectional relay teams to the New York State meet and had 43 place winners. Suffern has won 10 New York State Federation relay titles at various distances and the girls' team won the a State Federation relay title six years in a row (2001-06), the only school – boys or girls – to achieve that feat. On the national level, Joe has had two individual champions and three relay champions.

In 2006 Suffern High started a girls' golf team and, because of his love of the sport, Joe became the girls' golf coach. In the three years that Joe coached the girls' golf team, Suffern won two Rockland County tournament titles.

If you put together all of Joe's championships, the record is astounding: 43 league meet titles, 48 county meet titles, 50 sectional titles. In addition to that, Joe was selected as "Coach of the Year" by The Journal News more than 40 times, and, in 2000, he was selected by a committee of county coaches as the boys' coach honoree on the Rockland County All-Century Cross Country Team. Joe and his wife, Barbara, live in New City, and have two children, Marci, 34, and Gregory, 30.

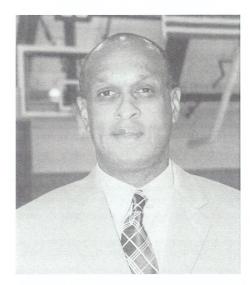
JEFF BROWN Clarkstown South

When Jeff Brown first stepped onto the basketball court, no one knew how far that first step would take him. Now Jeff is one of the most respected and successful college basketball coaches in the Northeast.

During his high school years at Clarkstown South, Jeff was a three-time All-County selection. In his senior year, Jeff averaged a gaudy 26.9 points a game and set the Rockland County career scoring record in 1978 with 1,428 points. This record lasted for nine years until Bill Kurisko of Nanuet exceeded it by 16 points. leff then held on to the second spot in career scoring for the next 18 years. He is generally acknowledged as the best basketball player in Clarkstown South's history. In his senior year. Jeff led his undefeated (20 wins) team into the New York State regional finals against a powerhouse and also undefeated Mount Vernon team that boasted two future players (the McCray brothers). Unfortunately, Jeff and the Clarkstown South team fell short of their goal of a victory against Mount Vernon and a state championship, but wound up as the No. 3 ranked high school team in New York State.

Jeff earned a basketball scholarship to the University of Vermont and went on to have a highly successful career there. By the time he graduated from Vermont, Jeff had scored 1,336 points and had become the third-highest scorer in the school's history. Today Jeff ranks 10th on the school's scoring list. Jeff captained the team his senior year, and was selected honorable mention All New England. For these accomplishments Jeff was inducted into the University of Vermont's Athletic Hall of Fame.

After graduation, Jeff spent three years as the top assistant basketball coach at Manhattan College, where he built his reputation as a first-rate recruiter and strategist. In 1985 Jeff returned to his alma mater as an assistant coach for nine years. At Vermont his responsibilities



included advance scouting, player development, on the floor coaching, and game-day preparations. In 1994 Jeff took over the head coaching position at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. In 1997 Jeff landed the job as the head coach at Middlebury College and is still there today. This year Coach Brown was the unanimous choice of the NESCAC (New England Small College Athletic Conference) as Coach of the Year after leading his team to its first conference championship with a 24-3 record. He is now in his 12th year at the helm of the Middlebury Panthers, and over the last two seasons, the Panthers have a record of 43-11 and two straight NCAA Div. III tournament appearances.

When basketball season is over Jeff remains very busy. He is the assistant girls' soccer coach at Middlebury College, donates his time to the Middlebury Special Olympics and is also a community United Way fundraiser. He lives in Middlebury with his wife, Renee, and three lovely daughters, Vanessa, 21, Michelle, 19, and Nicole, 15.



JIM HORVATH Ramapo High School

In the early 1970s freshmen weren't allowed to compete in the varsity athletic programs at Ramapo High School. That left Jim Horvath only three years to make his mark in Rockland County, and make his mark he did.

Jim was a man for all seasons. From the beginning of his sophomore year in 1969 until graduation in 1972, Jim earned nine varsity letters at Ramapo High. On the football field Jim started for Coach Chuck Scarpulla's Gryphons all three years. He was the team captain and voted first team All-County as an end and linebacker in his senior year. Coach Scarpulla says of Jim, "He was one of the toughest players I ever coached; He played football and wrestled at 150 miles per hour.

"As a coach," Scarpulla added, "every time you saw a kid like Jimmy, you smiled, because you knew he could do it all." In the spring Jim was a member of the varsity track team. His event was the 440-yard dash, one of the hardest events on the track.

It was on the wrestling mat that Jim attained his greatest achievements. In his sophomore year, after an 8-3 record during the regular season. lim entered the county tournament seeded fourth. In the semifinals he beat the No. 1 seed 8-0 and then went on to win in the finals by a pin. For his efforts at the county tournament, Jim was voted the Most Outstanding Wrestler in the tournament and received the Sol Gordon Award. That year he finished second in Section 9. That sophomore season was the start of a great career for Jim on the mat. In 1971, his junior year, Jim again won the Rockland County tournament, then the Section 9 tournament. At the New York State meet, Jim finished in third place, after losing in the semifinals to the eventual champion by a score of 4-3. That would be the last loss for Jim in his high school career. In his senior year, Jim went on to win the Rockland County tournament, the Section 9 tournament, and the New York State tournament in the 167 lb. weight class.

Upon graduation from Ramapo Jim accepted an athletic scholarship to Southern Illinois University



in Carbondale, Ill., to play football and wrestle. An injury kept him off the football field so lim decided to concentrate on wrestling. Southern Illinois wrestled a top-notch schedule that included both Iowas, both Oklahomas, Michigan State and Lehigh. Jim was a four-year starter on the wrestling team. In his senior year, lim won the Illinois Collegiate State Championship and the Western U.S. Regionals. and was ranked as an Honorable Mention All-American.. His senior record was 31-1-1. The Western Regional tournament victory qualified Jim for the NCAA Division I tournament. where he won his first two matches and lost 7-3 to the eventual NCAA champion, which concluded his college career.

Jim currently lives in Richmond, Va., with his wife, Pamela. They have two children – a son, Ryan, and a daughter, Jordan. Ryan was a threesport athlete in high school (baseball, football, and wrestling) who recently graduated from the College of William and Mary, where he played football and obtained a degree in finance. He now works for Deutsche Bank in Jacksonville, Fla. Jordan, a scholastic state champion swimmer (200 individual medley), is completing her junior year at East Carolina University with a focus on public relations. Jim served his community as a peewee wrestling and football coach and still enjoys going into the local high school wrestling room to work out with the team.

MIKE LONGUIL Nyack High School

Anyone familiar with the history of Rockland County sports knows the name of Mike Longuil. Mike has been associated with Nyack High School and Rockland County since the late 1940s, first as an athlete, then a coach, and finally as a track and wrestling official. His career spans more than 50 years.

As an athlete at Nyack High School, Mike participated in three sports and earned 11 varsity letters. While a member of the track team in his senior year, Mike's 880-yard relay team broke the RCPSAL and Section 9 record. Mike played two years of varsity football, starting for Nyack as a 135 lb. running back and linebacker. But it was on the wrestling mat where Mike really shined. Mike was a three-time RCPSAL champion and, in his senior year, he was undefeated and had only one point scored against him all year. After high school Mike enrolled at Bowling Green State University in Ohio to continue his education. In his freshman year Mike was a member of the freshman football, track, and wrestling teams. In his sophomore year Mike decided to concentrate on wrestling alone. During his three-year varsity career at Bowling Green, Mike was elected co-captain of the team, most valuable wrestler on the team. and finished third in the Mid-American tournament.

After college, and a stint in the Army where he participated and coached the base track team to the Southern France championship, Mike returned to Nyack to teach and coach. From 1956 to 1970, Mike was the varsity assistant track coach, specializing in the jumping events, hurdles and sprint relays. During his tenure, Nyack won many team and individual RCPSAL championships in those events. As Joe McDowell stated in his acceptance speech to the Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame, "I would not be here today without Rudy Rejholec and Mike Longuil."

At the same time Mike was an integral part of the famed Nyack High football program. While



a varsity assistant from 1961-70, Nyack won 7 championships. He was responsible for numerous All-County players and one All-American. In 1957 Mike became the Nyack High head wrestling coach, a position he held for 14 years. During that time Mike coached many RCPSAL and Section 9 champions, one New York State champion and many state place winners. He was the RCPSAL wrestling chairman for two years and the Section 9 wrestling chairman for two years. Giving of his time in the off-season, Mike started and ran novice tournaments in the area and coached at many summer wrestling camps. When it was all said and done, Mike coached three sports over 52 different seasons for his alma mater, Nyack.

Long after he was done coaching, Mike continued to be a strong presence on the Rockland County sports scene as a track and wrestling official. Mike worked as a track official from 1957 to 1973. During that time he served as the vice president and rules interpreter for the Rockland County Track Officials Association. Mike was a qualified starter and officiated the pole vault and long jump events at most county and sectional meets. Mike is a charter member of the Rockland County Wrestling Officials Association, which began in 1956, and was an active member until 1990. From 1990 to 2005 Mike served as a supervisor for the active officials.

On the administrative side, Mike served as the president, vice president, and rules interpreter for Rockland County and Section 1. Mike officiated at all of the Rockland County and sectional tournaments from 1972 to 1990. In 1985 Mike was selected as the Section 1 official to work the New York State High School Tournament. In 2005 Mike made a "one-time only" comeback.

He donned the official's gear and worked at the George Fuge Kids Wrestling Tournament in Suffern. At the conclusion of the event, Mike received a standing ovation of appreciation from the crowd, after which he removed his

official's shirt, neatly folded it, and left it in the center of the mat, never to be worn again. As a track and wrestling official Mike logged 67 different seasons.

Mike Longuil's entire professional life has been spent helping the youth of our area become good athletes, ladies and gentlemen, and good citizens. He is retired now and lives in Pearl River with his wife, Charlotte. He spends most of his time fixing and restoring fishing rods, and occasionally gets to try them out on the water. Mike feels that he has been privileged to be in a profession that brought him association with some of the finest people to be found anywhere.



CONGRATULATIONS

MIKE LONGUIL

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JANICE OLSZEWSKI Nanuet High School

One of the first sports to manifest the impact of Title IX gender equity was basketball. In the mid to late 1970's, women's high school basketball vaulted to a new level as top female athletes gravitated toward a sport that had long been a crowd pleaser on the male side. Athletes such as Denise McGuire of Pearl River and Jane Ronner of Clarkstown North were generating headlines and attracting college scouts with their hoops wizardry.

Then there was Janice Olszewski. No comparisons can be drawn because there was no one like Janice playing women's high school basketball in the late 1970's. Six feet two inches tall, solid as Mount Rushmore. Janice was an intimidating physical presence who was close to automatic when she got the ball in the low post. Defensively, woe betide the opponent who drove the lane for a layup only to see lanice looming, blocking her path, and altering shot selection merely by positioning herself in the paint. Those were exhilarating days, and lanice stood in the vanguard of the new era. "It was the beginning of the spark of women's sports; it was finally coming into its own," says Janice. "There were a lot of good individuals and teams, and the local coverage in the newspaper was very strong. It was exciting to be a part of that."

By the time she had concluded her high school varsity career, Janice had rewritten the Rockland County record book. She became the first Rockland schoolgirl to score 1,000 points and wound up with 1,520 points, which stood as the Rockland County record for nine years. "I'm surprised I held it for that long," says Janice, who was coached by Dale Abeling her junior and senior years. Julie Schaefer in her sophomore year, and Lonnie Dall as a freshman. Janice set the still-standing Rockland County record for scoring average in a season with 30.4 points per game in the 1978-79 season. She scored 40 or more points in a game five times, 30 or more points in a game 18 times, and pulled down 282 rebounds in 20 games for an average of more



than 14 rebounds per game. Besides the seasonal scoring average, Janice also holds school records for free throws in a game (17) and season (137) and shares the record for field goals in a game (18).

Janice made first team All-County her junior and senior years, second team All-County as a sophomore, and honorable mention as a freshman. In addition to basketball, she played varsity tennis all four years in high school – doubles her first year and singles her last three years.

Janice earned a full scholarship to LaSalle University in Philadelphia, an NCAA Div. I school, where she played all four years on the varsity. She was the first player off the bench her first three years and cracked the starting lineup in her senior year. That year, LaSalle won the East Coast Conference championship to earn an automatic berth in the NCAA tournament. Janice led the team in field goal percentage her junior and senior years.

Janice now lives on Staten Island and has been a member of the Fire Department of New York-Emergency Medical Services squad for 22 years. She is currently a Deputy Chief of Division 5 (Staten Island/Coney Island). In 2003 Janice was a co-founder of the FDNY Center For Terrorism and Division of Preparedness. She was featured in the non-fiction book, "Women at

Ground Zero, (Stories of Courage and Compassion)," which was published in 2002 and describes the experiences of women in emergency services during the terrorist attacks of 9/11/01. Her

sports activities are now limited to low-impact sports such as golf and slow jogging due to a 2002 hip replacement.



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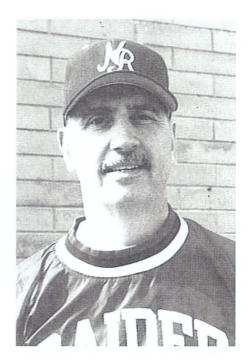
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JOHN SOTTILE North Rockland

After a highly successful high school career at Our Lady of Lourdes High School in Poughkeepsie, where he was an All-County football and baseball selection, John Sottile entered Wagner College in Staten Island, New York. He was the starting centerfielder in the late '60s for the Seahawks in the highly competitive Division I Met Conference against such perennial powerhouses as St. John's, Seton Hall, NYU, LIU, Fordham, and Manhattan. In 1970 he began his teaching and coaching career in the North Rockland School District. Throughout his tenure at North Rockland John coached at all levels of football and baseball.

In 1991 John was appointed to the position as the head baseball coach at North Rockland High School. He held that position for 14 years. During his career as the head coach at North Rockland he amassed a record of 281 wins, with only 78 losses. Along the way John won 8 league championships, 6 Section 1 Championships, 5 Capital Region Championships and 3 New York State championships. He was the League I-B Coach of the Year 7 times and New York State Section 1 Coach of the Year in '93 and '94. The Journal News selected John as the Rockland County Coach of the Year 8 times and he was honored as the New York State Coach of the Year in 1992, 1993, and 1994. Also in 1994, John was voted as the American Baseball Coaches Association Coach of the Year as well as the National High School Baseball Coaches Association Coach of the Year. In 2000, his North Rockland High team was invited to participate in the Upper Deck Classic, a tournament in Anaheim, Calif., for the top teams in the nation. His teams were ranked in the top 25 in the nation on three separate occasions, finishing as high as 16th in 1994. Many of his players have gone on to play in college and seven have been drafted by Major League teams.

John also coached for Diamond Pros New York, a private organization that sends travel baseball



teams all over the world. He has taken teams to Italy and competed in tournaments in Rivabella, winning several times. In 2001 John took an All-Rockland County team to the Torneo Estate, competing against 6 Italian teams and a strong entry from California. In classic fashion this team won an unprecedented fifth title. He is currently the director of the Federazione Italiano Baseball and Softball All Star Camp in Rivabella, Italy. This year two of John's campers were members of the Italian team that made it to the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa. It was the first time an Italian team made it that far.

John and his wife, Mandy, live in Stony Point and have four children: David, 36, was a baseball coach in Arlington and is now a principal in the Irvington School District; Gina, 34, is a personal trainer and a member of the ED. Roosevelt High School Sports Hall of Fame; Joe, 31, is a teacher at North Rockland and coaches the Farley Middle School baseball team; and Gina, 19, is a second-year student at R.C.C.

After a two-year hiatus, John returned to coaching in 2007, as an assistant for St. Thomas Aguinas

College in Sparkill. In his second year at St. Thomas, the team won its first-ever league championship, was seeded first in the conference championships, and established a record for the most wins in a season (28). This year

John decided to help his son Joe coach the middle school baseball team. John continues to work at baseball camps and gives private hitting and pitching lessons.



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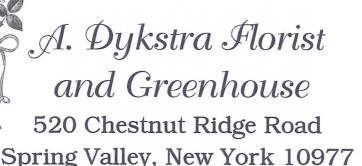
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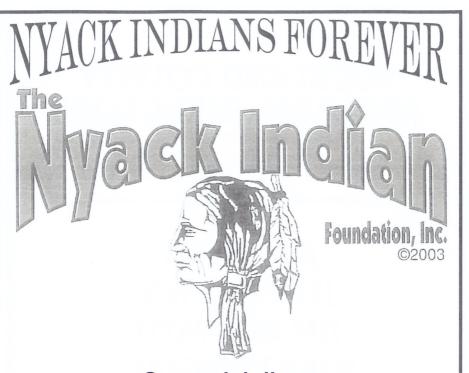
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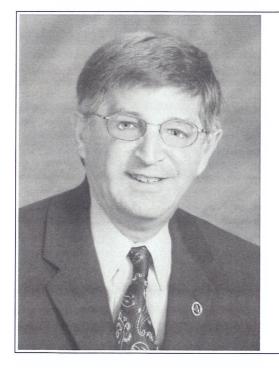
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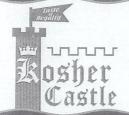


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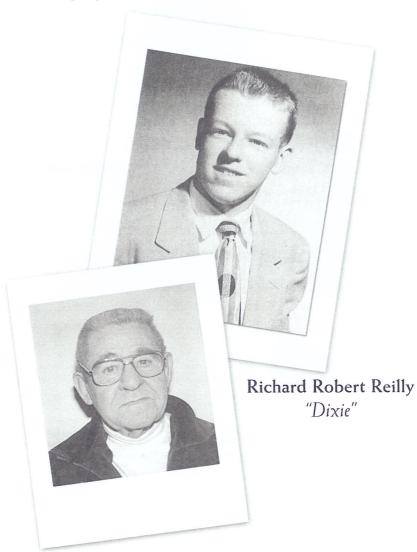
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