

# The Hall of Fame Induction

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## INTRODUCTION

The Southern Connecticut Diamond Club, Inc. is a non-stock corporation which was originally organized in 2005 as an informal organization. Its motto was "To foster and promote the game of baseball." The Southern Diamond Club got its motivation from a prior organization, known as the Greater New Haven Diamond Club. This former organization was founded in 1980, but went into a "batting slump" after 1992.

Thankfully, several former members, along with a group of new dedicated individuals, still believed in the motto, and started the Southern Connecticut Diamond Club in 2005. What these men started has blossomed into a full-fledged network of baseball people helping others enjoy the game. In 2011, the organization went from an informal group of baseball enthusiasts to a full-fledged, non-stock corporation.

In 2005, the club was established with the Whitey Piurek "No I in Team" awards for area high school baseball players. 2008 marked the first Hall of Fame Awards Dinner of the Southern Connecticut Diamond Club, honoring those who have done great things for baseball in the region. The Southern Connecticut Diamond Club also decided to pay tribute to the Hall of Famers of the disbanded Greater New Haven Diamond Club by inducting them all as Hall of Famers into their own organization.

The Southern Connecticut Diamond Club, Inc., has and will continue in its efforts to spread the goodwill of baseball to those fortunate enough to be associated with it. It will continue in its efforts to recognize and award those who have given so much to so many through this great game.

## THE ANDREW GASSIRA MEMORIAL UMPIRE'S AWARD



Andrew Gassira was a lifelong resident of the New Haven area, who passed away in October, 1979.

Despite the fact that he had no sons, he spent evenings and Saturdays each year fulfilling his role as League Commissioner, Umpire in Chief, coach and teacher for the 83 teams making up the Hamden Fathers' Baseball Association. He would line up umpires, keep their payroll records, conduct training clinics, attend games, keep performance ratings on his staff and supervise the entire program.

Born in 1922, Gassira graduated from Commercial High School, entered the U.S. Army, was discharged, and then entered J.C.C. College under the G.I. Bill. He graduated from the Baseball Umpiring School in Bartow, Florida, in 1948 and worked with the New York Yankees. He umpired in the AAA Baseball System in Georgia and upstate New York. He then got married and went to work for G & O Radiators where he became a draftsman and worked there for 31 years.

Gassira was a basketball coach for the Trowbridge Rec Center in New Haven and also refereed high school and college basketball.

He umpired in American Legion and Babe Ruth Leagues. He was a member of the Greater New Haven Baseball Umpires Association, the Connecticut College Baseball Association, and the Hamden Fathers' Baseball Association.

# PROGRAM

Invocation..... Rev. Owen Sanderson, *Christ Lutheran Church*  
 Pledge of Allegiance ..... Ed Klinkhammer  
 Singing of National Anthem ..... Mel Zeidenberg, *SCDC Hall of Famer*  
 History of SCDC ..... Samuel A. Burrell Jr.  
 Master of Ceremonies..... Ned Burt

## DINNER

## INDUCTION CEREMONIES

Introduction of the ANDREW GASSIRA MEMORIAL UMPIRE AWARD  
 Presentation ..... Ed Klinkhammer  
 Acceptance..... Elmer Deschaine

Introduction of TONY MENTONE MEMORIAL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD  
 Presentation ..... Sam Burrell  
 Acceptance on behalf of Robert "Pat" Mailhouse ..... Joyce Mailhouse, spouse

Introduction of MATT ALTIERI..... Rich Altieri  
 Acceptance ..... Matt Altieri

Induction of DICK JEYNES..... Ron Luneau  
 Acceptance..... Dick Jeynes

Induction of MIKE LAMBERTI..... Tony Notarino  
 Acceptance..... Mike Lamberti

Induction of JOHN STUPER..... Dan Gooley  
 Acceptance ..... John Stuper

Induction of ED SYLVIA..... Dan Gooley  
 Acceptance..... Ed Sylvia

Closing Remarks..... Rose V. Mentone  
 Benediction ..... Rev. Owen Sanderson, Christ Lutheran Church

### COMMITTEE

**Rich Altieri**  
**Samuel A. Burrell Jr.**  
**Ned Burt**  
**Dan Gooley**  
**Ed Klinkhammer**  
**Burt Leventhal**  
**Ron Luneau**  
**Joe Mattei**

**Frank Mentone Jr.**  
**Matthew Mentone**  
**Rose V. Mentone**  
**Fred Norman**  
**Tony Notarino**  
**Vincent Virgulto**  
**Lynair Walker**  
**Mel Zeidenberg**

# Andrew Gassira Memorial Umpire Award



**ELMER DESCHAINE**

Elmer Deschaine was born in Fort Kent, Maine. The son of a lumberjack, he picked up a valuable work ethic at a young age while working with his father.

He attended Waterbury public schools, and graduated from Crosby High School in 1957.

Besides playing Little League baseball as a youngster, his passion for basketball grew stronger. He was an All-Valley first-team selection in 1957. Deschaine's success in basketball culminated in his receiving a scholarship to attend Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington.

Widely regarded as one of the area's best athletes, Deschaine duplicated his success in basketball on baseball playing fields throughout Connecticut. While playing for the Green Painters Naps and Waterbury Timers, his teams represented the Northeast Region in eight AABC Stan Musial World Series in Battle Creek, Michigan.

Deschaine's softball career included stints with John Lattanzio's highly touted Golden Villa Bombers fast-pitch softball team, registering the only victory ever over the renowned Raybestos Cardinals, Eddie Feigner (King and His Court) and the Queen and Her Maids.

His lifelong dedication to support led him to transition to umpiring while he was still playing baseball and softball. Still going strong after 53 years of officiating baseball, basketball and soccer, Deschaine brings to it the same passion, dedication and professionalism that he has become noted for. He credits mentors Ralph Bernardini, Pop Shortell, Ed Marinaro and a host of legendary umpires for his success and longevity.

Highlights of Deschaine's officiating career include:

- 29 CIAC Finals
- First inductee-Waterbury Boys Club- 1975
- Sportsman's Club-1977
- First Inductee, Waterbury Timers – 1983
- Olympian Club – 1988
- First Inductee, Waterbury Twi-Met – 1990
- Wolcott Circle of Sports – 2001
- Umpire of the Year, CIAC – 1993
- Connecticut Soccer Coaches Association Outstanding Official (boys) – 1996
- Two American Legion World Series, 1988 – 89
- Two softball World Series (Joan Joyce-Connecticut Falcons)
- Nine Mickey Mantle World Series

None of these accomplishments and achievements would have been possible without the love, support, dedication and understanding of his wonderful wife, Marion, and their sons Jason and Ryan and their families.

## Anthony “Tony” Mentone Distinguished Service Award



**ROBERT “PAT” MAILHOUSE**

Pat Mailhouse was a baseball fan his entire life. He remembered watching Babe Ruth play baseball – twice – at Yale Field and in West Haven with his father, Robert J. Mailhouse. Pat was at the game – with his Dad - where Lou Gehrig made his famous speech about being the luckiest man on the face of the earth. Pat, too, had a long and lucky life.

Mailhouse grew up in New Haven on Canner and Willow streets. He graduated from Hillhouse High School in 1940. His sense of adventure took him to Colorado Springs to attend Colorado College. During World War II, he served in the 9<sup>th</sup> Air Corps, 409<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group, 640<sup>th</sup> squadron in England and France. Mailhouse provided ground to air support from a radio direction finder called “Rag Tag”.

After the war, Mailhouse returned to Colorado to complete his degree in education. He taught high school in Colorado, had an advertising business in San Diego and travelled extensively in the western states. He returned to New Haven to join the family business, The Plymouth Electric Company, which started in New Haven but later moved to North Haven. The company was the distributor for Zenith, Kitchen Aide and Amana products in Connecticut and Western Massachusetts.

At Plymouth, Mailhouse and his father sponsored the American Legion team in New Haven, named the Zenith Cobras. The Zenith marketing department had named the team after the vinyl record player the “cobra” for its stealth-like reach over the grooves. Players over the years have included: Mike Deamon, Bobby Devine, Steve Goldberg, Eddie Goldstone, Dan Gooley, George Grande and Ray Letize. Coaching staffs included Sam Burrell, George Wadley, Jim Kirby, Tony Golino and Al Conway. George Kreilheim represented the team with the American Legion. When Mailhouse closed the company he continued to sponsor the team personally. Spending the winters in Sarasota, Fla., Mailhouse was a regular at the winter baseball games where the local team changed from the White Sox to the Reds to the Orioles. When Cincinnati was in town, he was able to touch base with George Grande.

On July 15, 2015 at his home in Branford, Conn., surrounded by his family, Pat Mailhouse left us. His legacy includes his wife, Joyce, his three children, Marla, Emily and Rob, and three grandchildren, Max, Shannon and Cooper. His lifetime of generosity has left a scholarship at Colorado College for students who are the first in their families to attend college, a fund at the The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven directed to programs for the education, health and recreation of youth and a fund at the Branford Foundation designed to support the arts and athletics in Branford. His friends and family miss him every day.



**MATT ALTIERI**

Matt Altieri graduated from Guilford High School in 1975; Southern Connecticut State University with a BS degree in 1979 and an MS degree in 2005; and the University of Connecticut Teacher Certification Program in 1983. He began teaching at Guilford High School in 1984, and joined Mark T. Sheehan High School in 2002,

His coaching career began in 1981 at Baldwin Middle School in Guilford and continued on as the head baseball coach from 1986 to 1990 at Guilford High School. In 1989, his team was Shoreline Champion and in 1990, he was Guilford Sideliners Coach of the Year. Altieri also coached Branford American Legion from 1987 to 1989. He served as a Quinnipiac University assistant coach from 1990 to 1992; assistant coach at Cheshire American Legion from 1993 to 1994; and then became head baseball coach at Mark T. Sheehan High School.

During his tenure at Sheehan, his teams were State Champions in 2001, 2004, 2010 and 2015; Housatonic Division Champions in 2003 and 2015; and had a 27-year coaching record of 340 – 303. In 2001 Altieri was named Area and State Coach of the Year by the *New Haven Register*. He was also named Coach of the Year in 2015 by the Connecticut High School Coaches Association.

In 2015 his team was voted the number one team in the state by the *New Haven Register* and *Hartford Courant*. He was selected Coach of the Year in 2016 by the Connecticut Sportswriters Alliance and coached the senior All-Star District 3 team in 2008.

In local politics, Altieri was a member of the Cheshire Town Council from 2005 to 2009 and has been a member of the Cheshire Public Building Commission since 2015.

Altieri has been married for 30 years to the former Patricia Foti, a music teacher in Southington. They have two children: a son Matthew, 28, who is a media producer for Cengage Learning in Boston, Mass., and a daughter, Taylor, 24, who is a communications specialist for General Electric in Fairfield, Conn.





### DICK JEYNES

A 1960 graduate of Amity Regional High School and a 1964 alumnus from West Virginia Wesleyan, Richard (Dick) Jeynes' lengthy and successful coaching career covered 32 years, both on the high school and collegiate level.

Jeynes lettered in baseball and basketball (four years) at Amity Regional before taking his talents to West Virginia Wesleyan where he hit .350 as a junior and .310 his senior year as one of the teams' co-captains. Counting four years as a baseball and basketball player at Amity Regional High School and four more as a collegiate player at West Virginia Wesleyan, Jeynes has either been a highly-competitive performer or a coach for the past 57 years.

He returned to the New Haven area in 1965, beginning what turned out to be a 40-year career as a history teacher, first at Milford High and then at Foran High before retiring in 2005.

Once he got to Milford High, he served as an assistant baseball and basketball coach, before taking over the baseball program in 1968. His Milford High baseball teams won 215 games and lost only 95 (a winning percentage of .690) and qualified for post-season play in 15 out of 16 seasons. The Indians reached the quarter-finals 12 times and the semi-finals once (in 1969). Jeynes was the Southern Connecticut Diamond Club's 1983 high school coach of the year recipient when he led the Indians to a 17-5 record in his last season there.

Some of his best players at Milford included Ken Walker, Paul Swanson, Jim Hourigan, Bob Mars, Dave Lanese and Gary Austin. The closing of Milford High School after the 1983 school year created a big change in Jeynes' life. He went over to Foran, accepted the head baseball coaching position, only to resign before ever stepping on the field.

"As I was nearing my retirement from teaching (which he did in 2006 after 41 years), I was offered the cross country position at Foran High School," Jeynes said. "I thought about it and said, 'why not.' It became a nice challenge for me. I always considered the keys to coaching as being a teacher, a motivator and someone who had to care about what they were doing. Once those runners start in earnest, Jeynes will kick off his 54th year as a coach and 14th at Foran High, where he's had six winning seasons out of nine in a sport he picked up at the age of 62.

While he was the coach at Milford, Jeynes first got involved in scouting, working in 1974 and 1975 in the Philadelphia Phillies' chain with New Englander Carleton Willey, a former Major Leaguer (Phillies and New York Mets) and the organization's regional head, Dick Teed. He also worked as an assistant baseball coach at the University of Bridgeport, before coming over to Yale in 1986.

Hired by head coach Joe Benanto at Yale in 1986, Jeynes worked as an assistant coach and recruiter for the Ivy League school until 2000. During that time, Yale had a 228-188 won-lost record (.546 winning percentage). The Elis won three straight Ivy League Red Rolfe Division titles starting in 1992 and ending in 1994.

A tireless recruiter, Jeynes scoured the country looking for talent. In all, 19 Yale players went on to sign professional contracts, including the school's entire 1994 infield. of Blair Hodson, Manny Patel, Tom Hutchinson and Gary Butterworth. Trumbull's Craig Breslow, a Yale alumnus, went on to the Major Leagues, playing many years with the Boston Red Sox.

Hired by Benanto, the school's highly-successful freshman football coach and the head man with its baseball program, Jeynes began another 16-year journey. Jeynes quickly figured out that his role at Yale would be that of a recruiter, because Benanto didn't want to travel that much. Jeynes did just that. In 16 seasons, he saw 19 players sign professional contracts through his efforts.

In 2002, Jeynes was inducted into the Amity Regional High School Hall of Fame.

Jeynes, 74, and still a Woodbridge resident, is the father of a daughter, Kristen, of Carlsbad, Calif. and a son Cliff, of Woodbridge.

*(Thanks to Peter Vander Veer for his article printed in the Milford Mirror on September 11, 2014 for much of this information.)*



### MIKE LAMBERTI

Michael Lamberti is a graduate of Richard C Lee High School of New Haven where he served as captain in 1978, and was selected to the all-state second team that year. During his summer months, Lamberti played for American Legion Post 47 for all four years during high school.

From 1979 to 1984, he served as recreational director at the Harry A Conte School in New Haven. He also coached in the Carmen Criscuolo Bronco League from 1985 to 1990, and won the Community Service award from Conte School in 1990. He then served as the athletic director of St. Michael's School in New Haven, and received the St. Andrew's Society distinguished service award in 1993 and was named the Parochial League coach of the year in 1994.

Lamberti coached baseball and basketball at the Nathan Hale School in New Haven from 1994 to 1997. In 1994 he was named New Haven Public Schools coach of the year.

Since 1995, Lamberti has served as coach, umpire, and board member of the Annex Little League, including a four-year term as president. While coaching the East Shore Pirates Nashville AAU team, which included his older son, Michael, the team won the 2005 national championship. That was the same team that was the Triple Crown team for the entire Northeast.

In 2008 Lamberti was co-founder of the East Shore Travel League, along with Sal Punzo Sr. and Chuck Coyle in starting a National AAU league. It started with 11 teams and now houses over 250 teams, with more than 4500 players per season as the largest single-state AAU league in the United States. The East Shore Travel League has produced seven national champions since 2008.

In his many community activities, Lamberti has been a contributor to the Make-A-Wish Foundation for many years; has donated turkeys every year for 15 years to the homeless and to shelters; is the cofounder of the Larry Paquin Memorial award in which the Annex Little League gives a \$500 college scholarship to a player who is a senior in high school and has played in Annex Little League. In addition, he is a board member for Friends of Jimmy Miller Foundation for five years from for the St. Francis Orphanage, and is a board member of the Stephen Vuolo Memorial scholarship awards committee.

Lamberti has been married to his wife, Dawn, for 29 years and they have three wonderful children: Michael Jr., 25, who is serving in the Army, working at Yale security and is engaged to be married in 2017; Nicholas, 20, who is attending Southern Connecticut State University and played baseball there; and Gabriel, 18, who is attending Quinnipiac University and enrolled in its nursing program.



**JOHN STUPER**

The 2016-17 season is John Stuper's 25th as the head coach of baseball at Yale. With 458 career wins (230 in Ivy League play) in the Bulldogs' dugout, Stuper is the winningest coach in the 150-year history of Yale baseball. He surpassed the legendary Ethan Allen for that honor in 2009. Stuper reached the 100-win mark faster than any coach in program history and oversaw the best four-year period in program history from 1993-96 (104-68).

This past season Stuper led the Bulldogs to the Red Rolfe Division title and had six players earn All-Ivy League honors. Additionally, right-hander Scott Politz was named a freshman All-American and outfielder Nate Adams was named an Academic All-American.

The 13th head coach in Yale baseball history, Stuper has led the Bulldogs to five first-place finishes in the Red Rolfe Division and two Ivy League championships. The 1993 squad, Stuper's first, won a school-record 33 games, earned an NCAA Regional appearance, and set numerous school records, including 160 stolen bases in 44 games. He earned 1993 New England Division I Coach of the Year and Northeast Region Division I Coach of the Year honors. The Bulldogs won the Ivy League championship in each of his first two seasons.

With a 5-2 win in the second game of a doubleheader at Harvard on April 14, 2013, thanks to four Yale pitchers who combined to strike out 13 Harvard batters, Stuper earned the 400th victory of his coaching career.

"I try to tailor my offensive game plan to my talent. I want to run. I like to steal bases because it disrupts things," Stuper said. Yale baserunners have stolen more than 1,300 bases in his tenure.

Through 2016 Stuper has seen 42 of his players sign professional contracts. Most recently, righthander Chasen Ford was drafted by the San Diego Padres in the 27th round of the 2016 draft and began his professional career this past summer. Pitcher Rob Cerfolio was drafted by the Los Angeles Dodgers in the 2013 MLB Draft, but returned to Yale for his final season in 2014. Cerfolio's selection represented the ninth straight year that a Yale player was selected in the draft -- the longest consecutive stretch of draft selections by any school in the Ivy League at the time.

Some of Stuper's top pupils have been pitchers. Brandon Josselyn, the 2009 Ivy League Pitcher of the Year (the sixth player to earn that distinction under Stuper), was drafted in June 2009 by the Seattle Mariners. Left-handed pitcher Craig Breslow, the captain of Yale's 2002 squad, has spent 11 seasons on a Major League roster.

Stuper has also coached two All-Americans while at Yale, including catcher Ryan Lavarney, the 2007 NCAA batting and slugging percentage champion. Lavarney was drafted in the sixth round of the 2008 MLB amateur draft by the Boston Red Sox.

"I want my team to be difficult to play against," said the former major leaguer, who was managed by Whitey Herzog and Pete Rose. Not coincidentally, he lists them as two of his biggest influences.

"I watched how they ran a game. Their knowledge of the game, work ethic and preparation were second to none, especially Whitey with his aggressive style. (At Yale) we want to make things happen, not wait for things to happen. Having a versatile team will give us the ability to score runs in a lot of different ways."

Stuper pitched in the major leagues for the St. Louis Cardinals and Cincinnati Reds from 1982-85, appearing in a total of 111 games. He posted a 32-28 overall record with a 3.96 earned run average. His most memorable performance came with the Cardinals in the sixth game of the 1982 World Series. With St. Louis trailing the Milwaukee Brewers three games to two in the best-of-seven series, the right-hander helped the Cardinals even the series with a 13-1 complete-game, four-hit victory. St. Louis went on to win the Series the following day. Sports Illustrated listed his World Series performance among the 10 best by a rookie pitcher in the history of postseason play.

The only two-time all-conference baseball and basketball player at Butler County Community College (1976-77), Stuper fashioned a 34-3 collegiate record. He also helped Point Park (Pa.) College to the NAIA World Series in 1978 while earning NAIA All-America honors.

Stuper, who received his bachelor's degree from LaRoche College and his master's degree in English at Slippery Rock University in 1989, continued as head coach at Butler until March 1991, when he returned to the Cardinals as a minor league pitching instructor. He remained with the Cardinals until taking over the Bulldogs' clubhouse in 1993. His wife, Pam, is Yale's Caroline Ruth Thompson '02 Head Coach of Field Hockey. They reside in Hamden.



**ED SYLVIA**

Ed Sylvia was hired as a part-time athletic director at Housatonic Community College in 1967. The college competed in several intercollegiate sports including varsity baseball, introduced in 1969. He was also the HCC Registrar and worked closely with the students in their academic experience.

Sylvia coached baseball from 1969 to 1994 (26 seasons) compiling a record of 591 wins and 332 losses. Over 20 years of championship play, his teams were Connecticut Community College baseball champions 13 times; and he was Connecticut Community College Baseball Coach of the Year 13 times.

In addition, he was named National Junior College A.A. New England Baseball Coach of the Year in 1979, 1981 and 1989; he was Northeast District Baseball Coach of the Year in 1979 and 1981.

His teams made two appearances (1979 & 1981) in the National Junior College A.A. World Series in Grand Junction, Colo. He was also head coach of the East Team in the 1986 Olympic Festival in Houston, Texas.

Sylvia had eight seasons of 30 or more wins including 39 wins in 1985; he coached 34 All New England 1st Team Selections and nine All-Americans, and coached seven players who signed professional contracts after their playing careers at HCC or 4-year colleges.

Sylvia was inducted into the NJCAA Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame in Grand Junction, Colo., in 1999 and he concluded a 35-year career at HCC in 2005 as the college's Director of Registration and Records.

Sylvia grew up in Milford where he played varsity baseball and basketball at Milford High School. He then graduated from Providence College with a bachelor's degree and the University of Bridgeport with a master's degree. He was married for 40 years to Teresa Ann who passed away in 2008 after a 3 year battle with pancreatic cancer. They had two children, Shelley Tomey, a graduate of UConn and Associate Professor and Coordinator of the Early Childhood Education Program at Housatonic CC; and Edward, a graduate of Housatonic and a painter. He enjoys his three grandchildren; Schuyler, 14 (gymnastics and lacrosse), Ryan, 12 (baseball and flag football) and Camryn, 9 (cheer and lacrosse).

**PREVIOUS WINNERS OF THE ANDREW GASSIRA MEMORIAL UMPIRE'S  
AWARD**

- 1980** HENRY ROCHE
- 1981** ANTHONY "PEACHES" LOMBARDOZZI
- 1982** JOSEPH MURRAY
- 1983** FRED GHIRARDINI
- 1984** JOHN SUSKI
- 1985** JACK GARRITY
- 1986** GEORGE KLIVAK
- 1987** PAUL SWORDS
- 1988** RUDY RAFFONE
- 1989** EDWARD RAPUANO SR.
- 1990** WILLIAM MAHON
- 1991** ANTHONY F. MENTONE
- 1992** ARNOLD MANN
- 2008** WENDELL GOLDSMITH
- 2009** ED KLINKHAMMER
- 2010** RICH ALTIERI
- 2011** BILL RICCIO
- 2012** JOHN "BUDDY" CHERNOVETZ
- 2013** FRED NORMAN
- 2014** TONY GINNETTI
- 2015** RALPH BERNARDINI (posthumously)



**PREVIOUS INDUCTEES OF THE GREATER NEW HAVEN DIAMOND CLUB**

**1980**

- "JUMPIN" JOE DUGAN
- FRANCIS "HUCK" FINN
- FRANK MCGOWAN
- WALTER "POP" SMITH
- "SMOKEY" JOE WOOD

**1981**

- STEPHEN S. OBRIEN
- JOHN "WHITEY" PIUREK
- DANIEL Y. STEWART
- RICHARD TETTLEBACH
- GEORGE WEISS
- WEST HAVEN TWILIGHT LEAGUE
- EDWIN CANNAPAN
- COL. HERB METCALFE
- ED "SHRIMP" FLYNN

**1982**

- WILLIAM "BILL" AHERN
- EMMONS BOWEN
- DR. JAMES MOORE
- FRANK "SPEC" SHEA
- MATTHEW "POP" SHORTELL
- JOHN VIETCH

**1983**

- DOM AITRO
- ART CECCARELLI
- RAY LEGENZA
- PHIL MCLEAN
- ED WILSON

**1984**

- ROBERT BARTHELSON
- JOSEPH DEGALE
- KENNETH MACKENZIE
- JAMES SHEEHAN
- FRANK VIEIRA

**1985**

- RAY HARTMANN
- BOB DEMAYO
- RAY TELLIER
- E. BOWENS B.R. LEAGUE
- JOHN WHITE
- JOHN DAUGHAN

**1986**

- NEW HAVEN CARDINALS
- VITO DEVITO
- PASQUALE "PAT" PANZA
- EDWARD TORELLO
- JOSEPH "JOE" YOTCH

**1987**

- GENE CASEY
- A. BARTLETT GIAMATTI
- ROBERT "BOB" GREENWOOD

**1988**

- GEORGE KLIVAK
- JAMES F. "DOC" GILHULY
- ROBERT NEUBAUER
- EDWARD IRONS
- CARL TUFTS

**1989**

- VINCENT CARBONE
- WILLIAM DOUGLAS
- HENRY HANK" LUZZI
- JOSEPH M. MATTEI
- MICHAEL "MICKEY" MILICI

**1990**

- SAM BURRELL
- JOE TONELLI, SR.
- PAUL "TOPSY" DEL GOBBO
- AL "DOC" AGUZZI
- ANDREW GASSIRA

**1991**

- PHILLIP DEL VECCHIO
- JUDGE JAMES DOHERTY
- JOSEPH BENANTO
- GEORGE HANCHETTE
- REV. MATTHEW ROBERT SHANLEY

**SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT DIAMOND  
CLUB**

**2008**

- TOM FAHY
- GENNARO "JERRY" GAMBARDELLA
- ED GOLDSTONE
- DAN GOOLEY
- BURT LEVENTHAL
- MEL ZEIDENBERG

**2009**

- JOHN L. CARUSONE
- "AUGIE" GARBATINI
- ED RAPUANO, JR.
- VINCENT VIRGULTO
- GEORGE WADLEY

**PREVIOUS INDUCTEES OF THE  
SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT DIAMOND CLUB**

**2010**

GEORGE GRANDE  
WARREN HOWE  
ED LEWIS  
ANTHONY MENTONE (posthumously)  
KEN PERRONE

**2011**

SCOTT BURRELL  
VIN DILAURO  
JOE GUGLIELMO  
ED MAROCCO (posthumously)  
OWEN SANDERSON  
TOM YANKUS

**2012**

JON CAPONE  
MIKE FRED A  
RICH MARAZZI  
MIKE REILLY  
DAVE SOLOMON  
ERNIE "MANNY" WILLIAMS

**2013**

JIM "BUTCH" ABEL  
JOHN ANQUILLARE  
DAN FORD  
EARL MATHEWSON  
BOB MORAN  
TONY NOTARINO

**2014**

ROGER BEALE  
HAMDEN PLAINSMEN  
NOEL KINSKI  
BILL MARIONI  
PAT PAULSON  
PHIL "SKIP" SCARPELLINO

**2015**

1954 HAMDEN MEDICS  
SAL COPPOLA  
PFC. EDWARD DUEL (posthumously)  
MIKE GIORDANO  
FRANK KAFKA  
MIKE VACCA

**PREVIOUS WINNERS OF THE  
TONY MENTONE  
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

**2010** FRANK MENTONE JR.  
**2011** EDWARD C. "NED" BURT  
**2012** DAVE RUOTOLO  
**2013** SAL COPPOLA SR.  
**2014** STEVE PACELLI  
**2015** ROSE V. MENTONE



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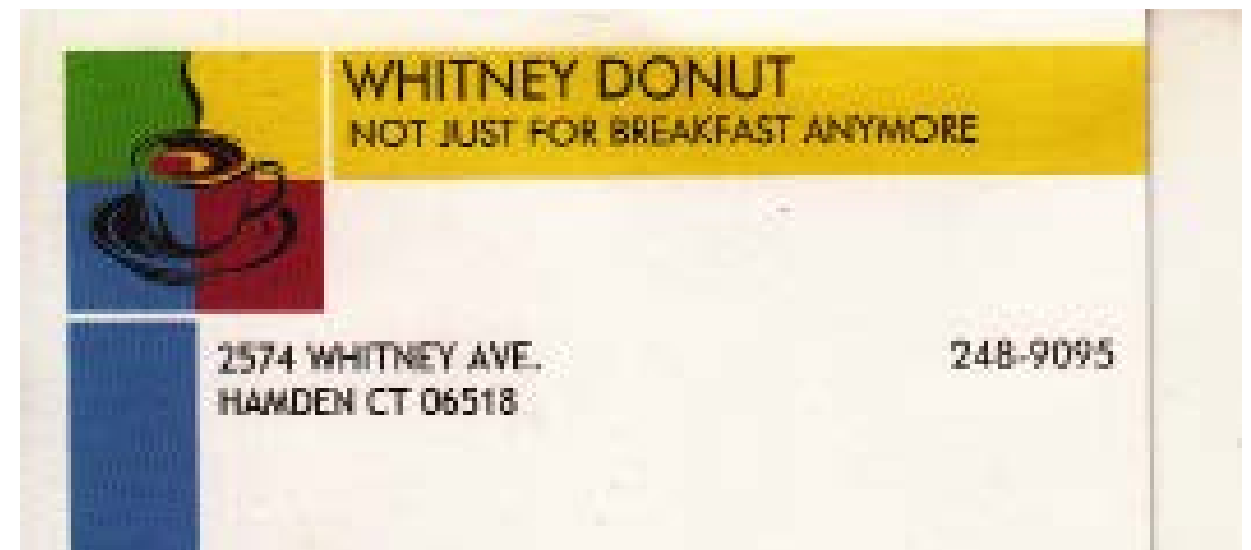
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their families



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It is with great pride and admiration that your children and I congratulate you on this honor to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. While having great accomplishments throughout your baseball career in high school, you have also strived as an adult to achieve your dreams and aspirations which have been built around kids.

The countless hours you spend have most certainly been rewarded. I know you're especially at peace being an umpire so you are right in the middle of the game. I've watched you give a game ball to a boy and explain why you made a call so he can use that wisdom as a teaching tool.

That is my definition of a leader. May you keep striving to be an important role model because it's a God-given gift. Most all know how very proud of you we are.

***For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.  
Philippians 2:13***

Much love and admiration,  
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&  
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