

The Hall of Fame Induction

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the Southern Connecticut Diamond
Club, Inc.



“To foster and promote the game of baseball”

October 13, 2022

6:30 p.m.

**Monticello’s Restaurant
S. Broad St., Meriden**

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 TBD
History of SCDC Ned Burt
Master of Ceremonies Ned Burt

DINNER

Induction of the ANDREW GASSIRA MEMORIAL UMPIRE AWARD

Presentation Frank Mentone
Acceptance Dave Pittman

Induction of TONY MENTONE MEMORIAL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Presentation Matthew Mentone
Acceptance Harry O'Neill

Induction of DONNA CALDEIRA.....Rose Mentone
Acceptance Donna Caldeira

Induction of BOB CUOZZO..... Tony Notarino
Acceptance Bob Cuozzo

Induction of GEORGE DEMAIO Joe Mattei
Acceptance..... George DeMaio

Induction of TONY GOLINO (posthumously).....Mike Lamberti
Acceptance.....Tony Golino Jr.

Induction of STEVE REILLY.....Ron Luneau
Acceptance.....Steve Reilly

Induction of DAVE RYAN (posthumously).....Joe Mattei
Acceptance.....Dave Ryan Jr., Sal Coppola

Closing RemarksRose Mentone

Benediction.....Rev. Owen Sanderson, *Christ Lutheran Church*

COMMITTEE

Rich Altieri
Rich Biondi
Chris Borelli
Ned Burt
Dan Gooley
Ed Klinkhammer
Michael Lamberti
Burt Leventhal

Ron Luneau
Joe Mattei
Frank Mentone, Jr.
Matthew Mentone
Rose Mentone
Fred Norman
Tony Notarino
Vincent Virgulto

Andrew Gassira Memorial Umpire Award



DAVE PITTMAN

David Pittman has been umpiring for 38 years, starting in 1984 for the Walter Pop Smith Little League of New Haven. He also coached Little League baseball for 10 years.

A graduate of New Haven's Richard C Lee High School in 1976, Pittman joined the military after graduation and served 6 years active and 6 years reserve. After the military, he worked at Mossberg & son as a target shooter and gun repair specialist.

Pittman worked as a basketball official and youth coordinator at Farnham Community House for 29 years. He works now as a mobile security officer driver and in-school security officer for six years.

He is the father of five - three daughters and two boys with 10 grandchildren.

Anthony “Tony” Mentone Distinguished Service Award



HARRY O'NEILL

A long-time resident and graduate of Hamden High School, Harry O'Neill earned his BS and Masters from Southern, and 6th year from St. Joseph's.

He served nine years in the Navy, five active and four in the reserves. He taught in the Wallingford School system and subbed for nine years.

O'Neill has been affiliated with HFBSA since 1972 as minor league coach, major league coach and was director of the major leagues for nineteen years. He helped Tony Mentone start the scholarship program.

He has been married to his wife Judy for 62 years and they have five children and nine grandchildren.



DONNA CALDEIRA

Donna Caldeira has spent her entire life volunteering for Dom Aitro Little League in New Haven, CT. A native of New Haven, Caldeira graduated from Wilbur Cross High School and worked for area stores.

She started at Dom Aitro Baseball league when she was eight years old as a scorekeeper, getting five dollars a game, seven games a week. The following year they didn't need a score keeper, so Coach Mark Gamberdella told her she could keep score for him. She was with Gamberdella for over 40 years.

Caldeira got involved because her father George Caldeira was a coach and then an umpire. In 2022 Caldeira was honored for serving 45 years with Dom Aitro LL.

At age 15 Caldeira became an assistant coach with him for the minors (7-10 year olds). She was also the score keeper for the all-stars until age 21, then became the business manager for the all-stars. She also was in charge of the concession stand for over 20 years and served as the field director and secretary for over 20 years. In addition, she was also involved with a number of awards with the league.

During her tenure, Caldeira saw Dom Aitro win the district, sectionals and regional pony baseball champs 10u in 2000; the Sectionals, Regional Pony Baseball champs 10 u in 2003 and 2012; the Regional champs Pony Baseball 10u in 2004, 2006, 2011, 2013,; Sectional champion Pony Baseball 10 u in 2008, 2010 and 2014; the District Pony Baseball champs 10u in 2016 and 2017; 2010 Triple crown Labor Day champs 10 u; 2015 Roberto Clemente Champs 10u; and the 2018 AAU Spring 10u Champs.

Caldeira became disabled in 2008. Her mom is Cecilia; she has two brothers, Louis and George, and a sister Melissa. She also is an aunt to three nephews and one niece.

Although Caldeira has no children of own, many of the players refer to her as "Momma Donna" and she is particularly proud of Andrew Marrero, a native of New Haven, who played in her league at the age of six- on the first day he played, he called her mom. He was recently named St. Louis Cardinals Minor League Pitcher of the Month of August.



BOB CUOZZO

A graduate of Notre Dame High School in West Haven, Bob Cuozzo has a distinguished background of service to the city of West Haven in baseball. He served as Manager and Coach in West Haven Little League for a 43 Year span{1980-1996} and {2003-Present day} for another total of 37 Years. He also managed WH Babe Ruth from 1994 to 1997 and managed the WH Junior American Legion {2016-2018}

Cuozzo also managed All Star teams at the 10 U/11U/12U/15 U levels bringing all Levels to District Finals Level. He started WH Fall Baseball program in 1994 and started the first 9/10-year-old WH All Star Team in 1992.

Cuozzo started the first WH Youth AAU Baseball Travel in 1994 and again in 2009 and then 2013 started the Savin Rock Sea Dogs Travel Baseball Organization. He has been involved in the West Haven Little League Board of Directors for 15-20 years as Player Agent, Boys Liaison Officer and Player Development Officer. He is the founder of WHLL Facebook Site which contains the complete History of West Haven Little League with thousands of photos/articles/videos from 1951-Present.

Cuozzo has hosted countless free baseball clinics including some indoor winter instructions over the years.

Cuozzo is the youngest of four with two sisters, Sophie and Linda and a brother Gerry. He played youth sports in West Haven and a lot of sandlot games of all sports in the West Haven area. He organized and ran and played for many softball teams during the late 1970's through 2015. He held various jobs as a security guard, warehouse worker, delivery driver and carrier for the USPS.



GEORGE DEMAIO

A graduate of West Haven High School, “The Coach” George DeMaio, Jr. is a pioneer for high school sports in the State of Connecticut. He also attended Southern Connecticut State University (Undergrad & Grad) and the Connecticut School of Broadcasting

DeMaio has turned his passion for sports and broadcasting into a reality. He started his assault on promoting and broadcasting high school sports on Monday, November 28, 1983.

This was a time where high school sports had virtually no platform on the radio airwaves and significantly less newspaper coverage than you see in today’s world. Enter DeMaio, an aficionado for high school and local sports, and you have a person who was eagerly willing to use his media platform to promote them. If you have ever heard DeMaio speak at a function, you probably heard him say that if you want the Seattle Mariner or Detroit Red Wing scores, there are several places you could find them.

However, if you were looking for a high school basketball score between Hamden and East Haven, then tune into “The Coach”. DeMaio will not only have gone to the game, but will be armed with player’s names, highlights and commentary on the contest. “The Coach’s” philosophy for success is simple, yet brilliant. Isolate your listening audience and report the information it wants to hear. Who is listening?

You would be hard-pressed to find another media person who has spoken to and covered just about every high school and local sport in the State of Connecticut. DeMaio has had the pleasure of meeting thousands of student athletes, Athletic Directors, parents, teachers and friends at so many different events in his blanketing of the State. It goes without saying that DeMaio is recognized in many of these locations. “The Coach” has been highly recognized with numerous accolades and awards over the past 37 years.

Among his awards and distinctions: 1966 – West Haven High School – Athlete of the Year; 1985 – Walter Camp Football Foundation – Meritorious Service Award; 1986 & 1987 – Walter Camp Football Foundation – Award of Merit; 1997 – Southern Connecticut Conference Appreciation Award; 2001 – Women’s Basketball Hall of Fame Inductee; 2003 – Connecticut Sports Writers’ John Wentworth Good Sport Award; 2008 – Elm City Legend Award; 2008 – Connecticut Association of Athletic Directors Distinguished Service Award; 2009 – Southern Connecticut State University Alumni Appreciation Award; 2013 – CIAC Ice Hockey Committee Award; 2013 – Walter Camp Football Foundation – William E. Keish Media Recognition Award; 2015 – Connecticut High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame; 2018 – West Haven High School Hall of Fame; and 2019- New Haven Tap-Off Hall of Fame

DeMaio, a dedicated family member, resides in West Haven and has been married to his wife, Brenda, for 52 years. He has two sons, Matthew and Jeffrey and three grandchildren, Samuel, Nathan and Rebecca.



TONY GOLINO

ANTHONY "TONY" GOLINO (posthumously)
October 15, 1950 - July 10, 2008

Tony was a 4-year starter for the Wilbur Cross Baseball Team and was selected captain in 1968, his senior year. After graduation he attended South Central Community College and was a member of their baseball team.

During the summers he coached the Post 47 American Legion baseball team from 1971-1983. Tony was very active in the New Haven area Little Leagues as well. He led his Dom Aitro Pony League team to the Eastern Regional's during the 1970's.

In 1975 he became a mentor for the Richard C. Lee High School baseball team under Coach Harry Noyes. In 1976-1980 he came over to Wilbur Cross High School under Coach Frank Morgillo and helped the pitchers with various strategies. The Wilbur Cross baseball team in 1979 won a Regional Championship and went to the Semi-Finals of the CIAC tournament. Danny Barnes had a state record for consecutive scoreless innings of 37 with Tony's guidance.

In addition, to all of his coaching he found the time to be Greater New Haven Umpire from 1970 until 1974. In addition, he umpired for many years in the New Haven Parochial Leagues.

The 1980's brought a new beginning for Tony, as he became a Board 10 Basketball Referee. He was a referee for different basketball leagues around the New Haven area until 1998.

Tony went back to his first love baseball where he became a scout for the St. Louis Cardinals from 1991-2000. Tony started umpiring the Orange Little League from 2001-2006. He wanted to teach the game of baseball to the younger generation so he started a summer clinic from 2000-2006. Tony was the owner of a baseball facility so the kids could learn during the winter months from the early 2000- 2003. The Annex Little League in 1995 named a coach's award after him because of his 35 years of service to the children New Haven.

He is the father of Anthony (Tammi Grove) Golino. Brother of Frances, Philip and Robert Golino and grandfather of Domenic and Donato Golino. He is also survived by aunts, uncles, a niece and nephews.



STEVE REILLY

After his baseball playing days ended after co- captaining the first team in Derby High School history to make the CIAC baseball tournament for first- year coach and Hall of Fame recipient Tom Fahy, and a two - season stint at Quinnipiac College for Bill Merrill and Hall of Fame recipient Dan Gooley, Steve Reilly embarked on a long and successful baseball coaching career. Since 1976, he has coached at multiple levels including Babe Ruth, Senior Babe Ruth, American Legion, Fall Baseball, grammar school and High School and has also been an instructor for the Cal Ripkin Foundation program at the Derby- Shelton Boys Club.

To date, “Coach Riles” continues to be one of the most prolific volunteer high school assistant coaches who has helped teams reach the pinnacle of success.

As an assistant coach for Derby High School Hall of Fame recipient John DeFrancisco, for long time head coach Bob Kelo and for current head coach Jeff Gilbert at Seymour High School, Reilly has helped three teams win a league championship, 12 teams make the quarter finals of the CIAC state tournament in classes L, M and S and 10 teams make the semi -finals. He has also coached and/or scouted for eight teams that made the finals of the CIAC state tournament, four of which won State Championships. In between assisting at Derby and Seymour High Schools he also was as an assistant coach for one year at Emmett O'Brien Regional Vocational Technical School where he helped their team make the CIAC state tournament after a 17 -year drought.

Reilly continues to be an assistant coach at Seymour High School. In addition to his coaching, Reilly has also been a longtime volunteer broadcaster and assistant broadcaster of Connecticut High School and American Legion baseball games. He has been an assistant broadcaster at CIAC State Championship games for CPTV and the NFHS network, and a broadcaster and assistant broadcaster for Sporting News CT. Com's broadcasts of Connecticut American Legion regular season, tournament, and state championship games as well for New England Regional tournament games and championships.

In 2011, he was the recipient of the Connecticut American Legion Baseball's Media Award for his work as a volunteer broadcaster. Reilly is a certified USA Baseball coach, holds a coaching certificate from the American Coaching Academy and holds a Coaching permit from the State of Connecticut Department of Education.

He is also a member of the American Baseball Coaches Association and a yearly attendee of the World Baseball Coaches Clinic.

A practicing lawyer since 1980, he is also an author of two baseball memoirs: “The Fat Lady Never Sings” a story about the Derby High School baseball team's remarkable state championship run in 1992 and “The Lord of the Infield Flies” a story about a baseball road trip written in memory of two deceased Derby High School players.

Steve has been married to former Derby High School girl 's softball captain and Quinnipiac College graduate Suzanne Reilly since 1979.



DAVE RYAN

DAVID A. RYAN, of Milford passed away peacefully on June 30, 2022, at Griffin Hospital surrounded by his family.

A graduate of The Hopkins School, Yale University, and Cornell University, he was extremely proud to have been a member of Yale's last undefeated, untied football team in 1960. Upon graduating from Cornell with a master's degree from the School of Industrial Labor Relations, David worked for Scovill Manufacturing as Vice President of Labor Relations. He then started and ran a successful management labor relations consulting business while serving as a member of the Connecticut State Board of Mediation and Arbitration for approximately fifty years as an arbitrator.

He was proud, and fortunate, to have been able to work until he passed. David was also a founding member and officer of the Woodbridge Father's Baseball League, the head American Legion baseball coach in Orange, CT for almost two decades, and an assistant football coach at Crosby High School in Waterbury, CT.

He is survived by his wife, Judith Ryan, as well as his five children and their spouses and children: David (Caroline, Victoria, David); Thomas (Linda (fiancé), Joe, Nicholas, Meghan, Jack); William (Cristina, Robert, Alexandra, William); Catherine (Mike, Ryan, Ellie); and Patricia (Mike). He also leaves behind Judith's four children, and their spouses and children: Karen (Bill, Lucy); Laurie (Jim, Greg, Owen); Amy; and Wendy (Eric, Abigail, Peter, Nate).

**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 GINETTI
- 2015** RALPH BERNARDINI (posthumously)
- 2016** ELMER DESCHAINE
- 2017** STAN KONESKY, JR.
- 2018** JOHN ADAMOVITCH
- 2019** LARRY DELEO
- 2021** FRANK MOHR



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 CANNAVAN
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

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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 FREDA
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

2016

MATT ALTIERI
DICK JEYNES
MIKE LAMBERTI
JOHN STUPER
ED SYLVIA

2017

RICH BALZANO
THOMAS "TINKER" BLAKE (posthumously)
CHUCK BURGHARDT
RAYMOND "RAY RAY" CIARLEGLIO
JOHN PECCERILLO
SAL PUNZO
HAMDEN HIGH SCHOOL TEAM OF 1977
AMERICAN LEGION TEAM OF 1972 -
(NORTH HAVEN POST 76)

2018

CHUCK COYLE
JOHN DEFRANCISCO]
ED DIPERSIO
GEORGE DUMMAR (posthumously)
BILL MROWKA
LOU VERDI
CHESHIRE HIGH SCHOOL TEAM OF 1992
CHESHIRE HIGH SCHOOL TEAM OF 1993

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

2019

FRED GEIER, JR.
HOWARD GURA
BOB KELSEY
TOM MARCUCCI
ED MCCARTHY
WALT NOVAK
MIKE PROTO

2021

JOCELYN CHANG
CHARLIE FLANAGAN
JIM GUERCIA (posthumously)
BOB MIRTO

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

2010 FRANK MENTONE
2011 EDWARD C "NED" BURT
2012 DAVE RUOTOLO
2013 SAL COPPOLA, SR.
2014 STEVE PACELLI
2015 ROSE V. MENTONE
2016 ROBERT "PAT" MAILHOUSE (posthumously)
2017 BILL RHONE
2018 MICHAEL "TEX" VOLPE
2019 JOHN MENDES, JR.
2021 RON ROSARBO



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*The Southern Connecticut Diamond Club Hall of Fame Honors
Those who have contributed to the game of Baseball in the
local Greater New Haven area.*

Congratulations to the 2022 Hall of Fame Recipients

**Donna Caldeira, Bob Cuozzo, George DeMaio, Tony Golino
(posthumously), Steve Reilly, Dave Ryan (posthumously)**

**Congratulations also to Dave Pittman for the Andrew Gassira
Memorial Umpire Award
and
Harry O'Neill for the Tony Mentone
Memorial Distinguished Service Award.**

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Dave Pittman

on receiving this year's
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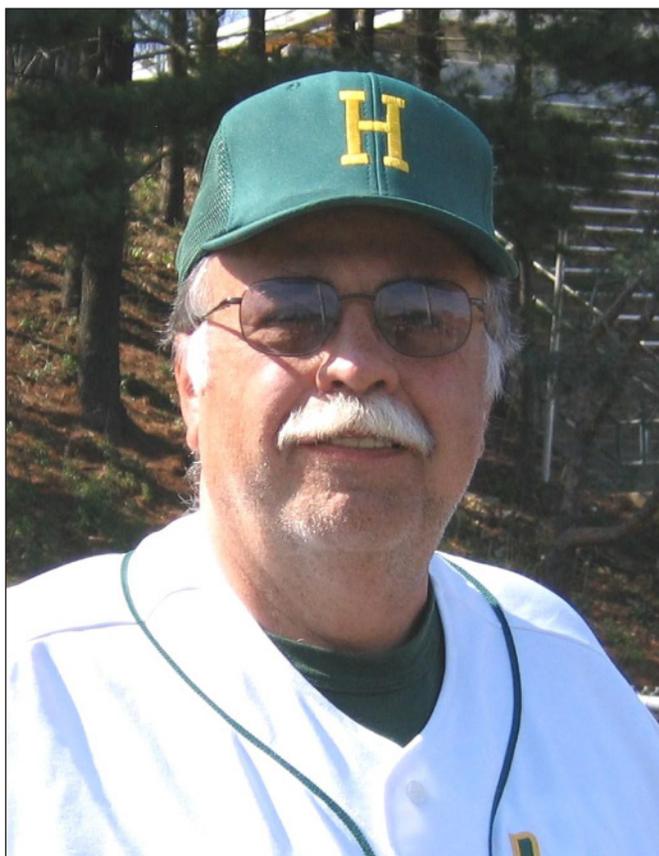
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Volunteer baseball coach for Hamden High School
Assistant district administrator for CT District 4 Little League
Former treasurer and rules interpreter for CT District 4 Little League
Member, Greater New Haven Umpires Association since 1963
Former president, GNHBUA
Sub-varsity assignor, GNHBUA
Former umpire-in-chief for Hamden Fathers' Baseball Assoc.
Member, National Babe Ruth Umpires Association
Former vice president of Greater New Haven Diamond Club
Recipient, Andrew Gassira Umpire of the Year Award

Congratulations, George DeMaio!
(aka Pop, Dad, Georgie, Pop Pop, Coach)



We're so proud you were selected to the
Southern Connecticut Diamond Club Hall of Fame!

**Congratulations to all of
the Hall of Fame inductees
from the
*WEST HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL
BASEBALL CLUB***

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BOB CUOZZO and TONY GOLINO

from

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

TONY NOTARINO
SCDC HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2013

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When someone says Baseball is boring, just smile. Baseball does not run through their veins. It's ok, not everyone understands the greatest game in the world. Not everyone understands the mental side of the game that makes a 3 hour game feel like a 1 hour game. The strategy, the sounds, the bonds, the memories, the patience needed...It's not for everyone but you better believe it's for this family!

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