

# The Hall of Fame Induction

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**October 6, 2021**

**6:30 p.m.**

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

## **MR. RON ROSARBO**

Ronnie, we would like to congratulate you on your induction into the 2021 Southern Connecticut Diamond Club Hall of Fame for the award of the Anthony 'Tony' Mentone Memorial Distinguished Service Award.

Ronnie, my brother, friend, you truly deserve this beautiful honor, along with all of your endeavors that you have coming. You truly deserve this award.

All of the good you have done for the children of New Haven, especially your coaching at Wilbur Cross, Annex Little League, and the Raiders.

This shows the loyalty, respect, honor and knowledge that this award becomes a hands-down choice.

May the Good Lord Bless you with the strength that makes you truly deserve this great honor. Ronnie, you're truly a great man and mentor to the youth of New Haven.

With all of our love and respect,  
We love you from the moon and back!

***Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lamberti and family***

# 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  
History of SCDC ..... Samuel A. Burrell Jr.  
Master of Ceremonies .....Ned Burt

## DINNER

### Induction of the ANDREW GASSIRA MEMORIAL UMPIRE AWARD

Presentation .....Ed Klinkhammer  
Acceptance ..... Frank Mohr

### Induction of TONY MENTONE MEMORIAL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Presentation ..... Sam Burrell, Mike Lamberti and Tony Notarino  
Acceptance .....Ron Rosarbo

Induction of JOCELYN RUOTOLO CHANG .....Rose Mentone  
Acceptance ..... Jocelyn Chang

Induction of CHARLIE FLANAGAN..... Dan Gooley  
Acceptance .....Charlie Flanagan

Induction of JIM GUERCIA.....Tom Marcucci  
Acceptance ..... Bobbie Guercia

Induction of BOB MIRTO.....Joe Mattei  
Acceptance.....Bob Mirto

Closing Remarks..... Rose V. Mentone

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

## COMMITTEE

Rich Altieri  
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# Andrew Gassira Memorial Umpire Award



**FRANK MOHR**

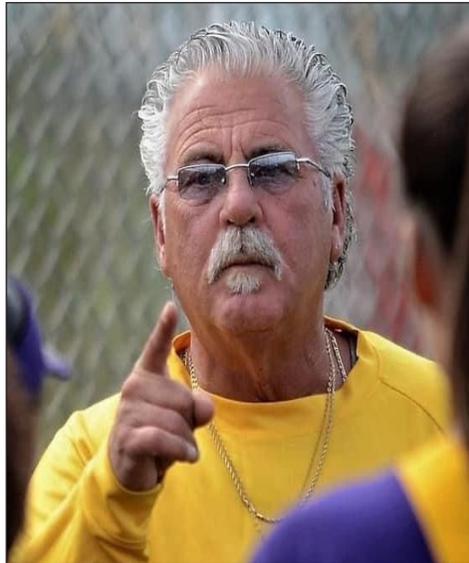
An original Diamond Club honoree on the 1980 College Team where he was an Academic All-American and two year captain at SCSU, Mohr continued to share his passion for the game in the coaching ranks at his alma mater as an assistant to Joe Bandiera ; player/manager of the short lived Independent Connecticut State League; assistant to Bob DeMayo at North Haven for a season and then Head Coach of Lyman Hall High School.

He turned his love for the game to the other side of the mask and joined the Greater New Haven Baseball Umpires Association ranks 20 years ago. Always learning and attempting to get better, Mohr took many of his lessons from mentors too many to mention. Many of them are previous Andy Gassira award winners. He's proud to say that he has learned from the best.

His umpire accomplishments include numerous scholastic league and five CIAC state championships along with three American Legion State Championship games.

Now retired after 40 years in education, Frank can also be found on the hardwood in the winter where he has achieved notoriety as a very accomplished NCAA Women's Basketball Official working over 30 NCAA DIII tournament games highlighted by two Final Four appearances (most recent a National Semifinal in 2017) and four elite eight games.

# Anthony “Tony” Mentone Distinguished Service Award



**RON ROSARBO**

Ron “Ronnie Roe” Rosarbo started his coaching career in 1993, coaching his daughter Florence who played with the Annex Little League. Since then, he has had the distinct honor of coaching numerous all-star teams and travel teams through that league. He has had an extensive career coaching travel ball and was associated with the East Shore Avalanche, CT Avalanche, Classic Commotion as well as coaching for Wilbur Cross, Sacred Heart Academy and Career High School.

Coach Rosarbo is currently President of the Connecticut Raiders Organization, a local AAU program. He was also the recipient of the 2011 Coach of the Year award Class M given by the Connecticut High School Coaches Association. Throughout the years, Ronnie has helped numerous girls get college scholarships so they could continue to further their dreams. He prides himself on making and maintaining relationships with the players and their families, taking what he knows to be successful from working with kids in the City of New Haven for 25 years. Ronnie is known for uniting kids who would otherwise not know each other, making sure that they have a strong foundation on and off the field. These relationships have withstood the test of time and he is in contact with girls and their families from his first team. Playing for Ronnie means you become an honorary member of the family. On and off the field, Ronnie Roe is also well known for his pep talks and life lessons. Taking a knee before and after the game, a swift hit on the helmet, all while getting the most valuable lesson of all, sportsmanship.

While every coach wants the win, Ronnie always puts sportsmanship first citing one of his favorite poems and lessons, The Charge of Light Brigade by Tennyson. These lessons are not only limited to the softball field. As a security guard for the City, he spent time at many sporting events and the teams would wait for one of his talks. It became a tradition. Most recently a former basketball player stopped his daughter and said, “After losing the championship game we were so down but Ronnie Roe swooped in and made us feel like we won the game rather than lost.”

Ron is married to Cindy Campano Rosarbo. They have one daughter, Florence Constantinople, Son-in-law Paul Constantinople Jr. and grandson Paul Constantinople III. His siblings are Carmela (Joseph) Savo, Vincent (Tina) Rosarbo III, Joseph (Gina) Rosarbo and Louise (Jeff) Dinsmore.



## **JOCELYN RUOTOLO CHANG**

Jocelyn Ruotolo Chang was involved with Little League for as long as she can remember, as she grew up on the softball fields. Growing up she was part of a very strong Little League family. Her father, David Ruotolo, was District Administrator for Connecticut District 4 baseball and softball. Jocelyn shared the same love of the sport with her father, and played her entire life.

She graduated from West Haven High School in 2000, where she also played softball. After high school, Jocelyn went on to Southern Connecticut State University to play softball. Jocelyn graduated from SCSU in 2004, and moved on to start her own business.

Once done playing herself, Jocelyn turned her love of the game as a player into a coach. Her first coaching position was at Bethany Middle School in 2006. Gaining experience, the next coaching opportunity came at Amity High School for three seasons as the Freshman Coach. In 2009, she was hired as assistant coach at Career High School. The following year she was fortunate enough to get the Head Coaching position at Sheehan High school. After eight seasons she stepped down due to her family and business demands.

In addition to Jocelyn's professional coaching, she volunteered as a Little League and Travel Softball coach for many years. Jocelyn also worked part time at USA Elite as a pitching, hitting and catching coach, Jocelyn's greatest coaching accomplishment would be from the 2012, when her team advanced to the Junior Little League World Series in Kirkland Washington. It was truly her proudest moment, and a once in a lifetime event that she got to share with her best friend, mentor and father – who shared her same love for the sport.

In March 2013 Jocelyn's love for the sport morphed after her father passed away. Her father was her best friend and mentor. At the time of his death, David Ruotolo was still the District Administrator for CT District 4. Jocelyn was elected in April of 2013 to take on the role that her father served and stepped into his shoes as the CT District 4 Administrator for six years.

Stepping into this role, made her have a new appreciation for the sport, and her father. While Jocelyn served as the DA she was responsible for running the Junior League Eastern Regional. This tournament is made up entirely of Volunteers and without her great staff there would be no way to pull it off. These tournaments are also fond memories of the time she got to spend with not only her father, our entire family, and his friends – who have all become extended family.

In 2019 Jocelyn made the extremely difficult decision to step down as District Administrator to focus more on her business and family. Jocelyn credits her involvement with Little League for making her the person she is today. Jocelyn is the daughter of David and Rita (Kathy) Ruotolo, and sister to Stephanie Suraci, of Weston, FL and Jennifer VanBrederode, of West Haven, CT. Jocelyn's love of her life is her twelve year old son Sebastian Chang, who is her world.



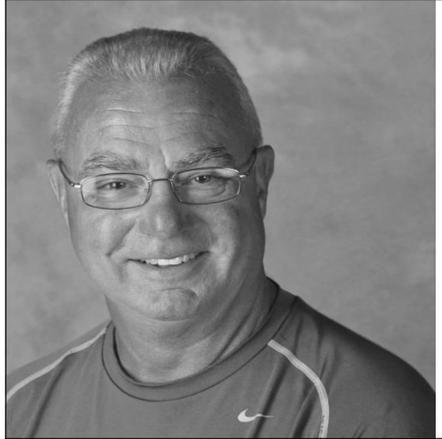
**CHARLIE FLANAGAN**

Charlie Flanagan has a long history of volunteerism in local baseball, including five years as a head and assistant coach in Hamden Fathers Baseball, and six years as head basketball coach for Hamden YMCA. He also spent six years as the director of the CT Seadogs AAU Baseball and head coach.

Charlie was also active in American Legion baseball, serving two years as assistant coach for Orange American Legion, and 21 years as head coach of North Haven Post 76 American Legion Baseball and five years as its general manager and current coach. During his tenure, he established two scholarships for eligible high school seniors on North Haven Post 76 Baseball, give out \$2,500 annually to defray college costs; and set up an insurance program last year that enabled the American Legion players throughout the state to play.

For his volunteer efforts Flanagan received the Gold Ring from the Boys and Girls Club and was inducted into the State of CT American Legion Hall of Fame. Over the years he has sponsored numerous youth teams in Hamden and North Haven and is a six-year sponsor and contributor to the West Haven Twilight League.

Flanagan is the owner of a local insurance agency for 30 years and is married to Katherine Kennedy. They have four children, aged 38, 36, 32, and 30.



### **JIM GUERCIA (posthumously)**

James A. Guercia, 74 of Clinton/Killingworth died peacefully on June 22, 2020. He was born February 1, 1946, in New Haven.

Jimmy graduated from Wilbur Cross High School in 1964 where he was a student-athlete and leader in his class. Some of his high school achievements include all-state honors, football and baseball, and the Gridiron Award. Jimmy's accolades continued into his college career at Southern Connecticut State University where he helped lead The Owls to the NCAA Atlantic Coast Championship at Yankee Stadium and orchestrating one of the most iconic plays in Southern Connecticut State University's football history with a kickoff return for a touchdown in the final minute in a win over nationally ranked Hofstra. .

After graduating college, he began a 45-year dedicated career at Notre Dame High School of West Haven as a physical education teacher, football, baseball, and track and field coach. His passion for teaching and coaching left an everlasting impression on decades of students, athletes, and peers. He was inducted into The Halls of Fame for Wilbur Cross High School, Southern Connecticut State University, and Notre Dame High School. Many other organizations have honored him for his dedication and accomplishments during his lifetime, including the New Haven Gridiron Club and the West Haven Twilight League. Jimmy was never someone to share the accolades he achieved. He was a humble, kind, generous, and compassionate man who lived to see others succeed. The friendships he held close remained for decades and were truly cherished. His love and dedication to his family was a quality he wore with pride.

He was devoted and happily married to his love and best friend, Barbara Fox (Torre) Guercia. Jimmy's most proud accomplishments were in raising his children, both biological and extended. In his heart there was no difference. Throughout the years he took them fishing and camping, taught them his secrets of cooking and gardening, played the guitar, listened to music, and attended countless extra-curricular activities. His grandchildren were the apple of his eye as he carried on some of those very same traditions with them. Survived by, in addition to his wife, brother Thomas Guercia and wife Betty, sister Sondra Beavis, daughter Alison Guercia-Smith and significant other Scott Wilkinson, daughter Heather Klein-Albert and husband Peter, son Jason Guercia and significant other Cindy Pinaud-Argersinger, son Derek Torre and wife Jessica Destefano-Torre, son Sean Torre, son Jarret Guercia and wife Sarah Hovick-Guercia, and grandchildren, Cooper and Abigail Smith, Samantha and Collin Albert, Shelby Argersinger, Ben and PJ Torre, and Ryder and Zeppelin Guercia.

*Parts of this biography appeared in an article written by James Fuller for "Gametime" in the New Haven Register on June 25, 2020 by Hearst Media of Connecticut.*



**BOB MIRTO**

Mirto started coaching in Orange Little League in 1992 and in 1996 started coaching in the Post 127 American Legion Baseball Program. He has been a Coach and Manager of the Legion Program in Orange since 1996. During that time, they have won one Zone 2 Title; played for the State Title once and have made the State Legion Tournament almost every year.

During his years of coaching, he used a method of coaching that enhanced not only the physical playing abilities of his players but also their character, academic prowess and, above all, their respect for the wonderful game of baseball. Mirto has stressed that they should play the game as if they were being watched and evaluated every moment they are on the field or in the dugout.

In addition, he has become involved in the college recruiting process and have helped many of players find a college spot.

Mirto has had 11 players drafted by Major League Baseball Teams since he started coaching and one of his former players is now a Coach with a Major League Baseball Team and another is an Assistant College Baseball Coach.

Baseball has been and will continue to be a large part of my life. The game is wonderful and the comradery of a close-knit baseball team is a treasure.

Mirto has been married to his wife Denise for 41 years They share a son together, Nicholas Mirto who is an assistant coach in the program and will continue that even after his dad's retirement. Mirto also has a daughter from a previous marriage, Lisa Mirto, who is a phlebotomist. Denise also has a son from a previous marriage, Jesse Irwin who lives in Chicago. They also have two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**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



## 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

## 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 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

**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.



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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 2021 Hall of Fame Recipients**

**Jocelyn Chang, Charlie Flanagan, Jim Guercia (posthumously),  
Bob Mirto**

**Congratulations also to Frank Mohr for the Andrew Gassira  
Memorial Umpire Award**

**and**

**Ron Rosarbo for the Tony Mentone  
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Jos –

You spent so much of your life looking up to us – now it's us that get to look up to you

Congratulations – what an honor! You were always Daddy's favorite "little buddy", his "special-one". In a way he groomed you to be just like him – and look kid, you made it, haha !

Be proud of yourself, he would be – and more importantly the rest of us are!

You are an amazing role model for your son and have always done right by him – no matter what. For the little sister, you've made it, so we have really big shoes to fill now – thanks for making that seem impossible!

Love Steph and Jen

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and our brother

**FRANK MOHR**



**Greater New Haven Baseball  
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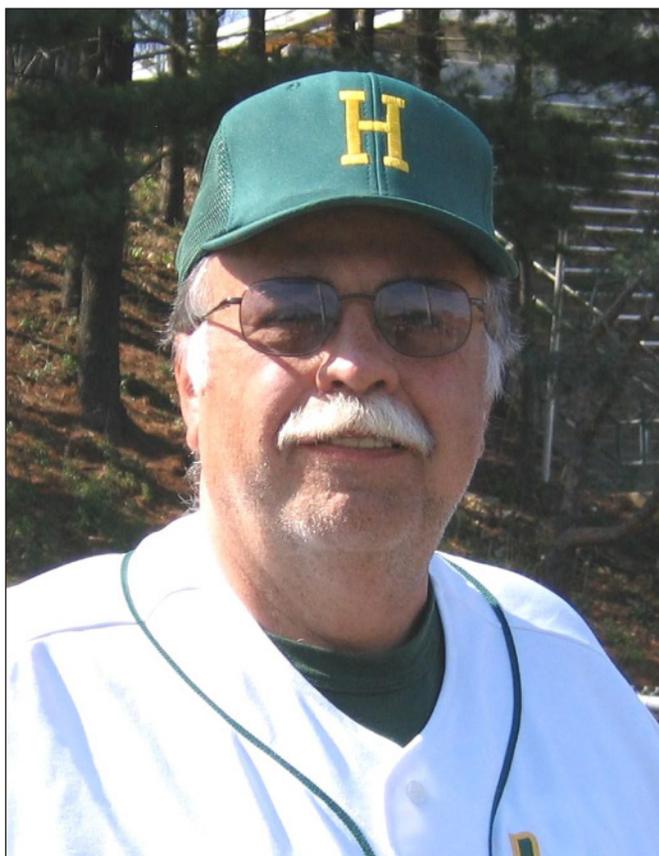
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ANTHONY F. MENTONE



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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

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**Congratulations Pop Pop!**

**I am so proud of you and all that you do as a coach and mentor.**

**You are my best friend and I love you very much.**

**I know you are my biggest fan but, in all reality, I am your  
biggest fan!**

**Love, Paul, III**





We are  
so  
proud  
of you,  
Grandpa!

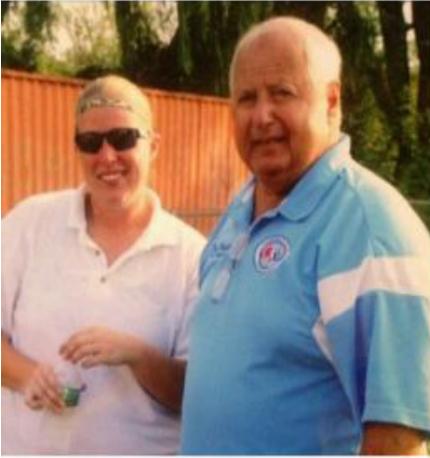


Love,  
Carter & Piper



Dear Uncle Ronnie,  
We are so fortunate  
to have you in our  
lives.  
You have always  
been there for  
everyone.  
Congratulations!  
Love Always,  
Dominic and Vincent





Jocelyn,

We are so proud of all your hard work, and dedication – not only to the sport; but to all the many girls that you have coached and passed on your love of the game.

You did it – you followed in Daddy's footsteps, and he would have been so proud of you. You are his legacy, and I know he is smiling that big grin of his up in heaven tonight as you are recognized for all your dedication to the sport you both loved.



Success is not measured by money. It is truly measure by hard work, discipline and will to win. You have proved that time and time again. Congratulations on your recognition

– love Mom & Sebastian

## **Congratulations Ronnie Roe!**

**It is a privilege to watch you receive the Tony Mentone Memorial Distinguished Service Award recognizing your 25 plus years of dedication and service.**

**We've watched you from the sidelines be a mentor, role model and teacher for all of the kids you work with.**

**Your pep talks are legendary, teaching about perseverance and sportsmanship. These lessons are invaluable and spread far beyond the diamond, locker room and school hallways.**

**You have been a mentor to all of the kids you work with and you have helped to mold some of the best young people.**

**When we step back and reflect on all of the lives you have touched over the course of your career, it is remarkable!**

**We feel blessed to have you as our "coach" in life. We love you, Cindy, Florence, Paul Jr. and Paul, III**



**Good luck and God Bless  
our loyal friend**

***Mr. Ron Rosarbo***

**on your great achievement  
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**Ronnie**

**We are all so very proud of this accomplishment!**

**You have always been a leader and “coach” to all of us. We love you!**

**Carmela, Vince,  
Joseph and Louise**



**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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The Connecticut Raiders organization would like to congratulate its founder, Ronnie Rosarbo, on being honored with the Tony Mentone Memorial Distinguished Service Award. Ronnie, you have been a force of nature in the Connecticut softball world for over 30 years and have made a difference in so many lives, both in and out of softball. We love you! Stay strong!

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

**#ronnieroestrong**