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Monday, September 8
at
Proctor's Theatre
Schenectady

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Guest Speaker

Jim Barbieri
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- Captain of the 1954 Schenectady Little League World Championship team
- Standout baseball player at Linton High School
- Played in the 1966 World Series with the L.A. Dodgers
- Member of the Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

Bill Eddy 1998
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1954 Schenectady Little League
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The purpose of the Athletic Hall of Fame is to honor those individuals who have made significant contributions to the history and tradition of sports in the Schenectady City School District.

**The 11th Annual
Schenectady
City School District**

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**Athletic
Hall of Fame &
Reunion Dinner**

Monday, September 8, 2008
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2008 Inductees

Peter Famiano
Joe Loudis
John Grabowski

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2008 Inductees

Peter Famiano

Linton High School, Class of 1962

- Won the Times Union Hearst golf championship for juniors in 1960
- Finished eighth in the Hearst National Junior Tournament at Riviera CC in California
- Played golf at Linton HS for Walt Przybylo
- 1960 Linton golf team finished undefeated, winning Section II title and the N.Y.S. championship
- Captain of the 1961 Linton golf team
- 1961 Linton golf team won the Sectional title (he finished second in the individual competition)
- Won the N.Y.S. Junior championship in 1961
- Member of the University of Houston golf team (1962–1966)
- Played on the South African PGA Tour during winter months (1971–1988)
- Won the New Jersey PGA Bill Strausbaugh/Club Relations and Employment Award four times
- NJPGA Senior Player of the Year (1994, 1995 and 2002)
- NJPGA Golf Pro of the Year (1988 & 1995)
- Won the 1994 and 1995 New Jersey State Golf Association Senior Open
- Won the 1998 NJPGA Section Pro championship
- 2001 NJPGA Merchandiser of the Year
- Won the 2002 NJPGA Senior championship
- Won the 2002 Metropolitan Senior Open (holds tournament record)
- Montclair State University golf coach (1979-1999)
- Took 5 individuals & 1 team to the NCAA Division III Golf Championship (1st team to ever represent Montclair State in the NCAA Championship)
- Coached four All-Americans
- Montclair State Golf Director (2000-2003)
- NJPGA President (1994–1996)
- Played in 2 U.S. Senior Opens and 2 Senior PGA Championships
- Voted by peers and rated by *Golf Digest*: second best teacher in NJ (2000)
- Head golf pro at Crestmont CC (1973-2004)
- Shares Crestmont CC course record, 65, with Cary Middlecoff
- Became golf director at Crestmont CC in 2005
- Inducted into the N.J. PGA Hall of Fame in 2004
- Northern NJ Chapter National Multiple Sclerosis Society “Supporter of the Decade” (1986)
- Instrumental in starting the NJ State Golf Association “Hook a Kid on Golf” Caddie Scholarship program

- Active in the Metropolitan Golf Assoc. Foundation’s “Golfworks” program, which offers employment to financially disadvantaged & minority children
- Nominated for the Metropolitan Golf Association’s Distinguished Service Award (2007)
- Has played, coached, administered & promoted golf
- Many pros consider him to be the “consummate golf professional”

Joe Loudis

Mont Pleasant High School, Class of 1960

- Member of the 1953 Sch’dy Little League All-Star team (runner-up in the Little League World Series)
- Member of the 1954 Sch’dy Little League World Championship team (lead off hitter; played 2nd base)
- Played against Boog Powell & Ken Hubbs in LLWS
- City of Sch’dy Junior Tennis champion (1954-1957)
- Ran a 4:27 mile while a student at Central Park Junior High School (1956)
- Avg. 35 ppg, leading 1956–57 Sch’dy Jewish Community Center 9th grade basketball team to a perfect 35-0 season (Barry Kramer was a teammate)
- Scored a record 80 points in a Jewish CC intramural basketball game during the 1956-57 season
- Lettered in baseball, basketball, cross-country and tennis at Mont Pleasant
- Played in the Sch’dy Twilight Baseball League
- Played #1 on Mont Pleasant’s undefeated tennis team in 1958
- Second baseman, shortstop and pitcher on Mont Pleasant’s undefeated baseball team in 1960
- Attended Marshall University on basketball scholarship
- Transferred to Albany State and played basketball for “Doc” Sauers (1962-1964)
- Played in the Country Inn & Sportsman’s Park fast pitch softball leagues
- Taught business at Cohoes High School for 35 years
- Coached varsity baseball at Cohoes HS (1966-1971)
- Coached varsity basketball at Cohoes HS (1967-1988)
- His Cohoes basketball teams won 7 Colonial Council championships & a Class B Sectional championship
- Overall basketball record at Cohoes was 293-145
- While at Cohoes he was selected “Coach of the Year” four times by the *Troy Record*
- Selected as “Coach of the Year” by WRGB in 1974
- Coached varsity basketball at Mechanicville High School (1993–1996 & 2001–present)
- His Mechanicville teams won 3 Class “CC” Sec. II titles, 3 Class “C-CC” playoffs & 3 Class C Regional titles
- Reached the semi-finals of the NYSPHSAA Basketball Tournament in 1995
- *Saratogian* “Coach of the Year” in 1995

- His Mechanicville team finished second in the 1996 NYSPHSAA Basketball Tournament
- His team gave up just 29 points per game in Sectional and Regional games in 1996
- Selected as 1996 “Coach of the Year” by the *T.U. Gazette*, *Saratogian*, *Troy Record* & *WNYT*
- His 2008 Mechanicville team finished 2nd in the NYSPHSAA Basketball Tournament
- Selected as 2008 “Coach of the Year” by the *Troy Record*, *TU*, *Saratogian* & *WTEN*
- Has won 422 high school basketball games (Most wins for any active boys’ basketball coach in Sec. II)
- Has coached in 5 different decades
- 2008 inductee into N.Y.S. Basketball Hall of Fame
- Channel 13 basketball scout for Bob McNamara

John Grabowski *

Schenectady High School, Class of 1918

- Started his professional baseball career with Minneapolis of the American Association in 1920.
- Played Major League Baseball with the Chicago White Sox for 3 seasons (1924-1926)
- Played with the N.Y. Yankees from 1927–1929
- Opening day catcher for the Yankees in 1927
- He had 4 hits in a 12-11, eleven inning victory over the White Sox on June 8, 1927
- The 1927 Yankees finished with a 110-44 record, winning the American League by 19 games & sweeping the Pirates (4-0) in the World Series
- Caught and batted .277 on the 1927 Yankees
- Had a .350 on base percentage in 1927
- He started Game 3 of the 1927 World Series, catching 7 perfect innings from Herb Pennock
- 1927 Yankees featured Babe Ruth & Lou Gehrig - Many consider them the greatest team in baseball history
- The 1928 Yankees finished with a 101-53 record, won the American League pennant & swept the Cardinals in 4 games in the World Series
- He was well-liked by his Murderers’ Row teammates
- He was the first Yankee to wear #8
- Also played with the Detroit Tigers in 1931
- Batted .252 in 7 Major League seasons
- Considered to be a fine defensive catcher
- Had a fifteen year pro baseball career
- Became an umpire following pro baseball career
- Umpired in International, Canadian-American & Eastern Leagues

* Will be inducted posthumously