

PLEASE JOIN US

Monday, September 10
at
Proctors
Schenectady

TICKETS are \$50
For Tickets and Information
Please Call
Bob Pezzano
(518) 346-9297
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(518) 668-5332

Guest Speaker
Howie Lorch

Second team All-County football player
on Linton's outstanding 1961 football
team (no Sec. II team scored vs. Linton)

Manager of basketball teams that
included All-Americans Barry Kramer
(Linton), Pat Riley (Linton), Elvin Hayes
(U. of Houston) & Don Chaney (U. of
Houston)

Inducted into the U. of Houston
Athletic Hall of Fame with the 1968
basketball team (ranked #1 at the
end of the regular season)

Inducted into the Financial Advisors
Hall of Fame in 2007

2011 inductee into the SCSD Hall of
Fame (for notable post graduate
careers/commitment to community)

Initiated the Howard Lorch Seminar
Series at Schenectady HS

Athletic Hall of Fame Members

Bill Eddy 1998
Sig Makofski 1998
Larry Mulvaney 1998
Walt Przybylo 1998
Ray Vacca 1998
Barry Kramer 1999
Bill Leonard 1999
Tony Parisi 1999
Pete Shulha 1999
Ed Catino 2000
Bill Rapavy 2000
Pat Riley 2000
Tommy Brennan 2001
Billy Connors 2001
Mack Suprunowicz 2001
Dom Denio 2002
Al DeSantis 2002
Norm Kitching 2002
Steve Szumachowski 2002
Jim Barbieri 2003
Bill Kirvin 2003
Dick Suprunowicz 2003
Walt Suprunowicz 2003
Mike Maietta 2004
1954 Schenectady Little League
World Series Champions 2004
Bob Czub 2005
Joe DeMeo 2005
Marty Servo 2005
Don Blaha 2006
Abe Feldman 2006
Shirley Muldowney 2006
Sidney Edwards 2007
Bill Manikas 2007
Ron Oyer 2007
Peter Famiano 2008
John Grabowski 2008
Joe Loudis 2008
Dick Bennett 2009
Mike Meola 2009
Warren Crow 2010
Ray Trail 2010
Armand Farina 2011
Rhonda Phillips Scott 2011

The **15th** Annual
Schenectady
City School District

Athletic Hall of Fame & Reunion Dinner

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2012 Inductees

Joe Donato

Lou Jordan

Severino Popolizio

2012 Inductees

Joe Donato*

- Attended Mont Pleasant HS
- Enlisted in the Navy during World War II
- Leader in the bowling industry as a bowler, mentor, league organizer, tournament director & proprietor
- Selected 53rd on *The Gazette's* 1994 list of top 100 Capital Region sports figures of the previous 100 years (top bowler & only male bowler on list)
- Mont Pleasant Athletic Club Athlete of the Year in 1959 (first bowler selected)
- Charter member Professional Bowlers Assn
- Bowled several 300 games in PBA events
- Two 4th place finishes in PBA Tourneys - 1959 Empire State Open & 1962 Chicago PBA Open
- Set world records for four game match (1956) & six game match (1961)
- Selected as a Top Ten Bowler in U.S. (1961)
- Member of National Bowling League (1962)
- One of the top 24 bowlers in the PBA (1962)
- Made several appearances on ABC's *Make that Spare*; 1st bowler to make all five spares (4/28/62); made 9 consecutive spares to win \$4,200
- First NYS Bowler to be signed to the AMF Advisory Staff of Champions
- Conducted clinics & exhibitions throughout the U.S. with Dick Weber & Carmen Salvino
- Member of the Sch'dy Bowling Association Hall of Fame (first class)
- Appeared over 50 times on *TV Tournament Time* (a popular bowling show); first to bowl a 300 game on the show (4/10/60)
- Originated & hosted the annual Elmer Ciccone Memorial Pro-Am, inviting 14 top touring PBA members each year
- Creator of the "Great, Greater, Greatest Tournament" that benefited local charities
- Formed the Capital District All-Star & Schenectady Major Leagues
- Proprietor of Donato's Sportsman's Bowl (40 yrs.); managed Turnpike Lanes (Town & Country); Mont Pleasant Lanes, Scotia Lanes & Holiday Bowl in Santa Anna, CA

* inducted posthumously

Lou Jordan

- Played basketball at Mont Pleasant HS for SCSD Athletic Hall of Famer Ray Vacca
- Held the MP single game, season & career scoring records when he graduated in 1955
- Averaged 25.6 ppg as a senior (27.4 in the Class "A" League)
- Scored 34, 35, 33 & 33 points in consecutive games as a senior
- Sch'dy County Scholastic Basketball Player of Year (1955)
- Played 3 years of baseball at MP (pitcher)
- Invited to & participated in NY Yankees' workout at Yankee Stadium (1955)
- Attended Cornell where he led the basketball team in scoring all 3 of his varsity seasons (16.8, 17.7 & 19.2 ppg)
- First team All-Ivy League selection as junior
- Second team All-Ivy League selection as senior; Honorable Mention as a sophomore
- Honorable Mention NABC All District Team 1958
- Won the Ivy League scoring title as a senior (Dartmouth's Rudy LaRusso, future NBA All-Star, finished 2nd)
- Set Cornell game records for free throws made & attempted
- Set season & career records for free throws made (still holds career record)
- Team captain as a senior
- During collegiate career, he scored 20 or more points in 26 games
- Scored 37 points vs. Penn in 1957 (at the time, 2nd best in Cornell history)
- Graduated from Cornell as the second leading career scorer; fifth in career assists
- Member of the Cornell Athletic Hall of Fame
- Selected by the Detroit Pistons with the 42nd pick of the 1959 NBA Draft
- Attended Cornell Medical College rather than accept the offer to play pro basketball
- Became orthopedic surgeon
- During 34-yr career was recognized nationally & internationally as a teacher & expert on total hip & total knee replacements, writing multiple papers, giving lectures related to total joint replacement & demonstrating total knee surgical techniques in many European & Asian countries

Severino Popolizio

- Graduated from Linton HS in 1973
- Lettered in three sports at Linton (football, wrestling & track)
- Star running back for the Blue Devils
- Won nearly 95% of his matches during 4-year varsity wrestling career
- Two-time Section II wrestling champ (1972 & '73)
- Undefeated vs. Section II wrestling competition as a junior & senior
- Won the prestigious DeMeo Award (outstanding wrestler in Section II)
- Lost a 5-4 decision in the semifinals of the NYS Wrestling Tournament in 1972
- New York State runner-up at 132 lbs. in 1973
- Four-year letterman in wrestling at Boston Univ.
- Compiled a 68-4-2 dual meet record at BU
- Undefeated in dual meets (18-0) as sophomore
- Co-captain of the BU wrestling team as a junior; experienced only two takedowns all season & led BU in takedowns, points & wins
- Captain of the BU wrestling team as a senior
- Won 4 Greater Boston titles, 3 Yankee Conference championships & 2 New England titles
- Three-time NCAA qualifier; an overtime loss as a freshman kept him from competing in the NCAA Tournament that year
- Advanced to the NCAA Division I Wrestling Tournament quarterfinals as a junior
- Recipient of the E. Ray Speare Award (honoring the top male student-athlete at BU)
- Inducted into the BU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1985 (first wrestler)
- Inducted into the Section II Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2008

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