

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

1981

Ed Nicholas (Albany) – Perennial All-Star Pitcher of his time. Played and managed for over twenty years. Led very popular New York Centrals to League titles in 1943 and 1947. Former Head Coach of Basketball, Football and Baseball at St. John's of Rensselaer.

Chet Wisniewski (Westmere) – Fleet-smooth-fielding 2nd Baseman was selected All-Star each year during 1930's. Led League several times in runs scored. Played on 3 League Champions.

Irv Heald (Valatie) – Winningest Pitcher of 1930's. Selected Pitcher of Year in 1932 (10-2) and 1936 (11-1). Won a League record 13 games in 1935 and played on 3 League Champions.

John W. "Pop" Spencer (Schenectady) – Co-Founder, Manager Trainer and Road Secretary of the Albany Black Sox. Led team to League titles in 1937 and 38. Played in very first game at Bleecker Stadium. Winner of 1936 Johnny Evers trophy.

Chuck Yanni (Watervliet) – Greatest hitter in League history. Led league four times in batting and HR. Holds highest batting average in league history – .495 in 1941. Player-Manager of Roxys for 15 years and won 5 League Championships in 1950's. Selected to All-Star team every year, and managed 7 All-Star teams. Hit longest home run in League history, hitting football bleachers in center field on the fly.

Henry J. "Hennie" Haack (Albany) – One of the greatest all around performers in League history. Perennial All-Star Shortstop of 1930's. Won 3 MVP awards in four years 1933-35-36. Player-Manager of Graves & Rodgers of 1940's who won four League titles. Selected MVP in 1949 at age 42.

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Joe Thomas Lloyd DeMaranville Jack Joyce Art Mitchell
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Edsall Walker (1st Baseman, Pitcher, OF, 1935-36, 1945-51) – One of the league's greatest all around performers. Perennial All-Star selection in forties and early fifties. Played for ten seasons in the Negro National League and managed the Albany Black Sox in 1946. Hit one of the longest homers in the history of Bleecker Stadium.

Bernie Aviza (Catcher, 1935-1948) – One of the most popular players in league history. Perennial All-Star catcher who led New York Central's to pennants in 1943 and 1947. Batting champion in 1943 and 1945. Early pioneer of Youth Baseball at Bleecker Stadium.

Fred Pidgeon (1st Baseman - Manager, 1969-1980) – One of the League's greatest sluggers. Led league hitters in 1972, 1974, 1975 and 1979. Managed Sons of Italy in 1976, 1978-80 and selected League's MVP in 1970, 1973 and 1979.

Chris Hermedes (1st Baseman - Manager, 1956-1976) – Served over twenty years as player, manager and Publicity Director. Selected League's MVP in 1960 and led league hitters in 1964 with an average of .469. Managed Mike's Subs to league pennants in 1962, 1963 and 1965. Former editor of Albany Twilight League Yearbook.

Joe Thomas (President - Secretary, 1937-43, 1948-52) Guided league during one its greatest eras, 1937-43 and 1946-52. Wrote very popular Twilight League Chatter Column for the Times Union, and served for 35 years as a professional scout. Elected Chairman of League's Board of Commissioners in 1980.

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JOHN DIECKLEMAN (1st Baseman) One of the league's premiere long ball hitters... All-Star 1st baseman of the 1940's' Led Graves and Rodgers to four pennants and won batting title in 1944 with an average of .462.

TOM KANE (Manager-Pitcher) Managed McEnaney Oilers to three league titles and played on five championship clubs. Served for 24 years as professional scout for Yankees and Expos.

JOE THOLL (President) Considered greatest administrator in league history. Co-founder of league and its longest tenured President serving from 1932 to 1947.

BOB WEAVER (Catcher-Manager) One of the league's greatest hitters and most popular players. Holds ten year average of .412 and won 1967 batting title with an average of .469. Selected MVP in 1970.

ART MITCHELL (Manager-Coach-Commissioner) Has participated in league since 1938. Played with pennant winning Albany Black Sox and for parts of five decades has served as manager, coach and player. Member of the league's Board of Commissioners.

LLOYD DeMARANVILLE SR. (President-Manager) Managed popular Albany Packing Co. to league titles in 1939 and 1940. Served as league secretary for two years and was elected league president in 1953 serving thru 1957. Member of league's Board of Commissioners.

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BOB HAITH (Pitcher - 1st Baseman - Manager) Played and managed from 1944-50 and 1954-75. Perennial All-Star selection as a player and elected MVP in 1957. Member of the League's Board of Commissioners.

GARY WALCOTT (Pitcher) Premiere pitcher of the 1970's who led Sons of Italy to four league titles. Named Pitcher of the Year a record 5 times in 1971-73-74-76 and 78. Currently Ass't Coach at Siena College.

JOE LANAHAN (Pitcher - Manager - Treasurer) One of the 30's outstanding pitchers, who played in the very first twilight game in 1931. Selected MVP in 1934. and served as league Treasurer for 25 years.

CURT HAYNER (Manager - 1st Baseman) Participated in league for a period spanning four decades. Managed Troy based teams from 1958 to 1978 and guided Haymakers to 1961 title. All Star selection as a player and member of the league's Board of Commissioners since 1978.

IZZY TABACHNECK (Sponsor - Promoter) Sponsored teams in league spanning four decades. First to introduce player insurance and first to promote night ball at Bleecker Stadium. Credited with promotional activities which drew largest crowds in league history.

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ANDY SEHNERT (President) Second longest tenured president in league history. Instrumental in obtaining lights for baseball at Bleecker Stadium.

JAMES "LEFTY" HILL (Pitcher) One of the league's greatest southpaws. Led Albany Black Sox to league titles in 1937 and 1938. Selected All-Star each year and played in the Negro National League.

SAMMY TORK (Shortstop - 3rd Baseman) Perennial All-Star infielder from 1932 to 1941 and 1946-47. Played for Sons of Italy, Schuylers, NY Centrals and championship DuRite Clubs of 1935 and 1936.

HARRY "HAPPY" ROURK (Pitcher) One of the leading pitchers of the 1930s. Played on four teams and pitched Albany Packing to league titles in 1939 and 1940.

JERRY CARINCI (Pitcher - OF) Perennial All-Star who played over twenty years 1936-57. Outstanding player on four different pennant winning clubs.

KEN RINGLER (Pitcher) Played from 1938-42 and 1946-55. Selected pitcher of the year in 1942 with an 8-1 record. Chosen MVP in 1951 while leading Roxys to their first league title.

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STEVE "RED" TRAMBACK (Outfielder) Perennial All-Star in the 1940's. Played in the Major Leagues with the New York Giants. Batted .444 in 1946 for the Sabourins.

LLOYD DeMARANVILLE, JR. (Pitcher-Mgr.) One of the leading pitchers of the 1950's. Selected Pitcher-of-the-Year in 1956 (7-2) and 1959 (7-0) while leading Roxy's to League titles. Managed Beverwyck's to 1960 League title.

JACK JOYCE (President-Commissioner) Served for two decades. Third longest tenured President serving from 1975 to 1980. Initiated playoff system and reinstated Old Timers and All-Star games. Member and Co-Chairman of League's Board of Commissioners.

TONY ROSSI (Manager - 3rd Baseman) Three time Manager of Championship teams in 1971, 1973 and 1974. Perennial All-Star 3rd Baseman who played 18 years from 1961 to 1978. Selected League MVP in 1974.

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BEN BOND (League Secretary) Longest tenured Secretary in League history. Served 22 years from 1955 to 1976 as announcer, statistician and reporter. Instrumental in obtaining lights for Blecker Stadium and introduced play-off system in the 1970's.

JOHN STOKOE (Pitcher, Outfielder, Manager) All-Star Pitcher and Outfielder in mid-fifties and 1962 thru 1968. Selected MVP in 1962 and managed Finkle's Jewelers to three League titles in 1960's. Appointed East Coast Supervisor of Scouting for the Baltimore Orioles in 1980.

MIKE O'BRIEN (Infielder, Manager) All-Star Infielder as shortstop and 3rd Baseman from 1957 to 1975. Selected MVP in 1963 and managed the 1967 Neba's and 1970 Schaeffer Brewers to League titles. Coached on pennant winning Oppenheim Post teams of 1983 and 1984.

BILLY HARRELL (Infielder) One of the greatest of modern day athletes from the Capital District Area. Perennial All-Star infielder in the Twilight League during late 40's thru 1951. Entered professional ball in 1952 and was selected MVP in the Eastern League in 1953 and the American Association in 1956. Played in Major Leagues with Cleveland and Boston from 1957-61.

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AL ROTONDARO (Outfielder - SS) All-Star outfielder in 1940's and 50's with N.Y. Centrals, Roxy's and Top Hats. Catalyst on several pennant winning teams of the 1950's and served the Twilight League and The Capital District for 39 years as an outstanding umpire.

JOHN WILHELM (Pitcher - Outfielder) One of the leading players of the 1970's. Named Rookie of the Year in 1970 and selected to a league record 3 consecutive MVP awards, 1971-73. Pitched perfect game in 1972.

MANNY NED (Outfielder) One of the league's all-time great sluggers. Perennial all-star outfielder in 1940's and 50's with the Black Senators and the Albany Black Senators and the Albany Black Sox. Won 1955 batting title with 3rd highest average in league history, .489.

TIM LANE (Pitcher - Manager) Played and managed for parts of four decades. Pitched in S.F. Giant organization 1958 - 60. Selected MVP in 1961 and winningest manager in league history, capturing 8 league titles in 16 years with the Oppenheim Post.

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JIMMY CARR (Catcher) Perennial All-Star Catcher with the Albany Black Sox in the 1940's and 50's. One of the League's All-Time great Sluggers leading League in Home Runs twice during the 1940's.

AL DUFTY (Manager) One of the Pioneers of Baseball in the Capital District Area. Popular long time Manager of Dufty's All-Stars, a successful Twilight League Franchise of the 1940's and 50's. Played 2nd Base in the 1940's while past the age of 60.

JOHN HAITH (Pitcher) Outstanding Pitcher with the Albany Black Sox and LaFrance Cleaners in the 1940's and 50's. Named Twilight League Pitcher of the Year in 1949 with a record of 12-1. Selected as a Hearst All-American High School Participant and led the CIAA Collegiate League in complete games and strikeouts.

JOHN LYNCH (Pitcher) One of the leading Pitchers of the 1940's. Played on four pennant winning teams with the McEnaney Oilers and the New York Centrals. Selected Twilight League Pitcher of the Year in 1948 with a record-of 10-1. Played professionally with the New York Yankee Organization in 1940-41.

CHARLIE BENNETT (Player-Manager) Served Twilight League for 28 years as Player Manager, Groundskeeper, and Umpire. Played on 7 Championship Teams in the 1950's and 60's. Managed Oppenheim Post in the 1960's and played professionally in the Boston Red Sox Organization in 1946-47. Instrumental in obtaining lights and enclosing field at Bleecker Stadium.

JOHN CERUTTI (Pitcher) Outstanding Lefty named Rookie of the Year in 1979 leading Twilight League in total wins, strikeouts and ERA. Selected out of Amherst College in the first round of the Major League Draft by the Toronto Blue Jays in 1981. Led Rookie Pioneer League in innings pitched. Joined Toronto in 1986 and has posted winning record in each successive season.

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FRED MIGGANS (First Baseman) Played in the Twilight League during the 30's and 40's. Broke into the league at age sixteen with the Sons of Italy. Played for the undefeated McEnaneys team before finishing up with Roxy's Cleaners. An outstanding defensive 1st baseman and also compiled a .342 batting average while playing for the Albany Spring Service.

GENE MADAIO (First Baseman) Played in the league for 25 years spanning four decades (50's, 60's, 70's and 80's). Broke into the league in 1955 with the Albany Elks. Selected by the Baltimore Orioles in 1958. Upon returning to the league, won 1959 MVP Award while leading Roxy's and the 1960 Beverwyck A.C. team to League Championships. Selected to 14 All-Star teams prior to retiring in 1986.

KARL STEFFEN (Pitcher) Broke into the league in 1973 with Culligans. Compiled a 17-4 record and appeared in 2 College World Series for Ithaca College. Tabbed 1977 MVP of the Cape Code League. Played professionally for the NY Yankees and Detroit Tigers. Chosen by the NY Yankees in the 19th round of the 1978 draft. Selected to 1979 NY Penn League All-Star Team. Returned to the Twilight League during 1981 and in 1985 won Pitcher of the Year honors with a 7-0 record for Zaloga Post.

GARY HOLLE (Oppenheim Post — First Baseman) Chosen as the Twilight League's 1973 Rookie of the Year and the 1975 MVP. Selected as an All-American in baseball and basketball at Siena College while leading the nation in batting with a .577 average during 1975. Drafted by the Milwaukee Brewers in 1976 and captured the NY Penn League's Triple Crown and MVP award. Led the Eastern League in HR's during 1977 with 30. Led PCL during 1979 with a .346 ave. before being called up to the Texas Rangers.

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JACKIE BURGESS (OF-Manager-Vice Pres.) Played in the Twilight League during the 40's and 50's. A perennial allstar and very popular player. Won the 1950 Batting Title while playing for the New York Centrals. Managed the Oppenheim VFW Post #1019 to League Championships in 1957 and 1958 before becoming the League's Vice President in 1960.

DON HOWARD (Pitcher) A member of the Albany Elks Championship teams. One of the winningest pitchers of the 1950's. A three time Pitching Champion, 1954 and 1955 for the Albany Elks and 1958 for the Tougher Heating team, while posting impressive records of 7-1, 8-0 and 6-1 respectively.

JOE MOSLEY (Pitcher-CF-SS) Played in the league for 14 consecutive years from 1959 through 1972. Chosen as the 1962 Pitcher of the Year while posting a 7-0 record and leading the Mike Submarine's Team to the championship. A multidimensional player who played on five Championship Teams during the 1960's with the Mike Submarine's, Neba's and Schaeffer Brewers Teams.

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TIM ANDI (Pitcher-OF) A two time ECAC Division II All-American while attending LeMoyne College. Played professionally for the Auburn Sunsets during 1978. Won Pitching Championships during 1975 and 1979 for the Oppenheim Post and Cocca's Diner. While playing for the Schenectady Sons of Italy he was selected as the first Harold Finkle Award Winner (1981 Playoff MVP), the 1983 Batting Champion and the 1985 League MVP.

MARK (MAZ) MASSARONI(CF-Manager) Played sixteen years for the Schenectady Sons of Italy from 1973-1988. Competed in post season playoffs during fifteen of those years. Was selected as the 1978 Batting Champion and League MVP. Chosen as the 1985 Harold Finkle Award Winner and roamed centerfield for eight championship teams, including the 1981 and 1982 teams which he managed.

ED DELEHANTY (Secretary-President) Was the League Secretary from 1977-1980 and was the League President from 1981 to the present. As president he established the Hall of Fame and oversaw the expansion of league from a 6 team to the current 8 team format. Instrumental in affiliating the league with the AABC and hosting their Statewide and Regional tournaments, particularly the 1989 tournament, in which the Apex Printing team of the ATL finished 4th in the nation.

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HARRY ALLAN (OF-Manager) Played and managed in the Twilight League during the 30's. During 1931 was selected as the first Albany Twilight League MVP and Batting Champion while posting a .462 batting average for the Miss Albany Diners. Also was the first manager to repeat as Champion when he managed the Durite Laundry team to League Championships in 1935 and 1936.

HAROLD FINKLE (Sponsor) Sponsored the Finkle' Jewelers team for twenty consecutive years from 1963 through 1983. This included Championship teams during the 1962, 1964, 1968 and 1972 campaigns. Organized the Central Avenue Merchants Night at Bleecker Stadium during the 60's to expand the community's interest in the Twilight League. His level of commitment and excellence is acknowledged every year by the presentation of the Harold Finkle Award to the playoff MVP.

DON BERTI (Catcher) Selected as a 1979 Junior College All-American and 1981 1st Team Division III All-American while attending HVCC and Pfeiffer College, respectively. Drafted in the 11th round of the 1981 Free Agent Draft. Upon return to the Twilight League in 1985, led the league in hitting 4 of the next 5 years in addition to being named the League MVP during the 1986 and 1988 seasons. His 1988 batting average of .569 is the highest single season average and his .472 career BA is the 2nd highest on record in the Twilight League history. His dominance helped the Schenectady Sons of Italy win three consecutive League Championships during 1985, 1986 and 1987.

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CHUCK SOHL (Rightfielder) Broke into the league in 1976 at the age of seventeen. Played in the Twilight League in three decades (70's, 80's & 90's) before finishing in 1992. A six-time All-Star during the 1980, '81, '84, '87, '88 & '89 seasons. Selected as League MVP during 1980 campaign. A member of five Championship teams with the Oppenheim Post 1019 during the 1978, 1979, 1980, 1983 and 1984 seasons. The premier power hitter and run producer on record. Shares the single-season record for HRs when he hit 13 in 1981. Holds records for most HRs and RBIs in a career and ranks 3rd all-time in ABs and Hits.

ROB HELM (Second Baseman) After completing his freshman year at Siena College, Helmsie broke into the league in 1977, earning Rookie of the Year honors and the Batting Title with a .435 average. Played in the Twilight League from 1977 through 1986. A four-time All-Star during the 1977, 1980, 1981 & 1982 seasons. Both his offensive and defensive skills were major factors in helping the Oppenheim VFW Post 1019 win four Championships during 1978, 1979, 1980 and 1983.

TOM MCGUIRE (Shortstop) Selected as MVP of the 1974 St. Lawrence University baseball team and was tabbed as the Captain for both the 1976 and 1977 seasons. Played thirteen years in the Twilight League from 1977 to 1989. An intricate part of the Schenectady Sons of Italy team which won six Championships during the 1977, '81, '82, '85, '86 & '87 seasons. Mac's clutch performances were demonstrated in the 1982 playoffs when he was given the Harold Finkle Award for the Playoff MVP.

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JOHN MAYOTTE (Infielder) Played fifteen years in the Twilight League from 1966 to 1981. A perennial allstar who was selected as the 1967 MVP. A member of the 1966 and 1968 Finkle Jeweler's League Championship teams in addition to being on the Cocca's Diner Stan Musual State Championship team. Upon retirement headed to the coaching box in The Cape Code League, Univ. of So. Florida, Eckerd College and Troy State University. This is when he developed future major league players such as the Red Sox Tony Fossas, NY Yankee & KC Royal's Steve Balboni, Cleveland Indian's Albert Belle and Oakland's Bobby Witt.

DAN PELTIER (1B-OF) Broke into the League in 1986 earning Rookie of the Year honors and the Batting Title with a .519 average. Named the 1987 MVP and led the Colonie A.C.'s to the 1988 Championship. His .474 career BA is the highest in league history. Selected as a two time Academic All-American and a 1st Team Consensus All-American while attending the University of Notre Dame. Chosen in the 3rd round of the 1989 collegiate draft by the Texas Rangers and assigned to a Rookie League team in Butte, Montana. Promoted to the AA Tulsa Drillers in 1990, AAA Oklahoma City in 1991 and was called up to the Rangers in June of 1992.

WALTER "SKEETER" PIELA (Pitcher) Broke into the League in 1979 as a shortstop. Converted to a pitcher while attending Division II power, LeMoyne College. One of the most dominate pitchers during the 1980's posting a 44-16 record, the second most wins during the decade. Played his entire 11 year career with the Oppenheim Post 1019 including four Championship teams during the 1979, 1980, 1983 and 1984 seasons. Selected as Pitcher of the Year during 1983 and 1987 while posting 8-3 and 9-1 records respectively.

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Bill (Ollie) Lorenzo (Catcher-Manager) - Was selected All-Star Catcher ten consecutive seasons from 1953 to 1962. Managed the Oppenheim Post from 1959 to 1962 and captured the 1959 Batting Title with a .427 average. In 1977 re-entered the League and managed through 1985 with Big Dom's and Orange Motors. Outstanding teacher who coached at various levels from Little League up through the Twilight League including being named assistant coach at the College of St. Rose.

Chris Clemens (Second Baseman) - Selected to Siena College's All-Time Team as well as a NYS and ECAC Regional All-Star. Twilight League career leader in Stolen Bases with 84 and among the all-time leaders in doubles and runs scored. Holds career average of .340 over 11 seasons and considered one of the finest defensive Second Baseman of the decade. Four time All-Star and intricate part of the Son's of Italy Team which won five League Championships and two AABC NYS Titles in the 1980's.

Mike Hetman (Catcher) - Joined the Twilight League in 1965 at age 17 after being selected as a Hearst Newspaper All-American for hitting .700 at Troy High. Selected as a First Team Junior College All-American in 1968 at HVCC. Signed with the Boston Red Sox in 1969 and played in the NY-Penn, Florida State and International Leagues thru 1971. Rejoined the Twilight League in 1972 and was a perennial All-Star thru the 1970's with the Haymakers, Smith Chevrolet, Culligans and Zaloga Post.

Bob Norton (INF-OF-P) - Selected as an All-American at HVCC in 1966 and 1967 then named to the 1968 NYS All District Team while attending Brockport State. Versatile Hard-Hitting player who was the Oppenheim Post's Most Valuable Player for nine seasons. Selected to the League All-Star Team at several positions and led the 1969 Oppenheim Post to the League Championship.

George Rafferty (Centerfielder) - Named Outstanding Baseball Athlete in America while attending HVCC. Selected to the NYS and All-District First Team from Brockport State in 1978. An outstanding defensive centerfielder who was a perennial All-Star of the 1970's and 80's. Among All-Time Leaders in AB's and Hits during 15 year career with Culligan's, Finkle's and Zaloga Post. Holds Single Season career mark in AB's with 95 in 1979 and has .341 career batting average.

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A. PAUL BRADLEY, JR. (INF-OF) A versatile member of two championship teams from Finkle Jewelers, Paul played shortstop, third base and centerfield. Most Valuable Player in 1964 and 1966 and an All-Star in every year he played. A switch-hitter, always among the league leaders, with a lifetime batting average of .381. From Delmar, Paul was a three-sport athlete at Bethlehem Central High School. He also was for three years the shortstop at Colgate University and a member of its 1966 NCAA Division I Tournament Team which had the highest winning percentage in the school's history.

JACK MURPHY (OF-Manager) During his junior year at CBA, he broke into the Twilight league with Chapman's Garage. Played in the League for 15 years from 1951 through 1965. A perennial All-Star, he played with the Roxy Cleaners team that won four league championships during 1952, '55, '56 and '59 seasons. Shares the single-season record for HRs when he hit 13 in 1957. Selected as the 1958 MVP in addition to winning the Batting Title with a .411 average before moving on to be Player-Manager of the Trading Ports from 1961-65.

ART HUTSON (Catcher) Played in the Twilight League for twelve years from 1944 through 1956. A five-time All-Star from 1948-1952. A member of three Championship teams, 2 with Graves and Rodgers during 1948 & '49 and one with the 1954 Albany Elks. During 1949, earned the Batting Title while posting a .429 average and was selected as the 1952 League MVP while playing for the Albany Elks.

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Tony Vizzie (Pitcher-Centerfielder)

Catalyst for Finkle Jewelers 1968 and 1972 Championship Teams. First recipient of Ithaca College's James "Buckey" Freeman Award presented to the outstanding scholar athlete during 1970. Perennial All-Star centerfielder for entire nine year Twilight League career. Has served as Saugerties High School Baseball coach from 1971 to the present and led his team to the 1985 Class B NYS High School title.

Walt Adey (Pitcher - 1st Baseman)

Played on Mike Sub's 1965 Championship Team at age 17. Selected All-City team and recorded two no-hitters at Cohoes High School. Names to the 1966 All-Conference team when attending HVCC. Signed with the L.A. Dodgers in 1967 and played professionally thru 1971. Rejoined the Twilight League in 1972 and was a perennial All-Star with Culligan's, Dick Smith's and Zaloga Post thru 1980.

Jerry Hinman (Pitcher - Shortstop)

Member of Roxy's 1955-56 Championship teams while still in high school. Played professionally with the Brave and Dodger organizations from 1957 to 1959. Selected Albany Twilight League Pitcher of the Year in 1961 with a record of 8-0 while leading Haymakers to the league title. A perennial All-Star selection during the 1960's as a pitcher for the Haymakers, Dick Smiths and Culligans.

Rick Cronk (Pitcher - 3rd Baseman)

In 1955 pitched back to back no-hitters in American Legion Baseball. Joined the Albany Twilight League in 1956 before signing with the L.A. Dodger organization in 1957. Selected to the Southern Association All-Star team after posting a 14-5 record for Atlanta during 1960. Rejoined the Twilight League with the Oppenheim Post in 1963 and played thru 1972. A perennial All-Star who won the 1968 batting title with an average .360.

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JOHN HUTSON (*Infielder - Manager*)

Broke into the league in 1944 with the Trading Ports. After returning home from the service, played second base for Graves and Rodgers from 1947-50 and was a member of the 1948 and 1949 League Championship teams. Played third base for the Albany Elks from 1951-55, and led the team to the 1953 and 1954 championships en route to being selected as the 1954 ATL League MVP. This four time champion, perennial all-star and CBA Hall of Famer, became the player/manager of the 1957-58 Tougher Heating Teams.

MATT CATER (*Pitcher*)

Entered the league in 1984 and played nine seasons with the Sons of Italy, Colonie AC's, Albany County Sheriff's and Heflins Builders. A tough, aggressive competitor, especially in the post season. The recipient of the 1988 and 1989 Harold Finkle Playoff MVP Award while leading his teams to back-to-back championships. A three time all-star from 1989-91 and the Pitcher of the Year in 1990 compiling a record of 8-0 with an ERA of 1.03. A hard throwing left hander who is the all-time ATL leader in strikeouts, and among the leaders in innings pitched, wins and ERA.

DOUG O'BREY (*Outfielder - First Baseman - Manager*)

An outstanding all around player and manager for the Sons of Italy and Anaconda Sports teams of the 1980's and 90's. A five time all-star and the 1984 League Batting Champion with a .463 BA. A member of seven ATL Championship teams (1981, 82, 85, 86, 97, 90 and 91), the second most in league history. Among the all-time leaders in AB's, runs, hits, 2B's, RBI's, walks, and on-base percentage. Managed three championship teams (1987, 1990 and 1991) during his 15 year career from 1980-94. Became the Head Baseball Coach of University at Albany in 1994.

KEN HAYNER (*Shortstop - Manager*)

An outstanding shortstop and clutch hitter. Among the all-time league leaders in AB's, runs, hits, RBI's and 2B's. A four time all-star and league co-MVP in 1983. Played professionally with Utica of the NY-Penn League in 1982. Co-managed Orange Motors/Apex Printing teams from 1987-1992, compiling one ATL championship and three runner-up finishes; three AABC NYS titles; one North Atlantic Regional championship; two North Atlantic runner-up finishes and 3rd place at the 1989 National World Series. A Siena College Hall of Famer and the Head Baseball Coach at Hartwick College since 1987.

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BILL HANSEN

1953-1970'S

PITCHER - OUTFIELDER

Perennial All-star, broke into the league in 1953 with the Albany Black Sox. He went on to be player-assistant manager with the Troy Haymakers and led them to the 1961 Championship. He ended his career playing for Dick Smith's Chevrolet and Burke Agency. Only player known to hit a homerun over the scoreboard in Hawkins stadium in an All-star game.

WALLY LOZANO

1957-1963

SHORTSTOP

Outstanding shortstop for the Opeenheim VFW Post #1019 during the 1950's & 1960's. Led his team to back to back Championships in 1957 & 58. Won the 1960 Batting Championship with an average of .407 before going on to coach the Big Dom's teams of the 70's and 80's.

JOE PUTORTI

1970-1994

UMPIRE-COMMISSIONER

Umpired in the Albany Twilight League during the 1970's. Joined the Bleecker Stadium staff in 1974 and oversaw the maintenance of the baseball diamond. Assisted past League Presidents in all administrative duties. Played a major role in the development of the yearbook and Hall of Fame Banquet from the 1970's to the present. Selected as a League Commissioner in 1978. His knowledge and dedication to the Albany Twilight League has been greatly appreciated.

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MIKE RHODES

1985-1994

OUTFIELDER

The former R.P.I. Engineer was one of the most colorful players of the 80's and 90's. The 3 time All-star broke into the League in 1985 and played on 6 championship teams, with Sons of Italy during 1985, 86 & 87, Anaconda Kay in 1990 & 91, and Apex Printing in 1994. The recipient of the 1987 Harold Finke Award, went on to the League MVP in 1989. Currently ranks among the All-time League leaders in HR's and RBI's

RON MASSARONI

1981-1994

PITCHER

The most dominant pitcher of the 1980's. Pitched in the League for 14 years while leading his Sons of Italy team to five Championships: 1981, 82, 85, 86 & 87 and his Anaconda Kay team to two Championships: 1990 & 91. This four time All-star was selected as Pitcher of the Year in 1984, 86 & 88. Is the All-time leader in games won and innings pitched and he is among the leaders in strikeouts and E.R.A.

ALBANY TWILIGHT LEAGUE

1998 Hall of Fame Inductees

Fred Kowalik **1974-1987** **Catcher**

Prior to attending Ithaca College on a baseball scholarship, this perennial all-star joined the Albany Twilight League in 1974 with the Schaeffer Brewers. As a sophomore in college, Fred played in the Division III World Series; finished second in the nation that year. Completed his college career at Coastal Carolina. Went on to play for Cocca's Diner from 1977-1986 after spending two years with Culligans. Selected the leagues MVP in 1983. Ranks 5th all-time HR's and 8th in RBI's.

Bob Murphy **1976-1996** **Infielder-Outfielder**

Second Team All-American at Siena College. Broke into the league in 1976 with Oppenheim Post. This five time all-star went on to play for 21 years; one of the leagues longest tenure. Played on six Championship teams; 1976, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1983 and 1984. Selected as league MVP in 1982. Sponsored and managed his own team; Murph's Glove Repair in 1989-1990. Named as the league's Vice President in 1991. Finished his outstanding career with the Troy Haymakers and State Color. The all-time career leader in AB's Hits and Runs. Ranks 4th in HR's and 2nd in RBI's.

Ed Lange, Jr. **1969-1980** **First Baseman**

One of the leagues long ball hitters of the 1970's. This Notre Dame graduate played in the league for 12 years. Played on six championship teams; in 1970 with the Schaeffer Brewers and in 1969, 1975, 1976, 1978 and 1979 with Oppenheim Post VFW. Led the league in HR's and RBI's in 1977. Played his final year with Cocca's Diner.

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1999 Hall of Fame Inductees

Buddy Flesh 1969-1974

Centerfielder

Joined the league in 1969 at the age of seventeen with Kral's A.C. Played on three championship teams: Kral's A.C. in 1971, and the Sons of Italy in '73 and '74. Also participated in the Stan Musical World Series with those teams. Played college baseball at Duke University on a scholarship. Signed with the Baltimore Orioles in 1975 after a tryout, and played four years of minor league ball. Best known for his speed on the basepaths.

Richard McDonald 1966-1976

Pitcher-Infielder-Outfielder

Perennial All-Star. Joined the league in 1966 with Mike's Subs. Went on to play with the Troy Haymakers, Dick Smith's Chevrolet and Culligans. Selected the league MVP in 1968. Played in the Junior College World Series with Hudson Valley community College and made its All-Star team in 1968. Received an athletic scholarship to Colorado State, where he was a two-time Academic All-American. Led Colorado State in all pitching categories. Coached varsity baseball at Catholic Central High School.

Jim O'Brey 1983-1993

First Baseman-Pitcher

Three time All-Star. Played in the league for eleven years with the Sons of Italy and Anaconda-Kaye. This fine defensive first baseman played on five championship teams: in 1985, '86, '87, '90 and '91. Named the Harold Finkle Award winner in 1986 as the playoff MVP. Led the league in 1989 with a 2.20 ERA. Finished second in the league in hitting in 1991 with a .438 average. Career Stats:

Lloyd Race 1987-1997

Outfielder-Pitcher

One of the best all around players of the '90's. this five time All-Star led his Apex Printing teams to three straight championships in 1992, '93, '94. Selected the league's MVP in both the regular season and playoffs in 1994. Won back to back batting titles in 1994 and '95 with averages of .433 and .450. Played in the Stan Musial World Series with Apex Printing. Led the league in RBI in 1991 with 33. A league leader in career home runs with 53. finished his career with the Troy Hay Makers. Career Stats:

Jack Weaver 1956-1962

Pitcher-Third Base-Shortstop

Entered the league in 1956 with Rogers A. C. and captured Rookie of the Year honors. A member of three All-Star teams. Played in the league for seven years. A two sport athlete at Siena College and a member of it's Hall of Fame. Coached varsity baseball at Cardinal McCloskey High School.

ALBANY TWILIGHT LEAGUE

2000 Hall of Fame Inductees

GEORGE PERRY 1955-1959

CENTERFIELDER

Perennial All-Star broke into the league in 1955 with Roxy cleaners and captured Rookie of the Year Honors. He won the league batting title in 1956 with a .471 average. He played on three championship teams with Roxy Cleaners in 1955, 1956 and 1959.

CURT COONS 1985-1994

CATCHER

Premier catcher of his time. This five time All-Star joined the league in 1985 with Rotterdam State Color. In 1989 he was named regional MVP which helped lead Apex Printing to the Stan Musial World Series. He followed that up by playing on two championships with Anaconda Sports in 1990 and 1991. His final year was played with Heflins Builders in 1994 and led the league with nine home runs.

FRANK POTOCHNEY 1980-1996

FIRST BASEMAN

A three time All-Star. This Ithaca standout played in the league for sixteen years and played on seven championship teams, sons of italy in 1981, 82, 85, 86 and Apex Printing in 1992, 93, and 94. he won the league batting title in 1982 with a .443 average. In 1989 he played in the Stan Musial World Series with Apex Printing.

PIERCE MAHAR 1973-87

THIRD BASEMAN

A three time All-Star. He broke into the league in 1973 and played for Culligans. A Division III All-American at Brockport State, he played with Roma Trading Ports, Burke Agency and Finkles Jewelers from 1974 to 1978. following his return from Graduate School in 1981 he played with Zaloga Post from 1982-1987. His career was highlighted by capturing the League MVP in 1984.

ALBANY TWILIGHT LEAGUE

2001 Hall of Fame Inductees

NORM HAYNER 1982-1998

CATCHER - MANAGER

Siena college standout. One of the top run producers and catchers in league history. Career leader in walks (288) and among the all-time leaders in home runs (45) and runs scored (258). finished his career with an amazing .466 on base percentage. As co-manager and later manager of Apex Printing, led team to three straight Albany Twilight League Championships ('92-'94). also led Apex to three AABC Upper NYS titles, on North Atlantic Regional Championships, two North Atlantic Regional Runner-up finishes, and a 3rd place finish at the 1989 Stan Musial World Series. In his final season helped the Troy Haymakers to the ATL Championship.

DOUG DUELL 1986, 1990-1997

PITCHER

Entered the league in 1986 with the Zaloga Post. A fierce competitor and one of the league's premiere pitchers of the 1990's. Pitched on three championship teams, Anaconda Sports in 1990 & 1991 and Apex Printing in 1994. A three time all-star was selected pitcher of the year in 1991. finished his Twilight League career in 1997 with the Troy Haymakers. Played professionally with the Adirondack Lumberjacks of the Northeast League.

JOHN GERMANN 1940's-1950's

PITCHER

Pitched in both the 1940's and 1950's. In 1944, his rookie season was selected as league MVP and Pitcher of the Year, with a record of 7-0. A member of Graves and Roger, he helped them capture their first league title.

BILL LEVY 1969-1982

FIRST BASEMAN - MANAGER

A perennial all-star. Played in the league for fourteen years. Starting in 1969 with the Schaffer Brewers. Was selected league MVP in 1976, while playing for Culligans. Managed Zaloga Post from 1980 to 1982. Acting official for Capital District Umpires Association form 1983 to present.

JOHN S. KRAWIECKI, JR. 1965-1973

PITCHER

Broke into the league in 1965 with Kral's AC. A pitcher with an overpowering fastball won the league MVP in 1969, partially due to his 64 consecutive scoreless innings. Was selected the top right-handed pitcher at the Stan Musial World Series in 1969. Drafted in the ninth round by the San Diego Padres in 1970. After returning to the ATL, played in two championship teams, Kral's AC in 1971 and Son's of Italy in 1973.

ALBANY TWILIGHT LEAGUE

2002 Hall of Fame Inductees

ART COTUGNO 1978-1987

INFIELDER/OUTFIELDER/ - MANAGER

A standout infielder and outfielder on the great sons of Italy teams. During his career, he posted a .321 batting average and garnered a spot on the Twilight All Star team as designated hitter. Toward the end of his career, he managed the sons of Italy to back to back championships in 1985 and 1986 including a 24-1 record.

TONY MADISON 1964-1974

CATCHER/OUTFIELDER

A mainstay as the catcher for a decade on Oppenheim Post. "Rope", as he was referred to in his playing days, made numerous appearances as a Twilight All Star. During his playing days, he helped lead VFW Post to its first ever league championship in 1969.

TOM MATTHEWS 1968-1976

OUTFIELD

A centerfielder for the Troy Haymakers, Dick Smith's and Culligans for nine years. His Twilight career was highlighted in 1971 when he posted a .397 batting average enroute to the batting crown. A seven time Twilight League all Star, he also captained the Siena college baseball team in 1971.

CLARENCE HALL

CATCHER

A perennial all Star in the 1950's and 60's, clarence played with the Troy Haymakers and Hillcrest Markets. A career .300 hitter, his career was highlighted by winning the 1962 batting title with a .416 average.

DAVID C. SKELLEY 1980-1987

STATISTICIAN/ANNOUNCER

A member of the Bleecker Stadium staff from 1976-1989, responsible for the care and maintenance of the field. Dave was the "voice" of the Albany Twilight League and Statistician from 1980 through 1987. He set up the system to keep statistics for all players that is still in use today. He continues to remain active in the league as a commissioner substitute announcer and former Master of Ceremonies for the annual hall of fame banquet.

ALBANY TWILIGHT LEAGUE

2003 Hall of Fame Inductees

JAMES "SPUDDER" SCHWIND **SECOND BASEMAN - 1930's**

An All-Star second baseman, "Spudder" was one of the League's earliest stars. He played with the Sagamores, one of Albany's first amateur teams, and was a key member of the 1931 Schuylers, who captured the first Albany Twilight League championship. Spudder's career was highlighted by winning the 1933 batting title with a .422 average. Deceased

CHARLIE LEONOWICZ **SHORTSTOP/OUTFIELDER - 1977-1988**

Charlie was one of the most versatile and athletic players of the 1980's. An All-American at Ithaca, he was a perennial ATL All-Star at several positions. He posted a career batting average of .332 and ranks among ATL career leaders in home runs. His career was highlighted in 1981, when he batted .442 with 10 HRs and 30 RBI. Charlie was also a world class bobsledder and was the driver on the USA-1 four-man sled in the 1992 winter Olympics. Deceased.

JOHN WOJTUSIK **OUTFIELDER - 1984-1993 & 2000-2002**

A former HVCC and Winthrop College player, John was a 6-time All-Star who played on four ATL championship teams - with apex Printing in 1992 & 1993 and with All-Stars Academy in 2000 & 2001. He was selected the League's Most Valuable Player in 1990 and won the 1991 batting title with a .450 average. John ranks among career leaders in HRs, doubles and stolen bases.

NICK SCATTAREGGIA **OUTFIELDER - 1986-1996, 1998 & 2002**

Nick, a former Siena Player, was one the League's greatest sluggers. A 5-time All-Star he played on two ATL championship teams - with the Colonie A.C. in 1988 and with the Albany Sheriffs in 1989. He won the 1993 batting title with a .500 average and set an Albany Twilight League record in 1987 by hitting four home runs in one game. Nick posted a .359 average over 13 seasons, while ranking among career leaders in HRs, doubles and stolen bases.

2004 Hall of Fame Inductees

Darnell Baker

Centerfielder - 1979-1988

Entered into the league in 1979 with Finkle's Jewelers after playing three years with the San Francisco Giants organization. A fleet-footed centerfielder, Baker helped lead Oppenheim Post VFW to back-to-back Twilight Championships in 1983 and 1984. He was named the Harold Finkle award winner in 1983 for his Most Valuable Player performance in the playoffs that year. He is currently 7th all-time in stolen bases with 74.

Larry "Hitman" Carr

Shortstop - 1963-68

Entered into the league in 1963 with the Troy Haymakers and immediately made an impact earning league Rookie of the Year honors hitting .421 with five homeruns that year. During his career with Troy and the Schaeffer Brewers, Carr was a perennial All-Star and finished his career in the league hitting .355 over six seasons. He was an all sports athlete at Ithaca and also spent 1977-1983 as the head baseball coach at Coastal Carolina.

Gary Mongiardo

Centerfielder - 1985-2001

Entered into the league in 1985 with the Colonie Athletic Club. Mongiardo was one of the League's best leadoff hitters while playing with Rotterdam State Color and Rensselaer Honda. He was named a Twilight All-Star three times in his career and captured the league batting title in 1996 with a .450 batting average. Mongiardo is currently 2nd all-time in stolen bases with 104 and ranks in the Top 14 of the league in career hits (265) and doubles (52).

Ken White

Infielder-Outfielder - 1979-1987

Entered into the league in 1979 with the Highlanders after being drafted by the Pirates in 1973. He led Zaloga Post as a player-manager from 1983-86 guiding the team to its first Twilight Championship appearances in 1985 and 1986. He was named to the Twilight All-Star team in 1986 as an outfielder.

2005 Hall of Fame Inductees

JOE BURKE

Second Baseman 1980 - 1986

A versatile infielder and perennial All-Star, Joe was named Rookie of the Year in 1980, batting .367 for Finkle's Jewelers. Joe played on two League Champion Oppenheim Post teams in 1983 and 1984. In 1984, he was the recipient of the Harold Finkle Award as the Playoff MVP. Joe finished his career with a .325 batting average.

JIM COCCA

Center Fielder 1977 - 1988

Jim was a perennial All-Star center fielder with Cocca's Diner and the Oppenheim Post VFW. He is among modern ATL career leaders in At-Bats, Runs and Hits, and posted a career batting average of .312.

PETER ENDRES

Outfielder / Pitcher 1933 - 1944

An outstanding player from the 1930s, Peter was co-founder of the Iroquois baseball team. As a pitcher, he led the league in strikeouts in 1934. Peter was named to the 1937 All-Star team as an outfielder, batting .403 with the Knights of St. John. A member of the CBA Hall of Fame, Peter finished his ATL career as a coach on the '41 and '42 League Champion McE-nany's.

TOM LORENZO

First baseman / Outfielder 1978 - 1986

Tom was a perennial All-Star who played his entire career with Big Dom's. Tom captured the Batting Title in 1980 with a .410 average and is among modern ATL career leaders in batting with a .344 average.

2005 ATL CHAMPIONS - DAVIES AC

Bill Behrle	Dennis Eacott	Mike Grasso	Curtis Nobles	Felix Rodriguez
Kalik Blanks	Ryan Finn	Kevin Jette	Matt Nobles	John Venditte
Nick Borgia	Fausto Franco	Josh Kean	Paul Reinisch	Brian Zink
Frank Brogna	Josh Frank	Joe Mariano	Tito Rivera	Curtis Nobles, Mgr.
Mark Bulger	Bryan Frisbee	Ryan McGinnis	Angel Rodriguez	Tom Yovine, G.M.

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2006 Hall of Fame Inductees

JERRY GERMANN

Pitcher / Catcher 1951 - 1959

As a key member of the Oppenheim Post VFW in the 1950s, Jerry led the Opps to League titles in 1957 and 1958. A perennial All-Star pitcher and catcher, Jerry was selected the League's MVP in 1956, and Pitcher of the Year in 1957 with a record of 8-2.

ED DINGO

Pitcher 1971 - 1978

Ed is among ATL career pitching leaders with a winning percentage of .861. Ed led the Sons of Italy to League titles in 1973 and 1974, and was selected Pitcher of the Year in both 1972 (8-1 record) and 1974 (8-2 record). Ed once pitched a nine-inning perfect game in the AABC UNYSABA Stan Musial tournament.

BRIAN MCGAN

First Baseman 1978 - 1979, 1982 - 1987

Brian was a perennial All-Star first baseman for Finkle's and Zaloga Post. In 1982, he batted .403 and led the League in HRs and RBIs, and was the leading vote getter on the All-Star team. Brian ranks in the top ten of the modern era in HRs and in 1985 established a lasting League record by hitting homeruns in eight consecutive games.

KEITH JACQUES

Outfielder 1992 - 1999

Keith was a perennial All-Star outfielder with the Troy Haymakers in the 1990s, and led his team to the Haack Division title in 1994 with an average of .412, and the 1998 League Championship with an average of .483. His career batting average of .352 is the 11th highest of the modern era.

2006 ATL CHAMPIONS - ALBANY ATHLETICS

Bill Arpei	Matt Doscher	Bill Lawton	Nick Paniccia	Tyler Zeronda
Ryan Bouck	Matt Ferro	John Marcella	Tom Praisner	Tom Zink
Kyle Cetnar	John Gawinski	Nick Murphy	Dan Sausville	Shawn Praisner, BB
Tony Cipolla	Josh Hicks	James Pacifico	Bob Studnicky	Joe Altieri, Mgr.
Joe Curcio	Leon Kruset	Ben Paniccia	Kyle Thomas	

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2007 Hall of Fame Inductees

DICK BARRETT

Vice President / Commissioner 1974 - 2007

Served as League Vice President from 1974 to 2001. Vital liaison to the City of Albany as Superintendent of Bleecker Stadium 1971-1983, and as Commissioner of Parks and Recreation 1983-1997. Beginning with the ATL's 50th Anniversary yearbook, served as contributing editor of the annual yearbook for over 20 years. Co-authored the highly acclaimed 75th Anniversary Albany Twilight League yearbook, covering 75 years of League history.

KEVIN COLE

Pitcher 1991 - 2003

Six-time All-Star. Selected Pitcher of the Year four times in 1992, 1994, 1997, and 2000. His 9-0 record in 1992 and 1.68 ERA helped earn him the League's MVP Award. Led the Troy Haymakers to the 1998 League title and was named the Harold Finkle Award winner as Playoff MVP. Ranks third all-time in both total wins and strikeouts.

JOE MARIANO

Shortstop 1986 - 1994, 2000 - 2005

Six-time All-Star played on four Championship Teams - Albany County Sheriffs 1989, All-Stars Academy 2000 and 2001, and Davies AC 2005. In 2002 won the batting title with an average of .421 and was selected the League's MVP. Ranks 12th all-time in both at-bats and total hits.

FRANK MOSHER

Infielder / Outfielder 1950 - 1959

A perennial All-Star who was a catalyst on the Roxy Cleaners team. Winner of five League titles in the 1950s. Captured the ATL batting title in 1954 with an average of .439.

PAUL REINISCH

Infielder 1990, 1993 - 1995, 2000 - 2005

Seven-time All-Star who led All-Stars Academy (2000 and 2001) and Davies AC (2003 and 2005) to League titles. Won the 2004 batting title with an average of .450. Was named League MVP a record four times in 1993, 2000, 2001, and 2004. Selected Harold Finkle Award winner in 2000 ATL Playoffs. Ranked second in the modern era with a career batting average of .387.

2008 Hall of Fame Inductees

◇ KEN GALL ◇

Catcher 1977-1991

One of the outstanding catchers of the 1980s. He played 14 years with Finkle's Jewelers and Zaloga Post. An All-Star who was among League batting leaders in 1986 (.400 avg) and 1988 (.357 avg). Among career leaders of the modern era in at-bats and hits.

AB	H	R	2B	HR	RBI	AVG
939	271	169	32	23	133	.289

Ken is being introduced by Ken White, ATL HOF and former teammate.

◇ MIKE SERBALIK ◇

Shortstop/Pitcher 1989-2003, 2005-2006

One of the leading players of his era. Drafted by LA Dodgers after career at Siena. Was selected to eight All-Star teams and was a catalyst on seven League Championship teams, including Anaconda Sports, Lefty's, Grand Slam USA, and All-Stars Academy. Was selected League MVP a record three consecutive seasons 1996-1998. Was the Harold Finkle Award recipient (Playoff MVP) in 1995 and 1996. Voted Pitcher of the Year in 2001 and is the ATL all-time stolen base leader with 155.

AB	H	R	2B	HR	RBI	AVG	SB	IP	ER	BB	K	W	L	ERA
773	249	230	43	23	126	.322	155	268	86	60	208	23	17	2.25

Mike is being introduced by Dave Perry, former teammate and manager; currently with Dreyer-Boyajian.

◇ CHET SMITH ◇

3rd Baseman 1979-1989

Played 11 years and third baseman on five Sons of Italy Championship teams of the 1980s. A member of the ATL's 50th Anniversary All-Star team. Was among League batting leaders in 1980 (.371 avg), 1984 (.350 avg), and 1986 (.344 avg).

AB	H	R	2B	HR	RBI	AVG	SB
667	198	170	29	28	141	.297	21

Chet is being introduced by Tom McGuire, ATL HOF and former teammate.

◇ DAVE TALLMAN ◇

Catcher 1988, 1992-2005

One of the leading catchers of his era. Was a four-time All-Star selection with Mama's and the Troy Haymakers. Played 14 years and was among League batting leaders in 1995 (.392 avg) and 2001 (.385 avg). Ranks among leaders of the modern era in home runs (46) and doubles (60).

AB	H	R	2B	HR	RBI	AVG	SB
920	287	151	60	46	200	.312	30

Dave is being introduced by Steve Heiser, former teammate and manager; currently with the Troy Haymakers.

2009 Hall of Fame Inductees

◆ ALEX "SANDY" BROUSSEAU ◆

First Baseman 1960 - 1969

A perennial All-Star First Baseman of the 1960s. A leading hitter on five ATL Championship teams, including the 1960 Beverwycks, the 1962, '63, & '65 Mike's Sub, and the 1967 Neba's. A career 300+ hitter, Sandy batted .367 in 1965.

Sandy is being introduced by Phil Donnelly.

◆ JOHN VAN DER VEER ◆

Infielder / Manager 1964 - 1973

An infielder on three pennant-winning Finkle's Jewelers in the 1960s. Had a team-leading .324 average in 1964, and his .320 average in 1970 was among the League leaders. Named Manager of Finkle's in 1969, and led them to ATL Championship in 1972.

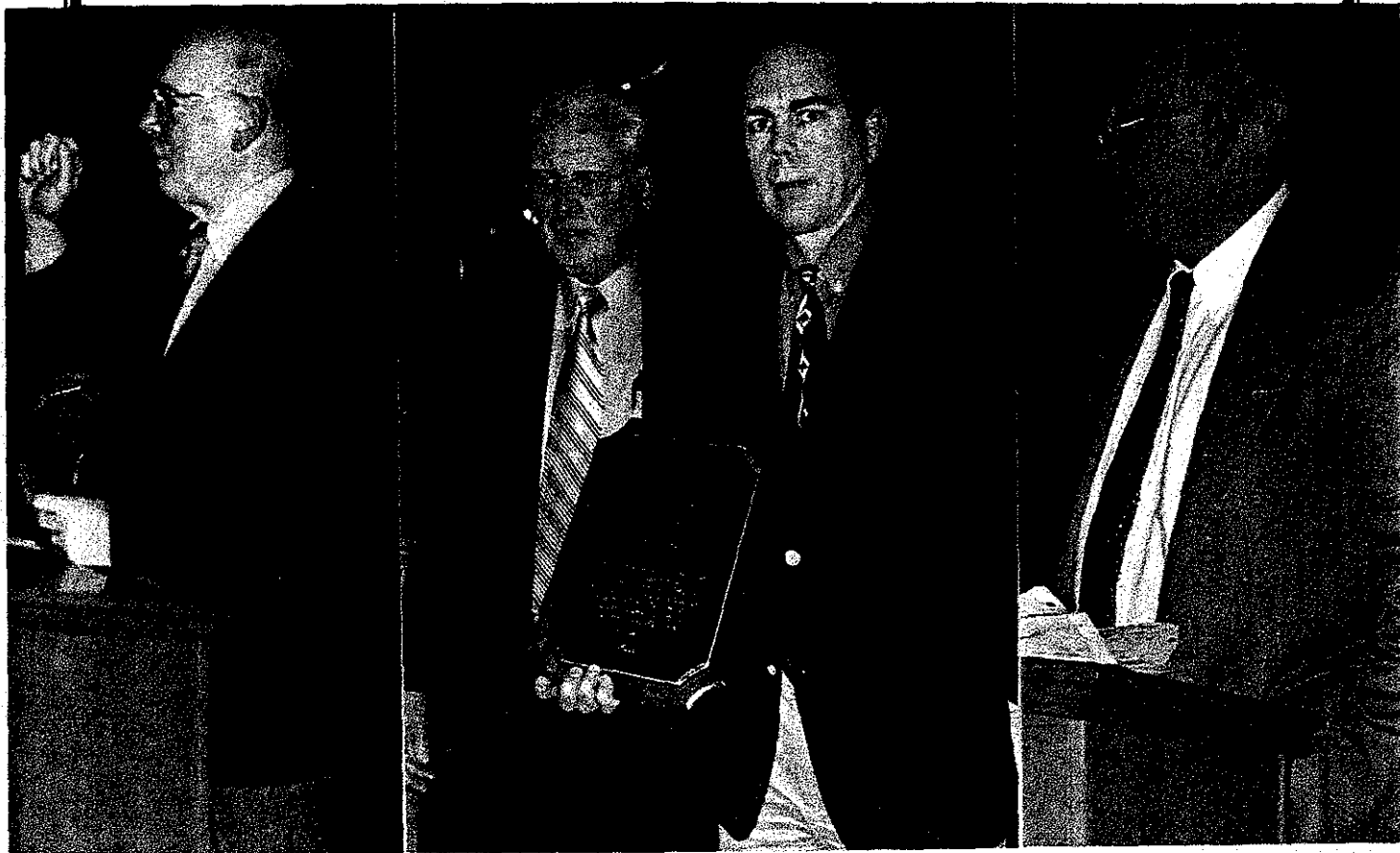
John is being introduced by Paul Bradley, ATL Hall of Famer

◆ GREG ZAMPIER ◆

Catcher 1982 - 1990

A former catcher at Siena, Greg was a 5-time All-Star selection with the Oppenheim Post VFW. He led the Opps to consecutive titles in 1983 and '84, leading the ATL in HR and finishing second in RBI in 1983. Greg completed his ATL career with Murph's Glove Repair, where he batted .349 in 1989.

Greg is being introduced by Tim Lane, ATL Hall of Famer and former manager.



2009 Hall of Fame Inductees

◆ THE SCHENECTADY SONS OF ITALY ◆

1972 - 1988

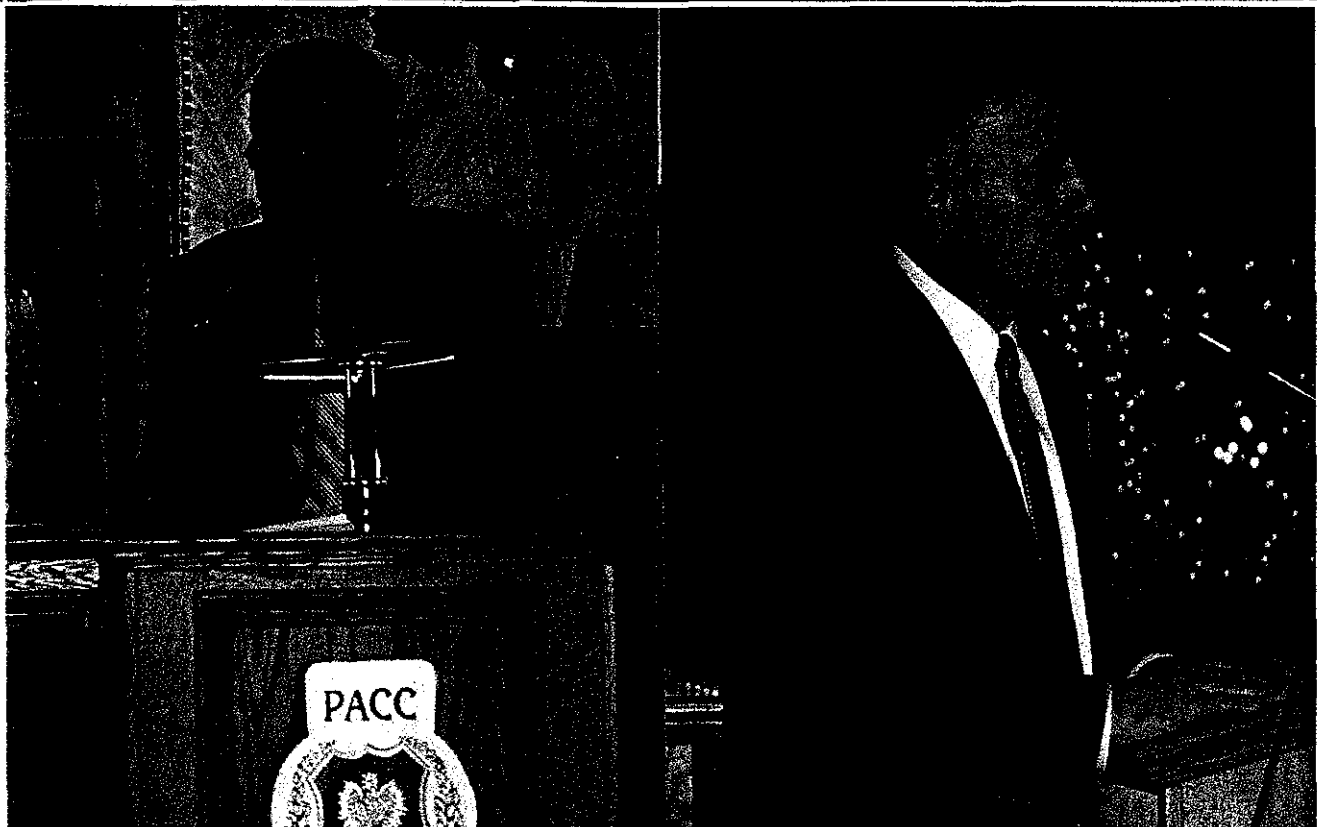
The first team to be recognized in the Twilight League Hall of Fame. Over its 17-year history, the Sons logged a 288-125 (.697) record in the ATL regular season games and went 40-27 (.597) in league playoffs. They won eight ATL championships, six AABC State championships, and in 1973 won the AABC North Atlantic Regional, earning them entry into the National World Series. The team had the ATL Pitcher of the Year on its staff 10 times, and the League batting champion on 11 occasions. Nineteen members of the Sons teams have been inducted into the ATL Hall of Fame.

The Sons of Italy are being introduced by Ed Delehanty, ATL Hall of Famer and ATLVA Secretary.

ATL Historian Dick Barrett painstakingly researched and collected clippings, photographs, and statistics in developing a 226-page Schenectady Sons of Italy commemorative book. He thanks the former Sons players for their cooperation and assistance.

The Sons of Italy commemorative book, as well as the 130-page 2009 ATL Yearbook, likewise developed by Dick Barrett, documents eras of the Albany Twilight League's rich history, as the League itself now prepares for its 80th anniversary.

Copies of the books are available for sale near the entry to the hall.



2010 Hall of Fame Inductees

◆ BRIAN BROWN ◆

Pitcher / Infielder 1970 - 1979 & 1982 - 1983

Brian played in the league from 1970-1979 and 1982-83 as a pitcher and infielder with the Schaefer Brewers, Cocca's Diner, and the Sons of Italy. He was a four-time All Star and was the 1977 League MVP, hitting .405 and going 5-1 on the mound. Brown was a key player for the 1982 Sons of Italy League Champions and ranks among the career hitting leaders with a .382 batting average, 53 RBI, and 12 homers in just 199 career at-bats.

Brian is being introduced by Lou Cioffi.

◆ DAN CONWAY ◆

Shortstop / Second Base 1974 - 1980

Dan played shortstop and second base for the Oppenheim Post throughout the 1970's. He was a perennial All Star and catalyst on five League Champion Oppenheim teams. Conway notched a career high batting average of .394 in the 1979 season, and tallied a .297 career average with 47 RBI, 7 home runs, and 66 runs scored. Conway was a 1972 free agent draft selection by the Kansas City Royals.

Dan is being introduced by Bob Murphy, ATL Hall of Famer.

◆ TOM SHEPARDSON ◆

Pitcher / Outfielder 1982 - 1985 & 1988 - 1991

Tom was a pitcher and outfielder with Finkle's Jewelers, Burger King, the Sons of Italy and Apex Printing from 1982-85 and 1988-91. He was selected League Rookie of the Year in 1982 for hitting .385 and having a 4-2 pitching record that year. Shepardson was a four-time All Star hitting a career best .352 in 1984 and was a key player on the 1989 Apex Printing team that advanced to the AABC World Series in Battle Creek, MI. Shepardson holds a career batting average of .323 with 92 RBI, 17 home runs, and 73 runs in 349 at bats.

Tom is being introduced by Ron Massaroni, ATL Hall of Famer.



2010 Hall of Fame Inductees

◆ OPPENHEIM POST VFW 1019 ◆

1955 - 1988

The second team to be recognized in the Twilight League Hall of Fame. The team achieved excellence from 1955-1988 winning 10 league titles, including 7 over the 10-year period 1975-1984. The team had the ATL batting champion 7 times and the League's Pitcher of the Year 6 times. Twelve Opps players signed professionally and 23 of its players were later inducted into the Twilight League Hall of Fame.

Oppenheim Post is being introduced by Ed Delehanty, ATL Hall of Famer and ATLVA Secretary.



2011 Hall of Fame Inductees

◆ LOU CIOFFI, III ◆

Infielder / Pitcher / Manager 1972 - 1984

A former standout at Siena, Lou played in the league from 1972-1984 as an infielder and pitcher for the Oppenheim Post, Schaefer Brewers, and Cocca's Diner. He was a three-time All Star, and his .300 career batting average was highlighted by .350 and .348 seasons in 1977 and 1981, respectively. From 1975-1984 Cioffi took on a dual role as player-manager, collecting 107 career wins and several appearances in the ATL Championship Series. He also led Cocca's to AABC UNYSABA Championships in 1976 and 1982.

Lou is being introduced by Brian Brown, ATL Hall of Famer.

◆ JIM HOWARD ◆

Infielder 1979 - 1984 & 1986

Jim played the infield for Big Dom's from 1979-1984, then Orange Motors in 1986. He had a career batting average of .330 in the ATL and was recognized for his excellent defensive play. Howard had a stellar career at Siena and was inducted into Siena's Sports Hall of Fame in 1991. Jim has been a Baltimore Orioles scout since 1988 and in 2004 and 2009 he was named the Orioles Scout of the Year. This year he was inducted into the Professional Baseball Scouts Hall of Fame.

Jim is being introduced by Dave Howard.

◆ JOHN VENDITTE ◆

Infielder / Outfielder 1997 - 2010

John was a utility player with the Colonie Raiders, Albany Athletics, and Davies AC from 1997-2010. He was a four-time All-Star and won ATL batting titles in 1998 (.493) and 2000 (.441). Venditte finished with a career batting average of .345 and is among ATL career leaders in hits and batting average. In John's 863 career at-bats, he collected 298 hits and struck out only 57 times. He played on three ATL Championship teams with Colonie (1997) and Davies (2005, 2008). John was named MVP of the 2002 AABC UNY-SABA tourney with the Athletics. John played college ball at RPI, and ranks second in career hits.

John is being introduced by Joe Altieri, ATL Secretary.



2011 Hall of Fame Inductees

◆ ROXY'S CLEANERS ◆

1948 - 1959

Roxy's Cleaners is the third team to be inducted into the Twilight League Hall of Fame. Over Roxy's 12-year history, they won five ATL Championships (1951, '52, '55, '56, '59) under Manager Chuck Yanni. The team had the ATL batting champion 4 times, Pitcher of the Year 3 times, and the League's MVP 4 times. Sixteen players from Roxy's Cleaners were later inducted into the Twilight League Hall of Fame.

Roxy's Cleaners is being introduced by Ed Delehanty, ATL Hall of Famer and ATLVA Secretary.



ATL Historian Dick Barrett painstakingly researched and collected clippings, photographs, and statistics in developing the 80-page "Commemorative Memories of the Roxy Cleaners, 1948 to 1959" commemorative book. This book, as well as the 2011 ATL Yearbook, document eras of the Albany Twilight League's rich history. At the entry to the hall, copies of the books are available for sale.



◆ **DAVE SERAFINO** ◆

Pitcher 1986 - 1993

A pitcher with Orange Motors and Apex Printing. Dave is among the league leaders in innings pitched and complete games, having compiled a 31-16 career record with a 3.29 ERA, 213 strikeouts, and 17 complete games in 329 innings. He helped lead Apex to League crowns in 1992 and 1993, as well as a North Atlantic Regional championship in 1989 when the team advanced to the AABC World Series in Battle Creek, MI. Dave is being introduced by Norm Hayner, ATL Hall of Famer.

◆ **MIKE'S/NEBA** ◆

Franchise 1962 - 1968

With rival Finkle's Jewelers, one of the top two teams of the 1960's. In the franchise's seven-year run, Mike's/Neba won four League Championships - in 1962, '63, '65, and '67. Over that period the team produced two MVP's, two Batting Champions, and six Pitchers of the Year. Six former Mike's/Neba players are members of the ATL Hall of Fame. Mike's/Neba is being introduced by Ed Delehanty, ATL Hall of Famer and ATLVA Secretary.

◆ **BRYAN FRISBEE** ◆

First Baseman / Designated Hitter / Manager 2004 - 2009

A stellar first baseman and designated hitter for Davies AC. A three-time All-Star selection, Bryan holds a career batting average of .320 with 14 homers, 131 RBI, and 90 runs scored in 463 career at bats. In 2005 he led Davies to the League title, being named League MVP and Playoff MVP. Three years later in 2008, he led Davies to a League crown as player/manager. Bryan's managerial record was 50-19 in three seasons. Bryan is being introduced by Tom Yovine.

◆ **FINKLE'S JEWELERS** ◆

Franchise 1963 - 1982

One of the top two teams of the 1960's and one of the more storied franchises in League history. Finkle's won League titles in 1964, '66, '68, and '73. They produced six League MVP's, one Batting Champion, two Pitchers of the Year, and eight Rookies of the Year. Nine former Finkle's Jewelers players are members of the ATL Hall of Fame. Finkle's Jewelers is being introduced by Ed Delehanty, ATL Hall of Famer and ATLVA Secretary.

◆ **VIRGIL CHEVALIER** ◆

Infielder / Pitcher 1994 & 2005 - 2009

An infielder and pitcher for Stratton Air Guard, Mama's Restaurant, and All-Stars Academy. As Rookie of the Year in 1994, Chevalier batted .338 with 6 homeruns. He then headed off to play pro ball in the Mets and Red Sox systems for nine seasons, returning to the ATL in 2005. In 2006 he was voted League MVP and Pitcher of the Year, and in 2007 he batted .412. He was a three-time All-Star, and finished with a career batting average of .340 and an ERA of 1.88 over 123 innings. Virgil is being introduced by Eric Biehler.

◆ **BRUCE BARKEVICH** ◆

Catcher / Manager / League Officer 1987 - 2010

A catcher and manager for the Dreyer Boyajian franchise (formerly Rensselaer Honda, State Color) for 24 seasons. He is the League's all-time leader in at-bats (1,580) and hits (479), and ranks in the top five in RBI (281), doubles (65), and walks (244). Barkevich holds a career average of .303 and was a five-time All Star. As a manager, he compiled 126 wins from 1998-2010 and led two teams to the ATL Championship Series, finishing Runner Up in 1998 and 2001. Off the field, he was the League's Vice President from 1999-2011. Bruce is being introduced by Dave Perry.



◇ **APEX PRINTING** ◇

Franchise 1989 - 1996

The sixth team to be inducted into the Twilight League Hall of Fame. Apex Printing was the ATL Champion in 1992, '93, and '94, making it one of only five teams in ATL history to win three consecutive League titles. Between 1989 and 1996, Apex had 15 All-Stars, two League MVP's, one League Pitcher of the Year, three Rookies of the Year, and three batting champions. Over that period, the team tallied 119 wins and 56 losses. In 1989 Apex won the AABC North Atlantic Regional Tournament to advance to the AABC Stan Musial World Series, where they finished third, finishing 37-11 overall. Eight former Apex players are now members of the Hall of Fame. Apex is being introduced by Ed Delehanty, ATL Hall of Famer and ATLVA Secretary.

◇ **BILL BOWLES** ◇

Third Baseman 1991 - 2011

The third baseman for the Troy Haymakers for 20 years, Bowles had a career batting average of .326 with 384 hits, 1,179 at bats, 203 runs, 175 RBI, 53 doubles, 17 home runs, and 126 stolen bases. He ranks #1 in career doubles and is in the top four in at-bats, hits, and stolen bases. Bowles topped the .400 mark twice, in 1998 (.415) and 2002 (.416). Over his career, Bowles was a four-time All-Star and started on the Haymakers' 1998 League Champion team. Bill is being introduced by Steve Heiser, ATL Vice President.

◇ **CHRIS DEDRICK** ◇

Pitcher / Infielder / Catcher 1991 - 1993, 1996 - 2000

A pitcher and infielder for Apex, Zaloga Post, Grand Slam, and All Stars Academy, was a .332 career hitter with 84 hits, 253 at bats, 64 runs, 11 home runs, and 53 RBI. As a pitcher, Dedrick had an 18-9 record with 181 strikeouts, 14 complete games, and a 2.97 ERA in 177 innings. Dedrick played on five ATL Champion teams and one Upper NYS Championship team over his eight-year career. He was a League All-Star in 1997 and 1998, batting a career high .389 in 1998, going 28-for-72 with six home runs. Chris is being introduced by Mike Serbalik, ATL Hall of Famer.

◇ **JOHN HECK** ◇

Infielder / Manager 1983 - 1995

An outfielder, pitcher, and later a manager for Cocoa's Diner, Colonie AC, and Heflins. Heck had a career batting average of .330, with 164 hits, 497 at bats, 96 runs, 106 RBI, and 20 home runs, and added an 11-16 career record as a pitcher. He was a key player over his 12-year career, starting on two League Champion teams and highlighting his career with a .404 average in 1988 with Colonie AC. As a manager, Heck accumulated a 62-45 career record. John is being introduced by Matt Cater, ATL Hall of Famer.

◇ **KARL PALMER** ◇

Catcher / Outfielder 1973 - 1980

An catcher and outfielder with the Sons of Italy. Palmer holds a career batting average of .354, which places him among the ATL's modern career batting leaders, including seasons of .403 (1979) and .424 (1980). He was a catalyst on three League Champion teams, as well as four AABC Upper NYS and one AABC North Atlantic Regional Championship teams. Karl is being introduced by Fred Pidgeon, ATL Hall of Famer.

2014 Inductees



◆ MIKE LAROSE ◆

Infielder 1998 - 2012

LaRose was the shortstop for the Troy Haymakers for most of his 15 years with the team. Batting from the leadoff spot, he had a career batting average of .290 over his 1018 at bats. Mike was key to the Haymakers' 1998 Championship, batting .386, and he went on to be a three-time All-Star. LaRose is among ATL career leaders in at bats, hits, walks and stolen bases. Mike is being introduced by Steve Heiser, ATL Vice President and Troy Haymakers manager.

◆ DALE LONG, JR. ◆

Infielder 1969 - 1974

An infielder for the Schaeffer Brewers, Long was a perennial .300 hitter and League All-Star. He batted .329 from the clean-up position in leading the Brewers to the 1970 Championship. The following year he was a catalyst on the team's AABC UNYS championship team, and led the Brewers to top three ATL finishes in three other seasons. In '73 and '74, Dale was the also the Brewers manager. He was an outstanding player while at Union in the 1970s. Dale is being introduced by his son, Dale Long, currently a member of the ATL Champion Albany Senators.

◆ JOHN MARCELLA ◆

Outfielder 2004 - 2011

An outfielder with the Lansingburgh Royals and Albany Athletics, Marcella holds a career batting average of .360, which ranks among career batting leaders. John was a four-time All-Star. He was also a two-time AABC UNYS Tournament All-Star, and he played on five Athletics' Championship teams, four AABC UNYS champs, and one AABC Regional champion team. Marcella led the ATL in RBI in 2010. John is being introduced by Joe Altieri, ATL Secretary and Albany Athletics manager.

◆ ALBERT "ROCKY" RAUSCH ◆

Infielder 1973 - 1976

An All-Star shortstop with the Schaeffer Brewers, he was named Rookie of the Year in 1973, winning the batting title with a .419 average. A perennial .300 hitter in the ATL, Rausch was a D1 All-American at Jacksonville University and is among career batting leaders at the school. After college he was drafted by the Cleveland Indians organization, where he played for four years, reaching the AA level. Rocky is being introduced by his brother, Jim Rausch.

◆ MARK RITZ ◆

Pitcher 2002 - 2010

A pitcher for the Albany Senators, Davies AC, and the Blueslate Bluehawks, Ritz compiled a career record of 25-12, with 203 strikeouts in 259 innings. His ERA of 1.86 ranks him among career ATL leaders. In 2002 Mark was named both Rookie of the Year and Pitcher of the Year, and in 2004 was again named Pitcher of the Year in leading the Senators to the ATL Championship. Ritz was a two-time All-Star and played with AABC UNYS Championship teams with both the Senators and Davies AC. Mark is being introduced by Casey O'Connor, former Albany Senators and College of St. Rose manager.



◆ **MIKE ZGORZELSKI** ◆

Infielder / Pitcher 2004 - 2012

An infielder and relief pitcher with the Albany Senators (2004-08), Albany Athletics (2009-11), and Dreyer Boyajian (2012), Zgorzelski was a 5-time All-Star with a career batting average of .356 - 10th best all time. Offensively he collected 154 hits, 125 RBI, 111 runs, and 33 home runs in 432 at bats. As a pitcher, Mike was 6-1 with two saves, 88 strikeouts and a 0.98 ERA in 57 innings. Over his career he was named League MVP, Rookie of the Year, Playoff MVP, and he won a batting title. With the Senators, he won a League title in 2004 and State title in 2005. With the Athletics, he won three League titles (2009, '10, '11), a State Championship ('09), and a Regional title ('10). Mike is being introduced by former ATL player and teammate, Joe DeMarco.

◆ **DAVE PERRY** ◆

Infielder / Pitcher 1991 - 2013

An infielder and pitcher for Heflins (1991-94), State Color (1995), All Stars Academy (1997-2003), Dreyer Boyajian (2004-12), and Lids Team Sports (2013), Perry was a two-time All-Star selection and batted over .300 five times during his 22 seasons. He was a career .277 hitter with 184 RBI, 153 runs, 13 home runs, and 323 hits in 1,167 at bats, and he ranks in the top 15 in League history in at bats, hits, RBI, and doubles. As a pitcher, Dave had a 48-36 record, 595 strikeouts, and a 3.14 ERA in 606 innings, with 38 complete games. He ranks in the top 6 in League history in wins, innings, complete games and strikeouts. Perry also managed the All Stars Academy franchise to three consecutive League Championships (1999, '00, '01), compiling a 54-34 record as a player/manager. Dave is being introduced by former teammate and ATL Hall of Famer, Mike Serbalik.

◆ **JASON MARTIN** ◆

Infielder / Catcher 2003 - 2005, 2008 - 2013

A first baseman and catcher with the Albany Senators (2003-05) and the Albany Athletics (2008-13), Martin holds a career batting average of .376, the 4th highest in League history, and had 170 RBI, 136 runs, 34 home runs, and 196 hits in 521 at bats. He was a five-time All-Star, two-time Playoff MVP, two-time League MVP, and in 2012 batted for the Triple Crown. Martin played on a Senators team that won the League title in 2004, and won four more League titles with the Athletics (2009, '10, '11, '12). Jason won one State Tournament MVP award and two Regional Tournament MVP's, and played on three Athletics' AABC World Series teams, including the 2012 National Championship team. Jason is being introduced by Joe Altieri, Albany Athletics manager and ATL Secretary.

◆ **RALPH GAZILLO** ◆

Infielder 1988 - 2000

An infielder with State Color/Rensselaer Honda (now Lids Team Sports) for 12 seasons, Gazillo had a career batting average of .313 with 122 RBI, 199 runs, 21 home runs, 78 walks, and 199 hits in 636 at bats. He earned a spot on the All-Star team in 1998 when he hit .485 - second in the league - and drove in 16 runs. Gazillo also had five seasons in which he hit over .300 and his reliable performance over his career was key to his team's stability and success. Ralph is being introduced by Steve Heiser, Troy Haymakers manager and ATL Vice President.