



Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame

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Hockey For Hospice

The Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame is pleased to be a sponsor of the upcoming Hockey For Hospice event, March 27-28, at the Jamestown Savings Bank Arena.

Saturday, March 27

7 P.M.: Public Skate and Skills Camp

9 P.M.: Chautauqua County High School Showcase

10 P.M.: Adult Hockey Marathon Begins...

Sunday, March 28

Adult Hockey Marathon Continues

12 P.M.: Youth Hockey Ages 6-13

4 P.M.: Buffalo Sabres Alumni v. Team Hospice Game

Sabres sign autographs at halftime.

Tickets for the Sabres Alumni game are \$10. Donations are accepted for all other events. Information at www.hospicechautco.org or 716-338-0033. All proceeds benefit Hospice.



Dr. Jay T. Kearney is the March Inductee of the Month on the CSHoF website. He is a physiologist at the US Olympic Training Center in Colorado specializing in human performance. Kearney has recently been in Vancouver working with the USA Olympic Team.

Jay earned a position on the 1980 Olympic team in the sport of flat water canoeing. Unfortunately, the US boycott squashed his medal dreams. Jay, a graduate of Southwestern Central School, is also an inductee in the SUNY Brockport Hall of Fame.

Please visit www.chautauquasportshalloffame.org to read more about the remarkable athletic career of Dr. Kearney.

Brad Zimmer is the subject of the CSHoF display in the lobby of the Jamestown Savings Bank Arena. Similar to Jay Kearney, Zimmer graduated from Southwestern Central School.

He made his mark in the sport of roller-skating. Brad won the National Junior Men's Singles Championship in 1959. The following year he teamed with Darlene Edwards to capture the National Junior Pairs Championship.

Zimmer's father, Oscar, owned the skating rink at the old Celoron Park where Brad became a skating prodigy.

The arena display includes Brad's biography, photos and several awards.



CSHoF inductee and University of Buffalo wrestling coach, **Jim Beichner** (shown in the photo with one of his grapplers) is one proud papa these days! His son, Jake, a senior at Williamsville East High School in suburban Buffalo, won the state qualifier at 145 pounds and was named MVP of the Section 6 Large School Wrestling Championships.

Jim also won a state qualifier and MVP award thirty years ago as a student-athlete at Cassadaga Valley Central School marking the first time in Section 6 wrestling history that a father and son both accomplished this rare feat. In addition, both Jim and Jake completed their high school careers with over 100 wins.

Banquet Leftovers

The 29th Annual Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame banquet caused some last minute consternation for chairman Chip Johnson. A snowstorm in Atlanta grounded the flight of scheduled speaker Ken Stabler. Working feverishly with Stabler's booking agent, Chip was able to secure NFL Hall of Famer Thurman Thomas as an eleventh hour replacement. The former Buffalo Bills running back remarked to the overflow crowd that he was glad to be able to fill in for his friend, Stabler. "I've been protecting quarterbacks for years, always cleaning up their messes. First with Jim Kelly, now with The Snake," Thomas joked.