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*Honoring and Preserving the Sports History of Chautauqua County*

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## Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame

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15 West Third Street - Jamestown, NY 14701

July 2020

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### CSHOF 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

What were you doing 40 years ago? I (Randy Anderson) was teaching third grade at Ring School in Jamestown and chasing a 2-year-old around the house.

In the same time period, 1980-81, Russ Diethrick was convening meetings of sports-minded individuals to discuss the possibility of establishing a hall of fame to recognize outstanding contributors to sports in Chautauqua County. After many months of planning, Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame, Inc, was established. Tony Milioto was elected as the organization's first president.



The initial induction banquet was held at the Red Coach Inn at Lakewood in February of 1982. The emcee was Tom Eakin, President of the Ohio Baseball Hall of Fame. Speakers were Jim Fanning, General Manager of the Montreal Expos, and Lou Groza, placekicker for the Cleveland Browns. Inducted into the first class of Hall of Famers were Walt Brown, Russ Diethrick, Kay Gould, Marty Haines, Mark Hammond, Jim McCusker, Lyle Parkhurst, Brad Rendell, Leo Squinn and Nelson Turnell. And the Hall of Fame was housed in a small storefront at Chautauqua Mall.

My how things have changed for the CSHOF during the past 40 years! We now have 209 inductees on the Wall of Honor. We occupy a 6,000 square foot exhibition hall and business office in downtown Jamestown. We have a searchable data base of thousands of items relating to the sports history of Chautauqua County. We have a 1,200+ page website that has been viewed by over 108,000 visitors. We have established an Endowment Fund to help sustain our future. And we have cemented our position as an active and important partner in the sports landscape of our region.

Many, many individuals have contributed to the growth and success of this organization over the past four decades beginning with its presidents: Tony Milioto (1981-83), Russ Diethrick (1983-86), Komo Tane (1986-87), Chuck Ludwig (1987-90), Denny Lundberg (1990-91), Oleta Hannon (1991-92), Chip Johnson (1992-96), Chuck Sinatra (1996-01), Ron Melquist (2001-11) and Randy Anderson (2011-present). These presidents have been capably assisted by hard-working men and women on the Boards of Directors. And a small army of dedicated volunteers have kept our doors open to visitors. All the afore-mentioned people have served without compensation, the prime reason why we are able to run such a financially lean and efficient operation.

Most important to our success has been the support of the business community of Chautauqua County and our loyal members and friends, such as you, the readers of this newsletter.

It's now time to call upon you to renew your membership in the CSHOF for another year – our 40<sup>th</sup>. In addition to helping the CSHOF carry out its mission to honor and preserve the sports history of Chautauqua County, members will receive all of the following value-added benefits for their membership fee.

- ✓ Free members' picnic – August 10, 2020
- ✓ \$5 off 2021 induction banquet ticket (February 15, 2021)
- ✓ Monthly newsletter
- ✓ Acknowledgement of membership on the CSHOF website
- ✓ Membership card with discounts at selected sports-minded marketing partners:

***Jock Shop - Andriaccio's Restaurant - Lena's Pizza - Gialy's Bar & Grill - Gametime Sports Bar & Grill - Ashville General Store - Hollyloft Ski & Bike - Honest John's - Pinehurst Golf Club - 360 Graphics***

One year memberships are only \$30 for individuals and \$100 for family, business or athletic department. Family, business or athletic department members will receive 4 discount cards and corresponding benefits. Thank you for your kind consideration.

## **CSHOF Picnic**



IF PERMITTED, the annual CSHOF picnic will be Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m., at the Lakewood Rod and Gun Club. All CSHOF members and a guest are cordially invited to attend free of charge. **Reservations are required.** Contact Randy Anderson [randy28b@netsync.net](mailto:randy28b@netsync.net) or 716-640-6219.



# MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

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Enclose a check for \$30 for an individual or \$100 for a family/ business/athletic department membership payable to:

**Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame**

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