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NYSAAA**



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# NYSAAA President's Message



## President Mike Giruzzi

As Delivered by Mike Giruzzi, CAA, Hilton CSD  
At the 2010 NYSAAA Conference in March

Thank you very much. I am honored to be able to follow- not only Harold but all of the great leadership of our previous presidents and that of our entire organization.

On behalf of the NYSAAA, I would like to thank and congratulate Harold Fried on an outstanding year as president! His experience, work ethic and leadership style, enabled this to be another year of growth for the entire organization even through some trying fiscal times. I hope to take his lead and continue the NYSAAA on that path of excellence. Harold, on behalf of the NYSAAA, I would like to present you with this plaque in recognition of a job very well done! Congratulations!

As I begin my presidency, I would like to recognize Dennis Fries. Denny has played a significant role in my growth and development as a teacher, coach, administrator and leader. Denny hired me as a teacher some 19 years ago and has always demonstrated leadership skills that I look to emulate. Thanks Denny! I would also like to thank Dave Martens for the guidance he has given me as I have assumed a greater role of leadership within the organization. I would like to thank Alan Mallanda, for the assistance he has given me these past two years as I began my road to the presidency. I witness the commitment and dedication these men have for this organization and when they asked me to take a greater role of leadership within the organization, as scary as it was, it was hard to say no to any one of them! I strongly believe that the result of their work is a major reason for the success of the NYSAAA and I only hope that I can continue that in some small way. I would also like to thank all of my colleagues in Chapter 5 and the Monroe County Public School Athletic Conference, for the tremendous support you have given me, the relationships we have developed and your willingness to help. I learn from all of you each and every day.

We face unprecedented difficult times, the economy and its impact on education has made it extremely difficult to continue to grow and develop our programs. Our school districts face reductions in state aid, budget deficits and increased scrutiny and accountability. Athletics once again faces the challenge of defending our place and role in our schools and the educational process. I strongly believe that there is no better value in education today than that of interscholastic athletics. We certainly make the most difference for many of our students.

During challenging times, leadership becomes of the utmost importance within our school communities. Our schools need leaders that will work tirelessly to positively impact our kids and their experiences. Districts are led by superintendents, assistant superintendents, principals, directors of athletics and other implicit and explicit leaders such as coaches and teachers. We, as Athletic Administrators need to be the ones that carry the torch and continue the growth and development of our athletic programs. We are the voice of our programs and work with all the constituents within our communities, coaches, teachers, parents, students, community members and others. We do this to insure that our kids have the experiences they deserve within their interscholastic athletic involvement. We must work with energy and passion to make sure that we are prepared to lead our athletic programs for the benefit of the next generation of student athletes. James L Fisher says that, "the main characteristics of effective leadership are intelligence, integrity, mystique, humor, discipline, courage, self sufficiency and confidence". We must utilize those character traits each and every day if we are going to do what is necessary to continue the path of excellence in athletics within our school systems. With that being said, my focus and theme for next year will be: **LEADERSHIP** with **ENERGY** and **PASSION**!



As your president, it will be my goal to continue to promote and publicize to our students and faculty, our parents, boards of education and communities the positive attributes of interscholastic athletics.

Once again, thank you very much for the opportunity to serve as your president. I pledge that I, along with my conference planning team, will deliver to you a great year and conference in March 2011. Please enjoy the banquet this evening and as we leave tomorrow to return to our schools, I hope that we will together continue to "Lead our School Communities with Energy and Passion"!



## NYSAAA Announces New Partnership

Dynamite Sports, in partnership with NYSAAA provides a powerful online Recruiting Education System and NCAA Eligibility Calculator FREE to all member schools. Simply go to [www.dynamitesports.com](http://www.dynamitesports.com) and click on any “GET STARTED” button. Then search for your school to login. It’s as simple as that! For every school that uses this system, NYSAAA will receive a cash contribution from Dynamite Sports.

In addition to the complete system, they are also offering FREE College Recruiting Seminars for those member schools that are willing to host an event for their league or district. They will even provide a Professional Development seminar for your coaches and counselors called, “NCAA Eligibility Center – Fact, Fiction & Changes” 30 minutes prior to the recruiting seminar.

You can request your FREE seminar by clicking on the big red button on the left of the homepage that says “ATTENTION ADMINISTRATORS”.

For more information about this program, you may contact Rick Wire at 717.554.4950 or by email at [rwire@dynamitesports.com](mailto:rwire@dynamitesports.com)

## NYSAAA LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON REPORT MARCH 18, 2010 – Saratoga Springs, NY

**Goal:** To learn about strategies that Athletic Administrators from across New York State are utilizing in dealing with program cuts that school districts are dealing with. Directors will walk away from this meeting with strategies in dealing with this budget crunch from the state.



### Agenda

Cathy Phillips welcomed and moved people to their tables. There was a cross representation of Chapters at each table. No more than two people from each chapter at one table. Total attendance was 45 representatives.

#### 12:00 – 12:10 Introductions

- ~ Opening Welcome, President Elect Michael Giruzzi
- ~ Cathy L. Phillips, Vice President

#### Lunch

#### 12:35 – 1:10 Round Table Discussions

- What are some strategies your school is utilizing or considering to cut your athletic programs and what are strategies your section is utilizing to support school districts whose athletic programs are being cut or in jeopardy of being cut?
- What do you foresee as the future of athletics in New York State?
- Do you feel that the NYSAAA has supported the needs of its membership? What are some of the ways NYSAAA can improve services to its memberships?

#### 1:10 – 1:15 Closure/Next Steps

Documents will be collected and collated and sent out to chapter representative to share in each Chapter. Discussion will also be posted on the NYSAAA Website this spring.



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTEPAD

Alan Mallanda

**A REMINDER** TO PLEASE BE SURE TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP BEFORE JUNE 30TH. Renewals will be in the mail soon.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Harold Fried, CAA, and his Conference Planning Team on putting forth another outstanding conference. The conference reflected the quality and excellence that he and the conference planners wanted to give our members. The Exhibit Hall Festival was a smash hit. Our General Session speakers, John Pelizza, Frank Marrero, and Tom Doyle were outstanding, and those that missed them really missed out. Thanks to all the workshop presenters and moderators for a job well done with cutting edge and timely topics for athletic administrators.

**NEXT YEAR'S CONFERENCE** and all future conferences over the next five years, will return to the Wednesday thru Saturday format that we previously used. **NEXT YEAR'S CONFERENCE DATES ARE: MARCH 16-19, 2011.** Please, make note of the dates and mark them in your calendars.

**BEST WISHES** to Mike Giruzzi, CAA in his year ahead as our new President. He is already busy with his conference planning team in getting the program together for next March. I'm sure we will have another outstanding program to offer our attendees. We also want to congratulate Kevin O'Reilly, CAA Chapter 11 Representative for many years, and now our new Vice President. Also, elected to another two year term, is Dennis Fries, CAA, as Treasurer.

This will be the **LAST ISSUE** of this printed version of our **NEWSLETTER**. Beginning next fall, we will only be publishing an electronic version of our newsletter (3) three times per year. After a year of trial and transition, the Representative Board decided overwhelmingly to use only the electronic version (E-ZINE). This was done not only as a substantial cost saving for the association, but also to be able to offer more content and in depth links, as well as to provide our membership with the latest in technological advances. You will need to be on the email subscription list to get the E-zine and it is available to everyone, not only members. Go to [www.wehelpschools.com](http://www.wehelpschools.com) to subscribe, if you're not receiving your copy. In the categories, click on "Partnerships" and then scroll down to "Interactive Newsletters" to "Subscribe"

Another major development is our brand new **WEBSITE**. Recently re-designed with a newly organized format which it make it much easier to navigate, as well as allowing for more content in a variety of categories. Much of the content from the old website has been transferred and placed in appropriate categories. New content has been added and more is being added each month. It continues to be a work-in-progress, to make this a state of the art and "user friendly" site. It is also our intention to make it a valuable resource and reference tool for our athletic administrators. Thanks to Denny Fries and Schedule Star (our corporate partner) for making this possible. Go check it out at the same address..... [www.nysaaa.org](http://www.nysaaa.org) .

We are all looking towards another great year for the **NYSAAA** and wish everyone a safe, relaxing and rejuvenating summer. Enjoy your summer and don't forget the Section 1 Summer Institute on Cape Cod, if you want to take Leadership Training Courses and make it a family event.

*Alan Mallanda, CMAA*

# CHAPTER NEWS

## REPORTS FROM CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVES

Meeting on March 17, 2010

Submitted by Roger Brown, CMAA, NYSAAA Secretary

### Chapter 1 (Stephen Young, CAA: Horace Greeley High School)

- ❑ Negotiations are ongoing with officials in Section I.
- ❑ Budget concerns are causing all schools to investigate cost cutting measures within their athletic departments.

### Chapter 2 (Scott Stuart: Queensbury High School)

- ❑ Section II has finally reached an agreement on a contract with officials after much time and consternation. The final settlement was significantly different than the Binding Arbitration Ruling that was set forth as both parties agreed to a Memorandum of Understanding. The Binding Arbitration called for mileage payments to officials that were unacceptable to the schools, given these difficult economic times. The Memorandum was decided in response to the Binding Arbitration. The highlights of the contract include: a \$3.00 increase across the board for the first two years and \$2.00 for the third year for Freshmen, JV, and Varsity contests; Modified rates will increase \$4.00 for the first year and \$2.00 for the second and third years; each official will receive a \$7.00 travel fee per game at all levels regardless of the distance traveled; other adjustments were made for extra periods as well as working shorthanded. All fees are retroactive to the beginning of the school year and individual schools are making provisions to accommodate retroactive fees that are owed to the officials.
- ❑ Chapter 2 will be conducting their first attempt at a joint meeting with the local Council of Administrators of NYSAHPERD. The meeting will take place on April 16 at Shenendehowa High School and will be hosted by COA Representative Becky Carman and AAA Representative Scott Stuart. The two groups feel there is a need to discuss pertinent issues that are common to all Administrators/School Districts. The meeting will serve to afford the groups the time to share insights and solutions to those issues. Previously, these issues have been discussed at Section II meetings where there has been limited time to adequately confront the issues.

### Chapter 3 (Bill Brown: Jamesville-DeWitt High School)

- ❑ The Section III Ice Hockey committee has been working to realign teams into new divisions for the 2010-11 school year. The NYSPHSAA Executive Committee re-established the classification cut-off numbers in the sport. This has caused several schools to change their traditional division which had been determined by other criteria. With the new classification numbers Section III will have more schools in Division I Ice Hockey than in the past and fewer teams in Division II. Proposed division alignments and Section III play-off formats are currently being discussed.
- ❑ By a vote of 76-17, schools in Section III recently adopted a revised Section III Constitution. 87 percent of the schools in the Section participated in the voting.

- ❑ Schools are attempting to deal with budget concerns by cutting positions and possibly modified sports programs. The development of schedules has been delayed due to the uncertainty of knowing what sports some schools will or will not field during the 2010-11 school year.
- ❑ In an ongoing effort to address gender and sport equity issues, the Section III Basketball Championships for boys and girls were held, for the first time, during the same weekend at the Utica Auditorium. All championship games were televised on Time Warner Sports. Each of the winning teams participated in a "Champions Reception" and also received commemorative merchandise provided by Anaconda Sports. The Section II Basketball Committees for boys and girls honored All-Star teams and Coaches of the Year with plaques and special recognition following each game.

### Chapter 4 (John Goodson: Johnson City High School)

- ❑ The winter Chapter 4 meeting was held on February 11 at Owego Free Academy. Presentations were made by Kermit Moyer (Observation and Evaluation of Coaches) and Jeff Manwaring (Student-Athlete Awards Banquet Survey). There was discussion about offering Leadership Training courses for Athletic Directors in Chapter 4.
- ❑ A decision was made to conduct a Chapter 4 awards luncheon in May to honor all chapter award winners.

### Chapter 5 (Peter Shambo, CAA: Penfield Central School)

- ❑ A winter breakfast workshop was held on February 8 at the Bristol Mountain Ski Resort. Alan Mallanda presented information about the Leadership Training Program and NIAAA Certification. Bob Stulmaker of the NYSPHSAA gave updates with regard to the classification process/numbers and future changes, state championships, the continuation of a reduction in contests, and changes in coaching certification. Ed Stores, Section V representative, discussed fingerprinting of officials, the process for schools voluntarily electing to move up in classification, and open vs. closed Section V tournaments. David Green noted discussion that was taking place among members of the Financial Concerns Committee as well as input from Superintendents. Lloyd Mott and Colleen Corsi from the NYSAHPERD discussed initiatives of the Council of Administrators, membership in the COA, and opportunities for involvement with the COA.

### Chapter 6 (Brett Banker: Kenmore-Tonawanda Schools)

- ❑ Impasse has been declared in negotiations between Section VI and the official's organization.
- ❑ There has been discussion regarding the philosophy on how to classify schools and should schools be able to request to "play up."
- ❑ Some non-public schools are in the process of seeking membership to Section VI.
- ❑ Answers to questions are being investigated for the emerging sport of Girl's Ice Hockey with regard to the number of required practices, extramural contests, and the need for having a minimum of 6 schools participating in order for it to become an official sport in Section VI. There are currently 4 schools participating.

## Chapter 7 (Kurt Munson: Au Sable Valley Central High School)

- ❑ Gary Ryan, former Athletic Director at Seton Catholic High School, will be inducted into the NYS Hockey Coaches Hall of Fame.
- ❑ Chapter VII was represented by Jephrey Doorey (Northern Adirondack), Mark Farmer (Saranac Lake), and Matt Walentuk (Seton Catholic High School) at the Leadership Luncheon for Athletic Directors at the state conference.
- ❑ Recent budget considerations regarding Section VII athletics and the impact it has on various schools/athletic programs are currently being mapped out by the Council of Athletic Directors. Concerns are with schools and which sports will be offered and/or cut.

## Chapter 8 (Dominick Vulpis for Denise Kiernan: Oceanside UFSD)

- ❑ Maintaining modified sports programs has become a viable budget concern.
- ❑ Scheduling of contests for most sports has been determined by ability-based grouping. This will change to scheduling related to classification numbers for all sports.
- ❑ A BOCES program has helped schools with the coaching certification process.

## Chapter 9 (Bob Siracuse, CAA: Goshen Central School)

- ❑ The Athletic Directors of the OCIAA and Section IX have discussed and implemented the following cost-saving measures in athletics: runner-up plaques for section finalists have been eliminated saving \$2,500; eliminated the stipend for the Section IX Secretary and Treasurer saving \$15,000; reduced the number of days that Section IX competes in outdoor Track saving \$5,000; reduced the number of Section IX qualifiers for Boys/Girls Tennis and Boys/Girls Golf saving \$300 in transportation and expenses for substitute teachers; Section IX officials will be used when hosting Regional contests saving \$2,000; reduced the number of JV/Varsity contests saving \$5,000 for each district; projected savings on regional scheduling for modified sports with some triangular or quadrangular competitions so athletes participate fewer days; savings on postage, paper, telephone expenses, and copying fees due to agendas, minutes, and handbooks being placed on the Section IX website and sent electronically; and limiting the number of JV scrimmages saving \$1,000 per district.
- ❑ The Athletic Directors have reduced and will continue to look for ways to reduce the cost of athletics. The subject of Athletics and Potential Savings has been placed on the agenda at workshops for Athletic Directors to discuss ways to make athletics more cost effective for school districts.

## Chapter 10 (Eileen Kilcullen, CAA: Franklin Academy)

- ❑ The Section is working with Canton Potsdam Hospital to offer symposiums on topics related to athletics.
- ❑ Section X continues to offer multiple opportunities for coaching classes in an attempt to keep up with the demand of coaches complying with state regulations.

- ❑ Mergers, their costs, and other related topics continue to be items of discussion.
- ❑ Contract negotiations with the official's association have stalled, therefore, schools will use \$0.45 per mile and the 2009-10 fees for the 2010-11 school year.
- ❑ John Underwood will present The Life of an Athlete-Part 5 in June.
- ❑ Schools are concerned about the state budget and its impact on athletic programs.

## Chapter 11 (Kevin O'Reilly, CAA: Brentwood High School)

- ❑ Several Athletic Directors attended a Head Injury Awareness and Prevention Celebrity Sports Forum at the Hyatt Regency Wind Watch on March 11.
- ❑ The Suffolk County (Section XI) Council of Administrators meetings held by Charlie Delargy have been informative as meeting locations are rotated to various school districts so the attendees get to view different facilities.
- ❑ There was record-breaking attendance at Section XI basketball championships for boys and girls. The championship for girls was moved to Farmingdale from St. Joseph's College to accommodate the large number of spectators.
- ❑ Every school in the Section is facing tough fiscal times with the possible elimination of various athletic programs. Many Athletic Directors remain in discussion with their Superintendents regarding the various levels/costs of the programs.
- ❑ There was increased participation (6 last year to 40 this year) in the number of student essay applications. The chapter winners receive \$100 each.

## CHSAA (Don Scarola: Chaminade High School)

- ❑ Athletic Directors are looking into the history of the swimming competition and the rationale for girls diving on boys' teams when the girls swim during a different season. Diving is not included during their fall season so they choose to dive during the winter boy's season.
- ❑ Schools are using arbiter.com for all assigning of officials for soccer, basketball, lacrosse, and baseball.





# Highlights of our 28th Annual Athletic Directors Conference

Saratoga Springs, NY  
March 16-19, 2010







# AWARDS HIGHLIGHTS of the 28TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

## The Dave Martens Annual Awards Luncheon:

### Judith A. Martens Secretarial Award of Excellence:

- Chapter 1 – Laurie DiSilvesto, Brewster
- Chapter 2 – Jill Busman, Scotia-Glenville
- Chapter 3 – Victoria Mulligan, Sherburne-Earlville
- Chapter 4 – Patty Votra, Marathon
- Chapter 5 – Karen Cottorone-Young, Rochester
- Chapter 6 – Lynda Tomasikiewicz, Lockport
- Chapter 7 – Jackie Lafountan, Plattsburgh
- Chapter 8 – Debbie Iraci, Carle Place
- Chapter 9 – Lynda Slesinski, Middletown
- Chapter 10 – Jodi Fox, Madrid-Waddington
- Chapter 11 – Christine Kolb, Connetquot
- CHSAA – No Recipient

### Chapter Community Service Awards:

- 1 – Purchase College
- 2 – Glens Falls Civic Center
- 3 – All Star Publishing
- 4 – Southern Tier Sports Network
- 5 – Operation Offense
- 6 – Niagara Gazette, Nate Beutel
- 7 – CV Tech Printing
- 8 – Bob O'Brien
- 9 – Shop Rite, Middletown
- 10 – Tardelli's Restaurant
- 11 – Dowling College
- CHSAA – No Recipient

### Distinguished Service Awards (Non-Athletic Administrators):

- Chapter 1 – William Behrends, Section I Basketball, Mahopac
- Chapter 2 – Frank Miller, Wrestling Official, Queensbury
- Chapter 3 – Oscar Jensen, State Track & Field Coordinator, Baldwinsville
- Chapter 4 – Barry Ilse, Section Lacrosse Coordinator, Vestal
- Chapter 5 – Richard Cerone, State Football Chair, Rochester
- Chapter 6 – Tom Roberts, Basketball Official, Buffalo (Sweet Home)
- Chapter 7 – Valerie Stahl, Swimming/Basketball/Softball, Moriah
- Chapter 8 – Dr. Santo Barbarino, Superintendent, Lynbrook
- Chapter 9 – Lindsay Liquori, Time Warner Cable 6 TV Sports Director, Hudson Valley
- Chapter 10 – St. Lawrence University Athletic Department
- Chapter 11 – Jack Sexton, Section XI Ass't. Executive Director, Patchogue
- CHSAA – No Recipient

### Professional Development Awards:

- Don Webster, CMAA – Ward Melville HS, NYSAAA LTP Chair
- Alan Mallanda, CMAA – Retired Corning-Painted Post ASD, NYSAAA Executive Director

## The Roy O'Neill Conference Awards Banquet:

### Chapter Award Recipients (Athletic Administrators)

- Chapter 1 – Tom Collins, Pearl River
- Chapter 2 – Charles Karker, RAA, Fort Plain
- Chapter 3 – Ken Avery, Fulton
- Chapter 4 – Joel Wilson, Susquehanna Valley
- Chapter 5 – David Green, CAA, West Irondequoit
- Chapter 6 – Tim Marong, Frontier CSD
- Chapter 7 – Ed Cook, Beekmantown
- Chapter 8 – Tom Graham, Lynbrook
- Chapter 9 – Jeff Hartman, Wallkill
- Chapter 10 – Anthony Bjork, Ogdensburg
- Chapter 11 – Lisa Lally, Miller Place
- CHSAA – No Recipient



### NIAAA State Award of Merit

- Patrick Pizzarelli, CAA, Lawrence Public Schools

### Otis Sennett Award of Excellence

- Alton B. Doyle (deceased), Gilford Lake, NY, Retired NYSPHSAA Executive Director
- Don Lindell, Vero Beach, FL, Retired Acting Physical Education Bureau Chief, NYS Education Department

# 2010 Otis Sennett Award of Excellence Presented to Two State Icons Who Were Instrumental in the Early Success of the NYSAAA

## Alton B. Doyle



**Alton** is a 1949 graduate of Springfield College. He went on to teach health and physical education at Oxford Central from 1950-57, and was the district's athletic director from 1957-71. While at Oxford, Alton also was the head football coach for 16 years, baseball coach for 20 years, basketball coach for eight years, track & field coach for eight years and wrestling coach for three years. He served on the NYSPHSAA football committee from 1967-1971 and then, in 1975, Alton was named the first full-time Executive Secretary of the NYSPHSAA where he held that position until 1990. Alton is a member of the Elmira, NY Sports Hall of Fame (1987); NYSPHSAA Section IV Hall of Fame (1989); NYS Wrestling Hall of Fame (1990); NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame (2003); and the Springfield College Hall of Fame (2009). Additionally, Alton was a member of countless committees for NYSPHSAA,

Section I of the NIAAA and NFHS.

During his tenure, he was part of the resurrection of the boys basketball tournament. As part of the National Alliance Football Rules committee, Alton was instrumental in presenting extensive football safety research and recommendations resulting in rules changes at the state and national level. He also drafted and presented the "bordering states" portion of the NFHS sanctioning procedures which were adopted in 1979-1980. Upon his retirement, Alton became very involved with the Town of Guilford as Town Justice and was town supervisor from 1996-2009.

Al passed away in 2009 after a long illness. Accepting the award on his behalf were his two daughters, Barbara Hennessy and Catherine Miller. At the time of the formation of the NYSAAA in 1981, Al was the Executive Director of the NYSPHSAA. His support was critical to the success of what was a "fledgling" new organization at the time. The NYSAAA pays tribute to Al Doyle for being a proponent for having an association in New York State devoted exclusively to the professional development of athletic directors.

## Don Lindell



**Don** attended Cornell College of Iowa. He played football and wrestled at the 177 lbs. weight class. He won the Midwest Conference 177 lbs. championship and represented the college at the NCAA national championships at Penn State University. He started a teaching and coaching career in Iowa before accepting a position in 1957 at Bloom Township High School in Chicago Heights, Illinois as a physical education teacher, head wrestling coach and assistant football coach. His teams finished in the top 10 of the state and produced one individual state champion and several second and third place winners. In 1961, he took a leave of absence to work on a masters degree at the University of Iowa, where he was awarded a graduate assistantship as a physical education instructor, as well as assistant coach for football and wrestling coach.

After receiving his masters degree, he accepted a position as assistant professor of physical education and wrestling coach at Plattsburgh State University College. In 1966, he left the education field to pursue a career as a professional pilot for a charter company. A year later, he went to work as a corporate pilot for a firm in Glens Falls, NY. He served as the director of flight instruction for Richmor Aviation and was appointed by the FAA as a designated pilot examiner for private and commercial pilot's licenses and multi-engine and instrument ratings.

In 1970, Don decided to go back into education and was appointed to the position of Assistant State Supervisor of Physical Education at the New York State Education Department. In addition to his elementary and secondary physical education responsibilities, he was assigned to be the liaison to the various school athletic organizations in the state. He worked extensively with the New York State Public High School Athletic Association, the New York City Public High Schools Athletic League, the Catholic High School Athletic Association and the organization leaders in the development and promotion of the New York State Athletic Administrators Association.

In 1993, Don retired as the Acting Bureau Chief and he and his wife, Barbara, moved to Vero Beach, Florida. In 2002, they purchased an airplane near Los Angeles. They traveled in their airplane across North America to various parts of Canada, including Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland. In the States they traveled back-and-forth to Albany and made trips from Key West to Oregon and numerous places in between. Don joined the Angel Flight Southeast organization. He flew missions carrying patients for medical treatment in Florida, Georgia and South Carolina. In 2009, they sold their airplane. For four years Don taught computer classes for the Indian River State College Life Long Learning Institute. He and his wife are active in their church, singing in the choir and with the Treasure Coast Chorale.

Don, along with Al Doyle, was in a key position with the State Education Department at the time the NYSAAA was formed in 1981. His support was critical to the success of this new organization in those early years and he is very deserving of this award and recognition which has been bestowed upon him.



**Patrick Pizzarelli, CAA Awarded the NIAAA State Award of Merit at the 2010 Roy O'Neill Conference Awards Banquet**



Patrick is a 1977 graduate of Southern Connecticut State College with a degree in physical education and driver education. In 1983, he earned his Masters degree in Liberal Studies from SUNY Stony Brook. In 1985, Patrick was awarded his professional diploma in School District Administration and Supervision from Long Island University.

Upon his graduation from Southern Connecticut, he became a physical education teacher at St. Patrick's School in Staten Island from 1980-81. In 1981, he became a physical education and health teacher for Plainedge Public Schools. In 1987, he became the Supervisor of Physical Education, Health and Athletics for the Hicksville Public Schools. From 1992 to present, Patrick has served as Director of Physical Education, Health and Athletics for the Lawrence Public Schools.

From 1976-1987, Patrick coached junior varsity wrestling and lacrosse and varsity lacrosse.

As an administrator, Patrick established interscholastic boys lacrosse programs in the Plainedge and Lawrence School Districts; he was a New York Empire State Games committee member; served on a myriad of committees for the NYSPHSAA and is currently the president; president of NYSAHPERD from 1996-1998, Nassau County Public High Schools Athletic Association, president 1996-98; and the NYSAAA where he was president 2004-05.

Additionally, during his tenure he has received a number of honors and awards, including Amazing Physical Educator Award-NYSAHPERD, NYSAAA Chapter 8 Athletic Administrator Award, COA State Physical Education Director Award, Athletic Director of the Year – Finalist – National High School Athletic Coaches Association. Congratulations to Patrick for receiving the NYSAAA's highest honor.

## NEWS & NOTES

Saint Patrick's Day on Long Island – Bernie O'Brien, long time and first Treasurer of the NYSAAA, along with his wife, Marilyn and his grandchildren, was named as Grand Marshall for the annual St. Patrick's day parade in Nassau County, Long Island.



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### Athletic Director Office Administration

#### "Weekly Calendar of Events"

(Randy Russell, Athletic Director, Colville High School, Colville WA) - Every week I put together a weekly calendar of events for the upcoming week. On Monday morning of that week, I call to double-check on all of the transportation requests, officials for home contests, and athletic directors of our opponents for that week to ensure that our dates and times match. This takes me anywhere from 30 to 45 minutes and helps me to double-check events for the entire week. At approximately 9:00 a.m., I also have an office meeting to ensure that all office personnel are informed of any changes for the week.

#### "Weekly Eligibility Check"

(Mike Brand, Athletic Director, St. Edward High School, Elgin, Illinois) - When I started two years ago, we went to a weekly eligibility check where the student-athletes were responsible for their own check. On Wednesday mornings, all athletes get a form from their homeroom teachers. They hand the form to each of their teachers, and the teacher signs the form with an "OK," a "D" or an "F." At the end of the school day, the students must turn in the form at the athletic office. If the form is not handed in on Wednesday, the student becomes ineligible for the next week. If a student has two "Fs" or one "F" and two "Ds," the student becomes ineligible per our school policies. We have found through this process that student-athletes have become very responsible. The entire coaching and teaching staff love the process. Another positive is that the student-athletes know where they stand academically on a weekly basis.

#### "Interscholastic Athletics Advisory Committee"

(Gisela Benning, CAA, Athletic Director, Milwaukee North Division, Milwaukee, WI) - Five years ago the Milwaukee Public Schools instituted the Interscholastic Athletic Advisory Committee. Included on this committee are representatives from the following groups; student athletes, coaches of boys and girls sports, athletic directors, administrators, and parents. This group meets on a monthly basis to discuss concerns regarding interscholastic athletics programs and to make recommendations to address these concerns. To date, they have been successful in implementing changes in eligibility standards, budget and accountability of coaches and athletes. Members of the committee are conscientious about soliciting input from the various groups, and as a result all groups feel a strong ownership of the program.

The NYSAAA welcomes ideas submitted by its members. Please email to [nysaaa@yahoo.com](mailto:nysaaa@yahoo.com)

## NYSAAA Introduces CELOX Blood Clotting Products as New Partner/Sponsor – Get Back in the Game with CELOX

CELOX over-the-counter blood clotting products – CELOX Granular pour-on formula, CELOX Nosebleed Dressing and CELOX Gauze Roll and Gauze Pads – were recently introduced to the public at the National Athletic Directors Association conference in Dallas in December 2009. CELOX is FDA 510K approved and CELOX products have been proven to stop bleeding – from mild to moderate and even potentially life threatening arterial bleeding – fast.

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"The first thing that comes to mind is the impact CELOX products – especially the nosebleed pad – will have on wrestling" said Alan Mallanda, NYSAAA Executive Director. "Most of the products we currently use just soak up blood, but CELOX products stop the bleeding. Once we stop the bleeding we can assess the injury and go from there."

CELOX was the exclusive sponsor and featured presenter at the Executive Committee meeting in Albany on December 6 in addition to participating in December's NADA conference in Dallas.

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