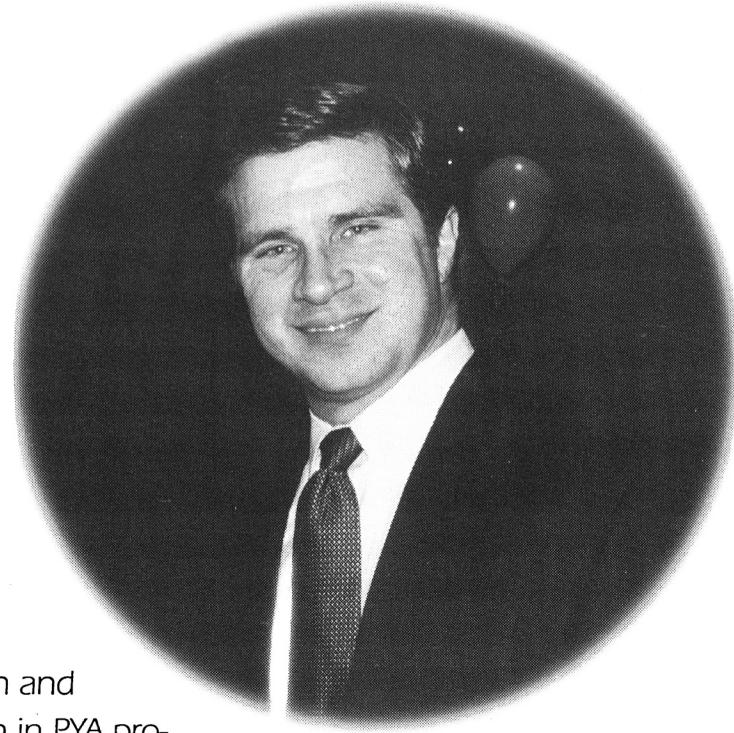


# The **PYA HALL OF FAME**

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## **JULIUS PICARDI**



Julius Picardi becomes the first PYA Hall of Fame inductee to have the following credentials ... born and raised in Port Washington, participated as a youth in PYA programs, coached in our programs, and served as both officer and director. Such an impressive list of attributes makes Julius' induction both exceptional and well deserved. Julius is a graduate of Schreiber High School, Class of 1975. He was a member of both Varsity lacrosse and Varsity Wrestling teams there before going on to SUNY @ Albany where he played as a midfielder on Varsity Lacrosse for three season. In 1980, just one year removed from college graduation, Julius began his "career" in PYA becoming an assistant lacrosse coach for fifth graders. Since that time his involvement has only widened. in 1982, he was elected Financial secretary of the organization, Treasurer in 1983 (still today), Chairman of the Endowment Committee in 1990, and also held positions on several other PYA committees. Julius became a key element in the refocus and subsequent explosive growth of PYA and its programs during the late 1980s. His keen financial awareness and strategic development were vital to that effort. no one, other than Harvey Cohen (PYA's first inductee), has served longer as an active PYA board member.

Julius' passion and knowledge for lacrosse is infamous. He follows the sport at all levels, up to and including the professional level where he serves as statistician at the new York Saints indoor games. Unofficially, he is known as "family tree historian" for the whereabouts of former lacrosse players, particularly those from Port Washington.

Induction into the PYA Hall of Fame is limited to those individuals that have demonstrated the exceptional commitment to youth sports programs over a significant number of years. People such as Julius have provided inspiration and devoted countless hours to make these programs a reality.

Julius is one of three children of his parents, Mary and Julius Picardi, from Port Washington. He has two sisters, Carolee and Christina. His wife, Marie, a chiropractor in private practice, and he are residents of Floral Park.