

# The PYA HALL OF FAME



## JOHN MEEHAN

By instilling the same traits of discipline and a solid work ethic that has brought him success in life, John Meehan has earned the reputation as an effective mentor to hundreds of our young people whose lives he has touched over his more than two decades with our PYA programs.

John grew up in Brooklyn, and while at John Jay High School, pitched and played outfield for its baseball team, and also lettered as the quarterback for the football team. After receiving his business degree from St. John's University, he proudly served his country as a United States Marine while in Vietnam from 1967-1968. Upon his honorable discharge, he began his long career as a Wall Street investment banker in 1968, initially with Chase Manhattan Bank, and currently with Deutsche Morgan Grenfell.

Athletically, John also kept active in baseball in the post-collegiate Parade Grounds League through 1972. After moving to Port Washington in 1973, John began his PYA coaching career in 1978 with the Main Street School little league. He began his involvement with PYA football in 1980 as an assistant, and moved up to head coaching slots for 6 years in the early 1980's, and from 1990 to the present. John served as our football commissioner from 1987-1988 where he affectionately garnered the nickname, "The General" from his "take-charge" leadership style. It was also during the mid-'80s, from 1983 - 1988, that he served on the PYA Board of Directors.

Alternating from the gridiron to the diamond, John got back involved with PYA baseball from 1993 to the present. Achieving success almost immediately, in 1994 John managed PYA's first District Championship-winning team in more than two decades. This complemented his earlier involvement with the St. Peter's CYO baseball program from 1980-1986, where he began applying his disciplined football coaching style to a more pastoral game. While taking part in hitting, base running, or fielding drills, many a young player can reflect on John's baritone voice imploring "Down and give me 10 -- and 1 for the Corps!" while on the baseball diamond.

John's organization talents that benefit PYA also have brought him many professional accomplishments and honors. From 1975-1985, he was VP/Fiscal Agent for FNMA. From 1985 through 1996, he ran trading desks for Dean Witter, and then for Deutsche Morgan Grenfell. In 1997-1998 he served as vice chairman, and then chairman for the Bond Market Association. He has been named to the Brooklyn Community Center #32 Little League Hall of Fame, too.

In addition to his dedication to PYA, locally John heads the finance committee for the 1st Marine Division Association, is a member of the Port Washington Marine Corps League, a member of our local American Legion, and a board member of Cabrini Medical Center.

John and his wife Janice, a schoolteacher in Brooklyn, are most proud of their three sons. Their oldest, Michael, has followed John's lead to Wall Street. Matthew, still in high school, is a varsity football and lacrosse player at Chaminade, and Marty is a student at St. Peter's School and active in PYA baseball and football.

