

Port Washington Youth Activities

PYA SPORTS HALL OF FAME

JOHN O'LEARY

John O'Leary played football at PYA for seven years, and baseball for six years. He also umpired baseball games at PYA. At Holy Cross High School he played football, baseball, and ran track. He was a Daily News All City player in 1971-1972; was a Parade All-American Scholastic Sport designee in 1972; and was recognized with an All-City Baseball award in 1972. At the University of Nebraska he played three years of varsity football and one year of varsity baseball. He was voted the Outstanding Freshman in the Big 8; made Second Team in the Big 8; and played in 6 bowl games. He was drafted by the Chicago Bears and was Rookie of the Year in the Canadian Football League, playing with the Montreal Alouettes. He was a Canadian Football League All-Star in 1977, 1978 and 1979. He was selected to the Holy Cross High School Hall of Fame in 1991.

JIM VIGILIS

Jim Vigilis is being recognized for making a substantial contribution to the youth of Port Washington. He was an active member of the PYA Board of Directors for 10 years. He served as Commissioner of the Babe Ruth Baseball League for 5 years. He was a Head Coach in the League for 15 years and an Assistant Coach for 5 years. He was also active in football and basketball, serving as an Assistant Coach for 10 years. Many of the children he coached throughout the sixties now remember Jim Vigilis as someone who was always there for them.

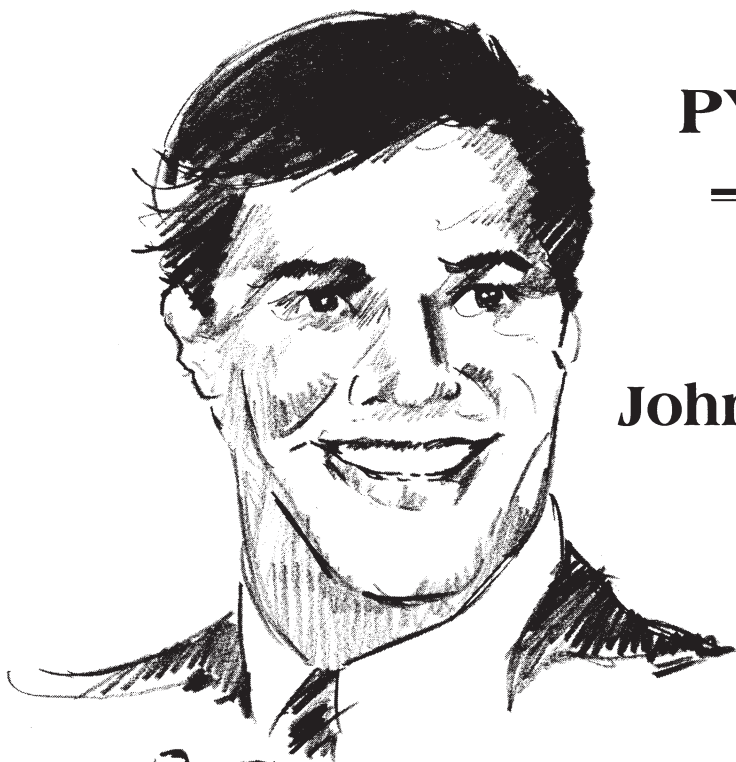
AL BONELLI

Al Bonelli is being honored posthumously for his dedication to PYA. He was a long-time member of the organization's Board of Directors. He was instrumental in the organization's formative early years and stayed the course for three decades. Although he served as Commissioner of Baseball and coached many a team, he is best remembered by many as Port Washington's "Mr. Basketball." He served as Commissioner of Basketball for many years coaching many young boys or girls on the right way to make a lay up shot. Former players remember him as a feisty guy who was always there for them and always working with the kids. Indeed, he continued coaching into his late sixties.

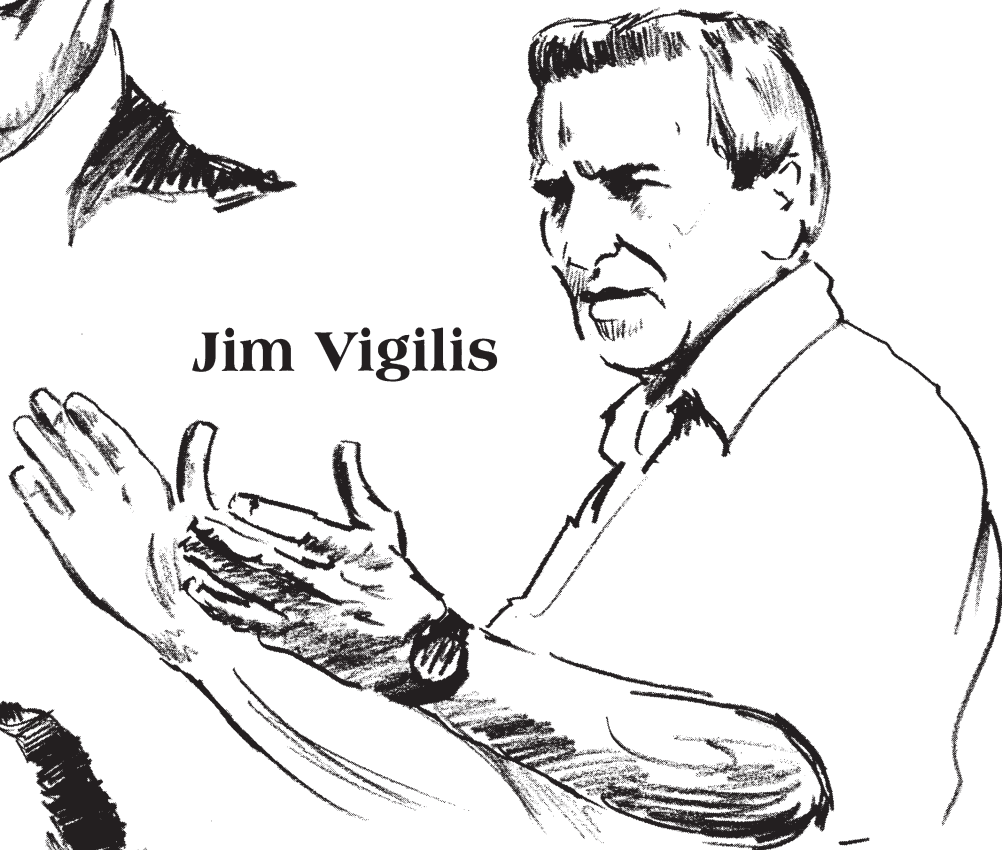
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Al Bonelli
(in Memoriam)

