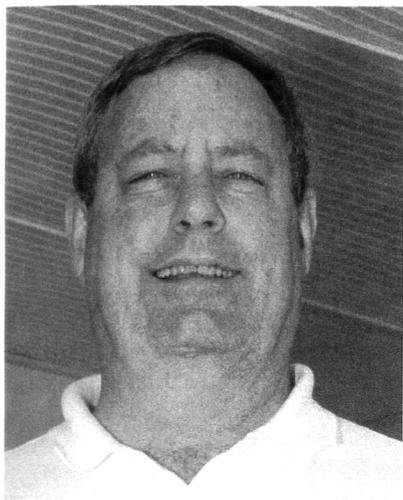


# *Port Washington Youth Activities*

## HALL OF FAME

### TOM McNAMARA



Tom McNamara has been one of PYA's leaders for the past 13 years. Starting as a girls basketball coach in 1995, Tom has held numerous vital roles for the organization, including serving as PYA's President from 2004-2006. Tom's steadfast dedication to PYA and to the youth of our community culminates today in his induction into the Hall of Fame.

Tom coached girls basketball for a total of four years. Concurrent to that stint, Tom served as commissioner of boys basketball from 1997 – 2004 for the Kindergarten to 7th grade programs. In addition to basketball, Tom served as flag football league commissioner for two years, deputy football commissioner to Harvey Cohen for 4th and 5th grade tackle football for two years, and baseball commissioner for two years with HOF co-inductee Joe Gil (who recommended Tom as a member of the PYA Board of Directors, which he joined in 1996).

Tom's legal background brought to the PYA Board a strong sense of administrative procedure, and he took a leadership role in drafting the original fundraising proposals for the "Field of Dreams" Lions Field redevelopment project in the late 1990's. His expertise also came into play as he led an ad hoc committee which updated and revised the organization's by-laws.

In addition, he has served on or chaired various other Board committees, including those focusing on legal and finance matters, special events, fund raising, and disciplinary issues. In 2001, Tom was elected to the position of Secretary of PYA, and served for three years. Following his term as secretary he was elected President in 2004 and served a two year term.

While President, Tom emphasized sportsmanship and positive sports parenting, and arranged a symposium which brought in a prominent, well-known sports psychologist to speak to Port Washington parents and coaches.

Since stepping down as President, Tom has remained a PYA Director, and has been involved in projects such as the replacement of the old roller hockey rink at Manorhaven Park, and spearheading the yearly holiday Champions For Charity fundraising event at the Americana Manhasset shopping center.

Tom's community involvement extends to his coaching CYO basketball for the twelfth year in a row. Included on his high school-age team are some of the same boys to whom he imparted the fundamentals of basketball when they were starting out at PYA in kindergarten, first, and second grades.

In his 12 years with PYA, one of Tom's favorite memories is the second grade boys-vs.-moms basketball game he established. "It was a perfect age to do it," Tom said, additionally noting that "the talent level was about equal." It turns out that Tom did not have to ask any mother to play. He simply told the boys that if they wanted to play in that game they had to bring their mothers. The recruiting took care of itself!

Tom and his wife Rosemary, a psychotherapist, have lived in Port Washington for 21 years. He is a litigation partner with the law firm of Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman, LLP. They have two children -- their daughter Dana is an accounting major at Molloy College, and their son Sean is finishing his junior year at Paul D. Schreiber High School.