

Port Washington Youth Activities
PYA SPORTS HALL OF FAME

JOSEPH MARRO



A long-time resident of Port Washington, Joe Marro grew up on the high school athletic fields and gyms of this town, playing 2 varsity years of football, basketball and baseball. His athleticism and interest in sports carried him to the State University (NY) College at Brockport, where he played 4 years of varsity football, and 2 years each of basketball and track. As he began to focus on his initial career of coaching, teaching and sports administration, he was named to the position of Brockport State's Student Director of Athletics.

After graduation from Brockport, he was a teacher and football coach in upstate Depew, NY. Spending 13 years in these careers, Joe ultimately came home to Long Island, where he coached at Plainedge High School in North Massapequa, as well as Schreiber High School.

It was at this point in the early and mid-1960's that he began his involvement with PYA. In the organization's formative years, Joe's athletic administration background led him to hold numerous clinics to benefit PYA's volunteer coaches in order to teach them the nuances of youth football. Along with PYA's first executive director, Vince Meier, Joe helped develop our first swim program. Joe was also one of the four original PYA little league baseball coaches. All in all, he served as a PYA board director and a head football coach for 10 years. With PYA's lacrosse program, he was a head coach for 2 years, and an assistant for 8 years as his two sons, Marc and Torr, went through our sports programs in the 1970's and 1980's. As he was always focused as an educator, he also served a term on the Port Washington School Board for three years in the mid-1970's. As his children grew up and moved on to high school, Joe became one of the founders of the Athletic Association of Port Washington (AAPW) at Schreiber High School in the mid-1980's.

Joe followed his teaching and coaching professions with a career in business, most notably owning and running numerous automobile dealerships for nearly 33 years. In addition to his two sons and his wife, Eva, Joe has two daughters, Lori and Donna.