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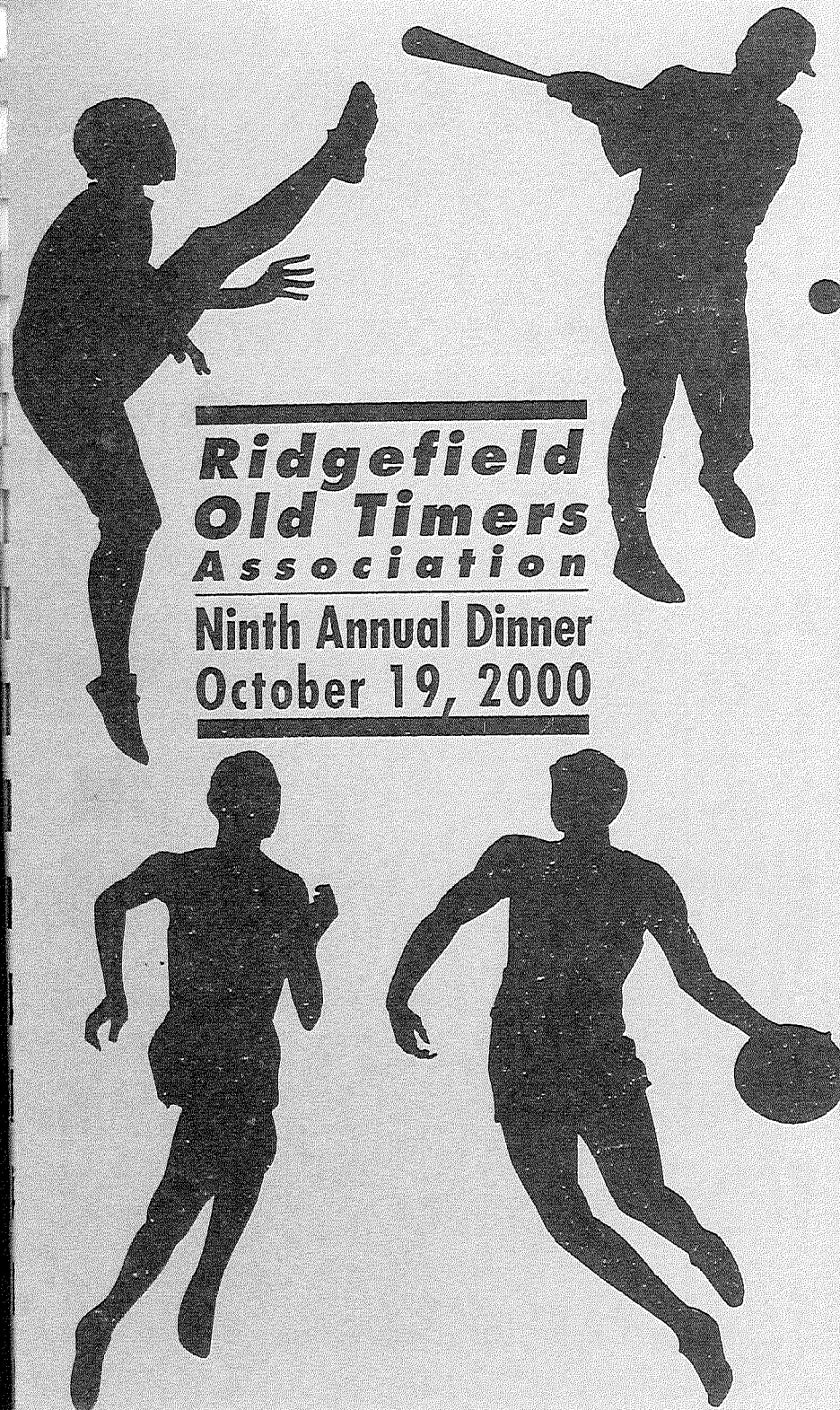
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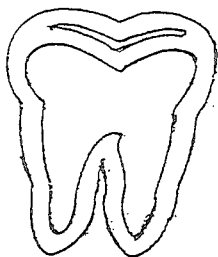


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Glenn Anderson, a four letter athlete, played baseball, basketball, track and football. Anderson played left end for the varsity team described in the 1949 yearbook as "the finest grid iron team in history." Anderson's "sensational catches" from quarterback Fabio "Fibber" Biagiotti and "spectacular open field play" by Renzo Falcinelli and Andy Montanari, coupled with

"murderous tackling and blocking" by Joe Morganti, led RHS to a near perfect season losing only to Bedford Hills. Other members of this memorable team included Ralph Almgren, Doug Main, Charlie Rich, Carl and Dick Scala, Joe Ancona and Bob Elliott. Anderson was also named to the 1948-49 Coaches Basketball Dream Team.

Following high school Anderson played center field for the U. S. Army in Southern Europe. His team had five Triple A ball players and won the baseball championship in 1953. Anderson is now retired and living in Poultney, Vermont.



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"Book" was born in Amite County, Mississippi, and his family moved to Ridgefield in the midfifties. Living on Catonah Street and graduating in the Class of 1957, Booker was described by his classmates as a "great sport" in all athletic areas. Booker lettered in football, basketball, and baseball, but in addition to his athletic abilities, Booker was also known for "his pleasant smile" and "winsome ways", traits his classmates noted in their yearbook would "always gain him friends". Booker's ambition was to play professional baseball but his yearbook prophetically recalled "that poor knee". Overcoming odds Booker was signed on by the Yankees' farm team but that poor knee was to haunt his athletic career. Despite this setback the other traits his classmates loved so much did not fail him. Booker Jackson continues to keep and gain many friends.

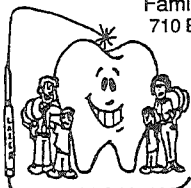


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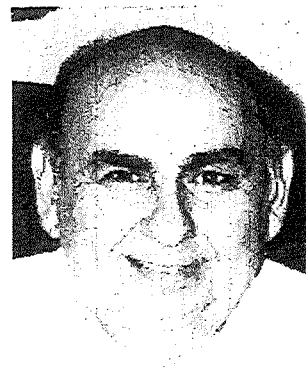
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## **SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

### **JERRY ANELLO**



Jerry Anello, long-time Ridgefield Little League and Pop Warner coach, who was instrumental in the building of the Town's Little League fields in the 1970's and 80's will be honored at the Ridgefield Old Timers Awards Dinner at the Italian American Club on October 19th. Anello grew up in New Canaan and played tight end for New Canaan High School. A field goal kicker during a period when there

were few such players, Anello was chosen for varsity All State honors. Jerry served in the U.S. Air Force during the Berlin crisis and moved to Ridgefield in 1959. He has been active in the Town's athletic and civic programs ever since. Many younger Ridgefielders will remember his many years as a coach for the Little League and Pony Colt programs in Ridgefield. Jerry helped organize the Little League pancake dinner which continues to be a major fund raiser. Anello has coached Pop Warner football in Ridgefield for the past 22 years and has been a member of its Board for the last 15 years.

Anello served on the Athletic Advisory Board of RHS in the late 70's and was Vice President of the high school's Parent Teacher Student Association. A member of the Italian American Club for the past 22 years, Anello has also been active in St. Mary's community functions, the Sacred Heart Americana Project and the Safe Rides program.

Anello received the Scalzo Award in 1986 and was honored by the New Canaan Old Timers for his varsity achievements last fall.



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### SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

**VALERIE K. SNYDER**



In a very short period of time, ROTA scholarship recipient, Valerie Snyder, amassed an extraordinary number of achievements in academics and athletics. Valerie graduated from RHS with a 3.8 (unweighted) G.P.A. having taken advance placement courses in Biology, Art, German, and Calculus. She scored 5 (the maximum score) on the Biology and Calculus AP examinations and 4 and 3 on the German and Art exams respectively. Her honors included the National Merit Commendation, the President's Award for Educational Excellence, the Ridgefield Patrolmen's Benevolent Association Scholarship, the RHS Scholar/Athlete Award, the FCIAC Scholar/Athlete Award, Commendations for Excellence in Biology, Chemistry and American History and an award for Excellence in Service to the Student Council.

Valerie played field hockey and lacrosse at RHS for four years and basketball for two years. She was All-State Field Hockey Midfielder, All FCIAC, and All Area First Team Field Hockey member in 1998 and 1999. Valerie was chosen Captain of the field hockey and lacrosse teams in her senior year. In addition to playing field hockey at RHS, Valerie competed in the 1999 Team Connecticut Field Hockey-Cape Cod Classics and the United States Field Hockey Association Futures Program during the 1998-1999 winter series. Valerie's extra-curricular activities include the Student Council, the Appalachia Service Project, Safe Rides, the Art Students Association, and Lodestar, the student literary magazine.

Valerie entered the University of California at Los Angeles in September. She will play field hockey for UCLA's club team while the University builds a varsity field hockey program.

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- POSTHUMOUS AWARD -  
MARGARET O'SULLIVAN



Margaret O'Sullivan ("Miss O") joined the faculty of Ridgefield High School in 1943. Miss O served as the head of the women's physical education department until 1962 when she entered the Guidance Department where she served until her retirement in 1973. Miss O graduated from Sargeant College of Boston University in 1935 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education. She subsequently earned her Master's Degree from the University of Bridgeport. In dedicating the 1965 yearbook to Ms. O'Sullivan, the staff said "We all know Miss O. All of us have seen the kind of person she is....loyal, sincere, self-sacrificing, dedicated, friendly, helpful, generous and devoted....Our sincere words of praise sound trite...much of our praise must be left unsaid."

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Ferdinand Bedini ('96), Matty Pambianchi Family ('97)  
Dr. Peter Yanity ('98), Charlie Coles ('99)

### SPORTS AWARDS

#### 1992

Tabby Carboni, Lynce Carboni, Leo Pambianchi,  
Tom Clark, Charlie Frattini, Joe Forcelli, John Carboni

#### 1993

Gene Casagrande, Bob Mulvaney, Vin Petrini,  
Charley Stolle, Joe Tulipani

#### 1994

Lyman Anderson, Harry Bennett, Aldo Girolmetti,  
Evo Principi, John Tulipani

#### 1995

Peter Casagrande, Dino Cingolani, Joe Brunetti,  
Ray Eppoliti, Bud Mahoney, Reno Severini

#### 1996

Ben Bedini, Fabio Biagiotti, Jack Leary, Harold Mead,  
Romeo Petroni, Janaile Severini

#### 1997

Primo Baldaserini, Dante Brunetti, Walter Evans,  
Frank Lancaster, Sr., Navio Ligi, Fred Mazzi

#### 1998

Gino "Jinx" Balaserini, Dr. Philip Martin, Dr. Joseph Moylan,  
Andy Montanari, Julius "Bugsy" Santini

#### 1999

Dick Bellagamba, Si Bellagamba, Gene Lavatori,  
John Lavatori, Gene McMahon, Harry Pierandri

### SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Fran Moylan ('95), Paul Baker ('96)  
Walter Boyce ('98), Earl Sturges '99

## POSTHUMOUS AWARDS

**1994**

Ralph Crouchly, Kip Holleran, Francis D. Martin

**1995**

Chuck Walker, Charles F. Ashbee, Frank E. Minnerly

**1996**

Lou Girolmetti, Ed & John Sullivan, John Bacchiochi

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Lick Santini, Red Dlugo, Bill Allen

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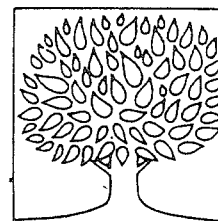
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Dinner

### CIVIC AWARD

Kitty Rosa

### SPORTS AWARDS

Glen Anderson  
Bill Elliott  
Booker Jackson  
Tom Mitchell

### SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

Jerry Anello

### POSTHUMOUS AWARDS

Art Bellagamba  
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Tom and Jane Belote

CIVIC AWARD



**KATHRYN ("KITTY")  
VENUS ROSA**

Born and raised in town, Kitty developed an early appreciation for Ridgefield's natural beauty and historic architecture. She has spent decades of volunteer service to protect those assets. Having served longer than any historic commission member in the State, Kitty was awarded in May the Harlan H. Griswold Award for Historic Preservation, Connecticut's highest recognition for historic preservation achievement. Noting Ridgefield's historic districts make it one of the loveliest towns in the State, the Commission recognized that Kitty is "perhaps more than any other individual....responsible for protecting the historical and architectural integrity of this extraordinary, yet livable community." In presenting the award the Commissioner noted that Kitty's contribution was "an achievement in quantity of years and quality of participation that is without equal in the State."

Kitty Rosa joined the Historic District Commission in 1970 and served as Chairwoman from 1972-1999. She currently serves as Vice Chairwoman. She was a founding director, an officer and former President of the Keeler Tavern Preservation Society and a co-founder of the Ridgefield Preservation Trust. In 1998 Kitty and her husband, Paul, were jointly chosen as the Kiwanis Club's "Citizens of the Year" for their extraordinary public service to the Town of Ridgefield.

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- POSTHUMOUS AWARD -

ART BELLAGAMBA



Art was born and raised in Ridgefield and graduated in the Class of 1950. Like so many star athletes he was a "graduate" of the Ralph Crouchley Boys Club. In high school he lettered in basketball for three years playing guard and known for his strong rebounds. He also lettered in baseball and earned a reputation for great hitting and excellent fielding. Following RHS, Art played American Legion Baseball for Danbury under Coach Ed Crotty and for Ridgefield in the Intertown Baseball League.

Art was a charter member of the Ridgefield Townies organization and played fast pitch softball for many years on the Ridgefield Supply team. Art was a long ball hitter with a particular preference for right field. An excellent bowler with an above 180 average, Art bowled in both the Ridgefield and Danbury leagues.

As is the case of many RHS athletes, Art took of his own time to help young Ridgefielders by coaching Little League and Babe Ruth teams.



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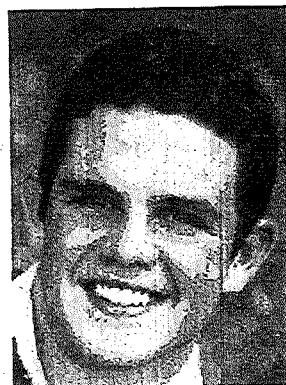
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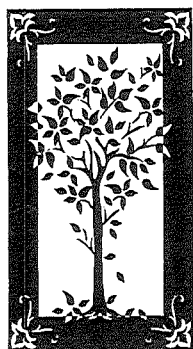
**MICHAEL RYAN  
MURPHY**



Scholar/athlete Michael Murphy is one of the two ROTA Ninth Annual Award scholarship recipients. Michael has played football for Ridgefield teams for ten years. He was a member of the RHS Varsity team for the past three years. In addition to being selected as Team Captain, Michael was chosen for the First Team All State, the First Team All Area and the First Team All FCIAC. Michael also played three years of varsity baseball and three years of varsity track achieving conference competitor status in shot put and 4 x 225 relay. Michael was a member of the RHS Captains' Council for two years and assisted the Council's efforts in raising money for athletics and scholarships. In addition to his sports activities, Michael has served as a Senator on the Student Council, a group leader for Safe Rides, a volunteer for the Appalachian Service Project and as Vice President of the Future Business Leaders of America. Michael's awards and honors include designation in "Who's Who of American High School Students", the American Legion Boy's State selection, Economics for Leaders, High Honors for Academic Excellence in his junior year and Honor Roll for Academic Excellence in his senior year. Michael was also named "Outstanding Senior of the Month" and was voted Homecoming King.

Michael has shared his love for sports by coaching for the Pop Warner Midgets for two years and for the Ridgefield Little League.

Michael is attending Villanova University majoring in Business and Finance and is playing football for Villanova this year.



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## **TOM MITCHELL**

Tom Mitchell, who was President of the Class of 1950, played varsity baseball and basketball for RHS from 1947 to 1950. However, like most Ridgefield sports figures of the time, his interest in athletics started at the Ridgefield Boys' Club under the guidance of Ralph Crouchley. "I can't think of anything more Americana than playing baseball in the forties with the Boys' Club in Ridgefield. It was right out of Norman Rockwell."

Mitchell began pitching for the RHS varsity team in 1947. In his first game against Bethel, Mitchell pitched a no hitter for five innings before being relieved. Coach Allen believed he would be overworked. Lettering for all four years, Mitchell gained an excellent pitching record against all the comparable area schools and against many of the larger high schools like Danbury which RHS upset in Mitchell's junior year. Classmate and RHS athlete Andy Montanari remembers Mitchell as a "natural athlete" and a "top shelf pitcher". Mitchell also lettered in basketball during three years of his high school career. Joining the RHS varsity basketball team in his sophomore year, Mitchell played all positions at one time or another and led the RHS team in scoring during his senior year.

Mitchell received the prestigious Ballard Memorial Scholarship and went on to receive his Bachelor's degree in Chemistry in 1954 from Holy Cross. While in college Mitchell pitched and played center field for the Holy Cross freshmen team which garnered a 9-1 record in 1951. Unable to play varsity ball due to academic scheduling conflicts between chemistry labs and practice, Mitchell missed out on the opportunity to play for the Holy Cross 1952 NCAA championship team.

After graduation from Holy Cross, Mitchell served as a U.S. Navy aviator until 1958. He received his MBA in Marketing from Xavier University and spent most of his career with Best Foods Co. retiring in 1997 as Director of Purchasing. Mitchell now spends much of his time as a collector and dealer of sports antiques.

This fall will be a triple header for Tom Mitchell: the Old Timers Award, his 50th high school reunion and his 46th wedding anniversary with RHS classmate Janet Ertman.

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**BILL "GUNNER" ELLIOTT**

Bill Elliott, Ridgefield High School's 1952 "Outstanding Athlete" started for the RHS varsity football, basketball and baseball teams in his sophomore year. By his junior year Elliott was voted Honorable Mention for basketball in the Fairfield County Class B Conference. In his senior year, Gunner Elliott led the Conference basketball league in scoring with a twenty point game average and set the RHS record for the most points scored in one game, 36. He was elected to the Conference's All Star Basketball First Team.

Bill also starred for RHS baseball. Following Fibber Biagiotti as RHS catcher, Elliott had a .347 season batting average and in his senior year was elected to the Fairfield County All Star First Team.

Lacking financial resources, Bill postponed college and joined the United States Marine Corps where he served until 1955. It was during his Marine Corps service that Bill played for the Edenton Colonials in the North Carolina Coastal Plain League where he came to the attention of college recruiters. Upon leaving military service he entered the newly opened University of North Carolina at Wilmington on an athletic scholarship, thereby becoming the first RHS graduate to receive a full college scholarship for baseball and basketball. Bill scored 17 points in his first year at UNC Wilmington against N.C. State and hit the first home run for his newly opened college. His bat is encased the College's Trophy Room.

Although offered a position as catcher for the St. Louis Cardinals' farm team, Bill graduated from UNC with a Bachelor's Degree in Business and returned to Ridgefield. He then commenced a second degree in Industrial Engineering at the University of Connecticut. While participating in the Chase Manhattan Executive Training Program, he pursued his interest in sports, playing basketball for Chase in the American Banking League, for Danbury in the Connecticut Basketball Association and, of course, for the Ridgefield Townies.