



GREENWICH OLD TIMERS

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Supporter,

Our Organization is now entering our **63rd year and is stronger than ever**. Each year, our all volunteer board works tirelessly to make the events, scholarships, donations, and Annual Appeal a success. Our mission statement is supporting youth sports in our town, helping student athletes further their academic careers along with honoring worthy athletes and others associated with sports.

Our unwavering belief throughout the past six decades is that children's participation in sports teaches them discipline, teamwork, dealing with adversity, sportsmanship and good health. All essential elements for excelling in sports and in life.

This past year brought the sadness of the passing of two board members, one current in **Scott Harrington** and one former, **Judge Cameron Hopper**. They will be greatly missed by all and their service never forgotten.

We are pleased to announce four new additions to the board.

Joe Kelly who has coached GHS & ORGCC Rugby, Cos Cob Crushers & GBA. In addition is Chairman of the Board of Education

Sarah Brown Sepot For 25 years she coached boy's basketball and girl's lacrosse at GCDS. In addition she coached with Greenwich Youth Lacrosse & is on the board of GHS Girl's Varsity Lacrosse Booster Club.

Alison Farn-Leigh is a lifelong Greenwich resident involved in many of the aquatic programs in town . She currently serves on the Board of Pathways and is VP of the Greenwich Point Conservancy

Craig Warwick is involved in youth lacrosse and started GHS CARDS in 2022. He also serves on the Pathways Board.

Griff Harris has served on the boards of Parks & Rec, Lion's Club, Old Timers, among many others. In addition has coached Little League, Junior Babe Ruth, GYFL & the Greenwich Junior Hockey League.

Needless to say, our board has extensive town experience and volunteer motivation. We work year round to make the events, scholarships and Annual Appeal a success.





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DONATIONS

2022 marked a record \$51,000 for our athletic donations. This is triple our average annual sports grants over the past 4 years given to local & High School teams. Some of the grants include:



OGRCC Thunder Baseball, Greenwich Crew, Greenwich Youth Football, Putnam Generals, Glenville Mavericks along with the following GHS teams: Baseball, Girl's & Boys Rugby, Girl's & Boys Ice Hockey, Football, Girl's Lacrosse, Bowling, and Aquatics.

We work closely with the GHS Athletic Director to ensure the teams needs and avoid duplication of items already budgeted by the town. In this time of school budget cuts and increased sports expenses, it is important that booster clubs and our organization help close the gap between costs and what the family can afford.

SAVE THE DATE - ANNUAL DINNER AND GOLF FUNDRAISERS!

Our Annual Golf Fundraiser will be held on **May 22nd at Fairview Country Club**. Last year we had a full capacity 120 golfers. Everyone enjoyed a lunch, golf, putting contest, raffle and a cocktail reception. The weather was great. It was the perfect venue to see old friends and make new ones. Many thanks to the Fairview staff.



Our **Annual Dinner Fundraiser will be on November 16th at the Stamford Hilton Hotel**. This past year we close to 380 attend for cocktails, dinner and presentations from our National Honorees **Jon Ledecy** (owner of the Islanders) and **Todd Zeile** of baseball fame.



We also paid tribute to our local honorees Alison Knight, Pat Fuscaldo and Ralph Arnone in memorial. This recent dinner also was the last Old Timers event MC'd by our own Mark Yusko who has been our Master of Ceremony for the past 32 years. Many thanks to him for the work he has done throughout the years.



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SCHOLARSHIPS

The other half of our mission statement is granting needs-based academic scholarships to graduating seniors. We began this program in 1966 awarding a 4 year renewable scholarship of \$500 to Garland Allen. Since then we have totaled over \$1,140,000 in grants to 152 deserving students to further education.

Brandon Frost, granted the Old Timers Award, and attending University of Indiana

Garrett O'Dell, granted the Old Timers Award, and attending University of Georgia

Davies Peck, granted the David Theis Award for community service, and attending University of Indiana

Julian Colin, granted the Joseph Piro Jr. Award, and attending UCONN

Luis Granados, granted the Joseph Piro Jr. Award, and attending Westchester Community College

Tristan O'Dell, granted the Michael Sandlock Baseball Award, and attending UCONN

Congratulations to these students, and many thanks to our sponsors and Board members who make this all possible.

Our volunteer board works year round to make the events, scholarships and Annual Appeal a success to fulfill our dual mission statements of supporting youth sports and providing needs-based scholarship grants to graduating high school seniors. **Congratulations to these students, and many thanks to our sponsors and Board members who make this all possible!**

ANNUAL APPEAL

Our Annual Appeal is the most cost effective way for us to raise the funds to support our youth sports and scholarship missions. We want to especially thank those non-board members who were extremely generous in 2022:

Irene Blynosky, Rick Caputo, The Dallas Foundation, The Doherty Family, Scott Frantz, First County Bank Foundation, Michael Gabelli, Phil Hadley, Erf Porter, and Trust Harbor Lights - The Sanna Family.

Going forward with your support , it is our hope that the Annual Appeal will become an even more significant contribution factor to our organization. You can make a donation at our website www.greenwicholdtimers.org/annual-appeal

**HELP US
SUPPORT
YOUTH SPORTS!**

Our first dinner was November 14, 1961, and this year we will be celebrating our 61th! You can now purchase tickets for the dinner on November 17th at the Stamford Hilton on our website. Keep an eye out for the invitation and who will be this year's National Honorees, Local Honorees, and Coach's Lifetime Achievement Award recipients.





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The Old Timers Are Proud to Support the Greenwich High School Bowling Team!



GREENWICH OLD TIMERS MISSION

Since 1960, The Greenwich Old Timers Athletic Association has provided college scholarships, supported youth sports programs, and honored local sports legends.

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