

TOMS RIVER SCHOOLS



HALL OF FAME

Twentieth Annual Induction Dinner

May 1, 2011

Ramada Inn

Route 9

Toms River, NJ

Hall of Fame

On February 24, 1987, Charlotte Ford Spillane, Assistant Principal of Toms River High School South, obtained approval of the Board of Education of the Toms River Regional Schools to found a Toms River Schools Hall of Fame to honor those who had attended or graduated from the public schools of Toms River and who had made significant contributions to the cause of humanity in their various fields of endeavor.

A Board of Trustees was formed with thirteen members, each of whom had either graduated from Toms River or had been employed in the school system for a long period of time. Responsibilities of the trustees would be to research possible candidates, to manage financial support, to collect memorabilia and other gifts, and to organize a display of the honorees.

**1988
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Charlotte F. Spillane
Chair**

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**2011
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Linuel P. Lloyd III
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Hall of Fame

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF CANDIDATES

1. A candidate will begin to be considered for induction twenty years after leaving school.
2. A candidate must have attended one of the public schools in a town now included in the Toms River Regional School District.
3. A candidate shall have made a significant contribution to the cause of humanity, improved the quality of life, or achieved outstanding recognition in his or her career or education.



NOMINATIONS

The public is encouraged to nominate those who have attended the Toms River Schools (graduation not a criterion) and who they feel are worthy of consideration. To nominate, send the name, address and telephone number of your candidate along with your recommendation to The Toms River Schools Hall of Fame, 54 Washington Street, Toms River, New Jersey 08753. A questionnaire will be sent to the nominee or to a friend or relative. Upon receipt of the questionnaire, the Board of Trustees will continue the research to determine eligibility of the candidate nominated. Trustees vote once a year to choose honorees. Those not selected remain on the eligible list for five years.

Board of Education

Linda Garvey, President
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Meera Malik
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PROGRAM

Welcome & Introduction of Distinguished Guests.....	Linuel P. Lloyd III Chairperson/High School Social Studies Supervisor
Greetings.....	Linda Garvey President, Board of Education
.....	Frank Roselli Superintendent of Schools
Invocation.....	Father Emmett Carroll, Honoree '07

Presentation of Awards

Criteria and Selection Process	Linuel P. Lloyd III
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Honorees

2011 Distinguished Honoree

Joseph Monti

Presenter: James Vescovi
Former Vice Principal, Toms River H.S. East

Last Year Attended or Year of Graduation

Category

1963	Rosanne Citta	Business
	Presenter: Irene Hartmann, Trustee	
1968	Louis Ureneck	Business, Education
	Presenter: Dr. Jeffrey Schenker, Trustee High School South Social Studies Teacher	
1971	Debrah Morante	Athletic Trainer
(South)	Presenter: John R. Garrabrant, Trustee Former Assistant Superintendent of Schools	
1972	Mark Perlmann	NFL Referee
(South)	Presenter: John Coleman, Trustee Director of Student Services Int. Level/Curriculum 6-12	

1972 **Deborah Ralph**..... Education
(North)

Presenter: Kim General, Trustee
High School North Social Studies Teacher

1976 **James Crane**..... Aerospace
(North)

Robert Garthwaite, Trustee
Honoree '91

HONORARY AWARD

In 1990 the Hall of Fame created a plaque on which a Hall of Fame medallion was mounted. The plaque, with an appropriate inscription engraved, was given that year to two individuals who sanctioned, championed, and facilitated the goals of the Toms River Schools Hall of Fame.

Albert J. Dietrich

Superintendent of Schools

"For encouraging and supporting the founding of the Toms River Schools Hall of Fame with appreciation from the Board of Trustees."

John R. Garrabrant

Senior Assistant Superintendent of Schools

"For his dedication to and enthusiastic support of the ideals of the Toms River Schools Hall of Fame with appreciation from the Board of Trustees."

DISTINGUISHED HONORARY MEDALLION

In 1991 the Hall of Fame Distinguished Honorary Medallion was awarded for the first time. The medallion, which is mounted on a plaque, was created to honor those who did not attend the Toms River Schools but who contributed in an exemplary way to the ideals and educational philosophy of our school system.

1991 **Renee A. Ewart**

"Whose teaching inspired her students not only to love the French language but to respect all learning . . ."

"For a lifetime of excellence."

1992 Elinor Bryant

"For a lifetime of excellence in teaching."

"Love the children and let them know you love them."

1993 Dr. Edgar M. Finck

"Honored for a lifetime of creative educational ideas."

"Teaching is a joyous experience because it is a life of service;
teaching is forever."

1994 Nathaniel S. Detwiler

"For a lifetime of excellence and innovation as an educational leader."

"He understood, encouraged, created and inspired with unique enthusiasm."

"G-R-R-R-R- Fight"

1995 Charlotte Ford Spillane

"Doing the right thing for students and the community is her delight."

"Her joie de vivre inspires all who know her."

1996 Bessie N. McLean

"Honored for a lifetime of inspiring in students the love of books."

"Treasured friendships make lasting memories."

1997 DeWitt E. "Doc" Ricketts

"A leader of teachers."

"He had the knack of seeing what was true and important and framing it clearly."

1998 Gerald Rich

"And gladly would he learn, and gladly teach."

1999 Joseph D. Clouser

"Yes you can...if you try."

2000 William "Doc" Dougherty

"United States Marine, teacher, coach, family man, humanitarian, friend to all."

"Try to be the best that you can be."

2001 Isadore M. Hirshblond

"The show must go on! Why? There's five dollars in the box office, and we can't return it."

2002 William E. "Bill" King

"Don't ever give up!"

2003 Albert J. Dietrich

"A leader in the pursuit of excellence for the Toms River Regional School District."

"Children are a product of their environment, and the Toms River community and schools provide a caring and safe environment."

2004 Olga Clement

"For leadership and encouragement of teachers and children in the face of challenge."

"Be prepared to give your best to everything you do."

2005 Margaret F. Bartlett

"For outstanding contributions to the Toms River Regional School District."

"Anything worth doing is worth doing well."

2007 Milton H. Gelzer

"I shall find the path or I shall build one."

2009 P. David Correll

"Do As Much as You Can! To As Many as You Can! As Long As You can!"

"Always do what's Right – No Matter what the Consequences!"

And, of course: "Ask not what South can do for you, but what you can do for South!"

2011 Joseph Monti

My greatest goal was "To instill patriotism in the students and appreciation of veteran's sacrifices for our freedoms throughout history."

Hall of Fame

HONOREES

<u>Last Year Attended or Graduation</u>		<u>Inducted</u>
1882	Simon Lake	1989
1883	Ethleen Longstreet	1988
1883	William Henry Fischer	1991
1891	Philip Sheridan Bailey	1988
1904	Frank W. Sutton, Jr.	1989
1908	James Stanley McClenahan	1992
1910	Dorothy Jameson	1988
1914	Benjamin Novins	1989
1917	George Daniel Moore	1990
1920	Elizabeth Sculthorpe Force	1988
1922	Adolph E. Woolley	1989
1924	Johanna Wells-Smith	1988
1924	Mildred Worth Potter	1991
1925	Margaret Maisch Moore	1990
1926	Ethel Price Gaunt	1988
1926	Joseph A. Citta	1988
1927	Bartholomew Applegate Ellis	1990
1928	Arthur Cornelius, Jr.	1997
1931	Lewis H. Elverson	1988
1934	Dr. Robert E. White	2002
1935	Rt. Rev. Albert Van Duzer	1988
1936	Dr. Faye Glenn Abdellah	1989
1936	Dorothy Dugan	1989
1936	Pauline S. Miller	1988
1936	Barbara T. Carlino	2003
1937	John H. Beddow	1996
1937	CDR George Cornelius USN (Ret.)	1990

1937	Nelson H. Cornell	1999
1938	Jack H. Milne	1989
1938	Hugh Connolly Clayton	1991
1938	Dr. Arthur A. Socolow	1993
1939	Dr. Edwin P. Mickiewicz	1998
1939	Lloyd R. Clayton	2003
1939	Bernard "Ben" Carroll	2004
1941	Carolyn M. Campbell	1995
1941	Sidney L. Harris	2009
1942	Wallace A. "Gub" Polhemus	2002
1942	George A. Lillie	1999
1942	Rt. Rev. Vincent King Pettit	1991
1942	Janet Loveman Taber	1998
1943	Dr. Alfred J. Casagrande, Jr.	1999
1943	Robert L. Garthwaite	1991
1943	Dave Johnson	2001
1943	Vincent J. Smith	1994
1944	Richard C. Clement	1990
1944	L. Manuel Hirshblond	1991
1944	The Rev. Lloyd Rogers Applegate	1993
1944	Robert F. Novins	2000
1944	Dan Kahler	2005
1944	Friar Emmett Carroll	2007
1946	Mary Ellen Hudson	2000
1946	Lester A. "Bud" Tice	2000
1946	William Lee Polhemus	2004
1946	William Skillman	2007
1947	Robert W. Camp	1998
1948	Clifford William Campbell	2001
1948	Dr. Allen H. Kassof	1988
1949	Juanita Carfora	1993
1949	Lolita Carfora	1993
1949	Burton K. Davis	1993
1950	Zev Rosen	1991
1951	Roberta Hornig Draper	1994
1951	Dr. Karl Engelman	1990
1951	Annette Brafman Meyers	1992
1952	Capt. Albert E. Graham	1998
1952	Dr. Walter J. Kahn	1995
1954	Max Culpepper	1989
1954	Richard D. Garretson	1994
1955	Robert Gasser	2007
1956	Alan Rinzler	1999
1956	William Sommeling	1993
1957	Dr. Carl E. Wagner	1990
1958	Maxine Glosky	1990
1958	Charles H. Ehrmann	1991

1959	Donald J. Bennett	2002
1959	David K. Jeffrey	2003
1959	Gia Maione Prima	2004
1959	Peter E. Thompson	2009
1960	Laurence M. Johmann	1992
1960	Diana Janusz Kedz	1997
1960	Roman Rudnytsky	1988
1961	Donald V. Browne	1992
1961	Carole Applegate Hedinger	1999
1962	David Bailey Lee	2002
1962	Dr. Celia Genishi	1989
1962	Hon. Alexander D. Lehrer	1993
1962	Robert L. Pastine	1997
1962	Dorian Rudnytsky	1997
1962	Clarence E. "Bud" Aldrich III	2000
1963	Dr. Heidi Hartmann	1989
1963	Dr. Bambi Bernhardt Schieffelin	1988
1963	Marie E. Snyder	1996
1963	RoseanneCitta	2011
1964	Judge Julio M. Fuentes	2001
1964	Dr. Susan D. Halsey	1992
1964	Dr. Noel Ritter Valis	1995
1964	Ellen Estomin	2004
1964	Paul Raffer, MD	2007
1965	John C. Bartlett	2007
1965	Robert H. Ogle	1995
1965	Dr. Lewis Pyenson	1990
1965	Richard C. Ward	1998
1967	Laurence E. Bethune	1992
1967	Dr. Kenneth M. Green	1997
1967	Linda Troeller	1994
1967	Bonnie L. Nycz Blume	2002
1968	Tom Brown, Jr.	1994
1968	Marian Head	2009
1968	Louis Ureneck	2011
1969	William Campbell	1992
1969	Gary A. Jobson	1990
1969	Glenn R. Reichardt	1997
1969	Brig. Gen. Norton A. Schwartz	1996
1969	Nancy Hudson Aaberg	2002
1970 (South)	Dr. Russell C. Cattley	1995
1970 (South)	Dr. Eric Dinerstein	2009
1970 (South)	Thomas L. Finkbiner	1999
1970 (South)	Dr. Vivien Green Fryd	1996
1970 (South)	William "Rip" Scherer	1996
1970 (South)	William Malast	2005
1971 (South)	Joan E. Bray	1994

1971 (South)	Dr. Dale Whilden	1992
1971 (South)	Miguel Reabold	2003
1971 (South)	Debrah Morante	2011
1972 (North)	Colonel Mike Applegate	2000
1972 (North)	E. David Millard	2001
1972 (South)	Miechelle O. Willis	2003
1972 (South)	Diana (Levine) Madaras	2005
1972 (North)	Theresa Lettman	2005
1972 (South)	Mark Perlmann	2011
1972 (North)	Deborah Ralph	2011
1973 (North)	Steve Mormando	1996
1973 (North)	Dr. Lee E. Schechter	1995
1973 (North)	Valerie R. Bencivenga	2004
1974 (North)	Sonya Naryshkin, M.D.	2001
1974 (South)	Geoffrey Rich	2005
1976 (North)	James Crane	2011
1977 (South)	Anthony G. Calamai	2003
1978 (South)	Neal Mayer	2001
1978 (South)	Sandra D. Levine	2004
1979 (South)	Todd G. Buchholz	2000
1979 (North)	Marie DeNoia Aronsohn	2009
1982 (East)	Danny Clinch	2009
1983 (East)	Joseph W. Scott	2005
1984 (East)	Michael Piscal	2007

Joseph Monti

Joseph Monti started his teaching career in Bergen County at Hasbrouck Heights High School after graduating from St. Peter's College with a BS in History in 1964. He went on to complete his MA in Social Studies in 1967 at Kean University and Ed.S. in Administration/Supervision at Seton Hall University in 1979.

Joe spent 24 years teaching United States History and World History at Hasbrouck Heights High School, serving as the Department Supervisor from 1974-1988. During the time he was teaching at Hasbrouck Heights he created a program he called "*Meet the People*" lecture series. Guests of this lecture series have included Mayflower Descendants, Veterans of World War II, Korean War, Vietnam, Afghanistan, Iraq, famous historians and authors and Tuskegee Airman, etc. This program brought important figures in front of students to help them understand key events in U.S. history from people who lived through these moments. This program was presented to the NJEA conventions by Joseph Monti for others to learn how to create programs for their own school districts.

In 1988 Joseph Monti started a second career teaching at Toms River High School East and brought his "*Meet the People*" program to the Home of the Raider. The hall at Toms River High School East was dedicated to him in 2010 and today is named the "*Joseph Monti Lecture Hall*" due to the many programs presented by lecture series for East students. Teaching at the high school was a labor of love for Joseph and he retired in 2004 after a 40 year career in history education.

Joseph was a prolific writer and presenter on historical topics. He wrote articles about WW II topics such as Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Iwo Jima, D-Day, General George S. Patten and New Jersey's own Sgt. John Basilone who was immortalized in the HBO series "The Pacific." His close friend and WW II hero was Leonard (Bud) Lomell who was famous for his WW II exploits at D-Day and beyond and was written about in the book "The Greatest Generation" written by Tom Brokaw. Bud Lowell was a Toms River native and a regular speaker in the "*Meet the People*" lectures series.

Joseph spoke to numerous audiences over the years including the N.J. Society of Mayflower Descendants, Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, and American Legion -Veterans of Foreign Wars groups. With genuine admiration and acclaim given for his work, he continued his involvement with history until his last day.

Numerous awards have been given for Joseph Monti's efforts to inspire interest in the United States of America. A few of the many are *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* 2004, 2000, 1996; *Man of the Year-Military Order of Devil Dogs*; Marine Corps League-Department of NJ; *Outstanding Achievement in History Award-DAR National Society*, *Outstanding Citizenship Award-Sons of American Revolution & Distinguished Service Award-Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education*.

Joseph Monti is deserving of the Toms River Schools Distinguished Honoree Award for 2011 and the district is proud to honor his memory, contributions, and inspiring teaching for 40 years.

Inducted 5/1/11

Roseanne Citta

Roseanne Citta is a member of a well known Toms River family and follows her father, Mr. Joseph Citta as a previous Toms River Schools Hall of Fame Honoree, the man who has also had the Citta Elementary School named for him—the only such designation for a person in the Toms River School System, as an honoree from the Class of 1963 today.

Roseanne is Broke/Owner of Citta & Moffitt, LLC Realtors, which she owns wit her daughter, Heather Moffitt. She graduated Endicott College in 1965 and then attended Katherine Gibbs in Boston in their one year college associate program for college graduates.

Currently the Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Community Medical Center and Vice Chairman of the Foundation Board at Community Medical Center, she also serves on the Board of Trustees for the Ocean County College Foundation Board where she is a member of the Executive Committee. Roseanne is also President of the Citta Foundation.

Continuing on the Ocean County Board of Realtors and the New Jersey Association Realtors Board of Directors, Roseanne's previous service includes: President of the Ocean County Board of Realtors, President of the New Jersey Association of Realtors, and Chairman of Community Medical Center Foundation of Board of Trustees.

Additional accolades include: Humanitarian of the Year at Ocean County College's Annual Gala, Realtor of the Year for Ocean County Board of Realtors in 1993 and 1996. She has been honored Citizen of the Year by the Ocean County Girl Scouts and Humanitarian of the Year by the Italian American Club.

Roseanne has two daughters and three grandchildren: Joseph, Jillian, and Jordan Erb, and attributes her family, especially her parents, and friends for support and the push to get involved in the community. Her brother Phil Citta once owned The Office Lounge on Main Street and Rt. 37, and her brother Joseph Citta, Jr., teaches at New York University.

Graduating, Toms River High School in 1963, Roseanne also attended Toms River Elementary and Junior High School. She says remembers Miss Eleanor Bryant fondly, 5th grand with Miss Brand, while her favorite Junior High teacher was Mr. Matt Wolen, and without a doubt, her preferred high school teacher was Mr. Gerry Rich.

She says, "Mr. Rich made me feel I could accomplish anything I wanted and still managed to keep me awake during Shakespeare, because Mr. Rich loved what he did so much, his students loved it, too. I remember many of his words of wisdom, and he is the only person who could get away with calling me "Rosie."

The Toms River Schools proudly welcomes Roseanne Citta for the Hall of Fame as an 2011 honoree.

Lou Ureneck

Lou Ureneck is an author and professor whose first book, *Backcast*, won the National Outdoor Book Award for literary merit. *Backcast*, the story of a father and son fishing trip to Alaska, was widely praised for the beauty of its writing and the power of its emotion. Lou's second book, *Cabin*, will be released in the fall by The Viking Press.

Among the comments from reviewers were these:

"This is simply a fabulous book, as deep and true as the Alaskan waters that serve as its backdrop. It is an exciting adventure story. It is a profound story of the heart. It is warm and beautiful and so sweetly honest, a father fighting for his son, to know him, to regain him, in a way that will stay and linger long after the final page is turned."

—Buzz Bissinger, author of *Friday Night Lights*

"*Backcast* is difficult to categorize and impossible to forget. It might be described as a stunning memoir, a marvelous outdoor adventure, or a breathtaking travelogue that explores the wilds of Alaska and the intricacies of the human heart. Whatever it is, it's wonderful."

—The Boston Globe

Lou Ureneck graduated from Toms River High School in 1968 and went to the University of New Hampshire where he earned a BA in English in 1972. From there, he began his writing career as a reporter at the Providence Journal in the same year. He later moved to Maine, where he became editor-in-chief of the Portland Press Herald. The Press Herald was named a New England Newspaper of the Year every year of his editorship. Under his guidance, the paper won numerous awards for its investigative and enterprise reporting, especially about the environment. It was also named one of the best designed newspapers in the world. In 1995, under Lou's direction, the paper won two of the country's top awards for its websites. In 1997, Lou moved to the Philadelphia Inquirer, where he was that great newspaper's page one editor.

Lou was the editor-in-residence and a Nieman fellow from 1994-95 at Harvard University, where he studied the connections between history and journalism.

In 2003, he joined the faculty at Boston University as director of its graduate program in Business and Economics Journalism. He was chair of the university's Journalism Department from 2006-2010.

In addition to his books, Lou's work has appeared in The New York Times, The Boston Globe, Field & Stream and Harvard University's Nieman Reports—among other publications.

As a boy growing up, Lou was always deeply interested in nature and the outdoors. He read a lot of outdoor magazines and was curious about writing and what made a writer. In his book, *Cabin*, Lou includes a full chapter about his coming of age in Toms River. He describes his life as a boy in the mid-1960's growing up in a rural part of the town, fishing, hunting and trapping. It is actually his favorite chapter of the book.

Lou grew up in the Silverton section of Dover Township. In addition to his outdoor adventures in his shore community, Lou has great memories of his school days. He remembers waiting for the school bus each morning with Jose, Patsy, Donna, Chicky, Frank and many other friends. In the background of these memories plays the music of the Beatles, the Beach Boys, the Animals, the Rolling Stones, the Temptations and the Supremes.

Lou has fond recollections of his high school English classes which surely had some influence on his career in writing. He remembers Mr. Rich as a good and patient English teacher and Mr. Ambrose as a younger English teacher with a positive attitude. Lou, like many other students, was also inspired by Mrs. McCorkle's Latin class. She shared her great love for learning and language daily and encouraged her students to strive for their best.

Lou spent the past winter and spring in Kiev, where he was a Fulbright Senior Specialist teaching at the National University's Mohyla Academy and the Kiev School of Economics. He is currently working on his third book.

Lou has two grown children, Adam and Elizabeth.

The Toms River Schools Hall of Fame is proud to induct Lou Ureneck as a 2011 honoree.

Debrah Morante

Debrah Morante started her career with the Toms River Regional Schools at Toms River High School South in 1978 as the first female athletic trainer after graduating from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa with a BS in Education in 1975. She went on to earn an MS at Kansas State University in 1981. She became a certified member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association in 1977 and a Licensed Athletic Trainer by the N.J. Board of Medical Examiners in 1989.

Debrah brought a focus and dedication to the job as athletic trainer that included long hours, close student-athlete contact, and continuing professional development to improve her skills in preventing, treating and healing injuries. Many high school athletes have benefitted from her expertise and skill over the 30+ years of service in performing on fields, courts and in life. She was responsible for earning a patent for a MRK Shoulder Guard U.S. Patent #4,905,713 in March of 1990.

Not only did Debrah bring a dedication to sports training but she pursued an Olympic dream by participating in the USA 1988 Olympic Trials in the Women's Loge. She earned a 12th place finish but that was quite an accomplishment for someone from the Jersey Shore, which is an area better known for summer sports and recreation.

Debrah has also developed her career outside of the day-to-day activities of athletic training at Toms River High School South. She has worked as a Marketing Assistant for the HealthSouth Corporation and Professional Sports Care Facility. She is an associate clinical instructor for Seton Hall University and currently a member of the Graduate Curriculum Advisory Board for the university and acts as a part-time trainer there. She had served as Chair of the Athletic Trainers' Society of New Jersey Secondary Schools Committee and its Public Relations Committee.

Numerous awards have been earned over the years and a few that are note worthy are:

Distinguished Service Award from the Athletic Trainer's Society of NJ in 2006,
"Leadership in Sports" Award from Monmouth University in 2004, inducted into the NJ Scholastic Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2002, inducted into the Jersey Shore Sports Hall of Fame in 1996 and now is an inducted member of the Toms River Regional Schools Hall of Fame in 2011.

Debrah Morante has distinguished herself for many years proudly serving the district of the Toms River Regional Schools and is to be commended for her efforts. Welcome to the Hall of Fame as a 2011 honoree.

Mark Perlman

Mark Perlman moved to Toms River in 1970 and entered Toms River High School South as a sophomore and immediately continued following his passion for sports. He became an active member of the baseball and football program where he met coaches that would help shape his life. He attributes what he learned about the importance of having a positive attitude, a passion for what you are doing, and the importance of sportsmanship from Coach Ken Frank and Coach Ron Signorino's triple sessions in football for helping him face many of life's challenges. "If you can get through these practices you can get through almost anything."

He graduated from High School South in 1972 and went on to attend Salem College in West Virginia where he was offered a football scholarship as a wide receiver and in 1976 received his bachelors degree in Physical Education.

Upon graduation, Mark spent the first few years as a part time teacher and coach in both New Jersey and Pennsylvania until being offered a full time position as an elementary physical education teacher in the Clark County School District in Las Vegas, Nevada. Once there, he continued coaching but his interests began to shift to officiating. He spent the next ten years officiating high school and youth football, basketball, baseball and softball games. During this time he was also working toward his masters degree in education which he received in 1984 from the University of Nevada at Las Vegas.

In 1990 Mark began his college officiating career where for the next nine years he officiated in the Big West, Western Athletic, and Mountain West Conference working both football and woman's basketball games.

In 1999 he was scouted by the NFL while officiating the Gator Bowl and was encouraged to apply for a position in the league. He was offered a position as an official in the NFL Europe which he gladly accepted. After officiating only two games he was brought back into the National Football League where he is still working as a line judge today.

Mark considers some of his greatest accomplishments spending 30 years as a physical education teacher, having officiated three major college bowl games, seven consecutive divisional playoff games in the NFL, officiating in two Super Bowls, and making some very close friends among the other officials, although he is quick to say, his very best friend is his wife of 20 years Cheri.

Highlights:

Served as a line judge in the following games

Dixie Bowl 1991

Las Vegas Bowl 1994

Cotton Bowl 1998

Gator Bowl 1999

Divisional Playoffs (Eagles vs. Bears) 2001

Divisional Playoffs (Packers vs. Eagles) 2003

Wildcard Playoff (Broncos vs. Indianapolis) 2004

Divisional Playoff (Redskins vs. Tampa Bay) 2005

Super Bowl XL (Seahawks vs. Steelers) 2005

Divisional Playoff (Eagles vs. Saints) 2006

Divisional Playoff (Seahawks vs. Green Bay) 2007

Divisional Playoff (Chargers vs. Steelers) 2008

Super Bowl XL III (Cardinals vs. Steelers) 2008

Mark Pearlman has distinguished himself for many years and has achieved the pinnacle of NFL officiating having worked in Super Bowl's 40 and 43. We are proud to welcome him to the Toms River School Hall of Fame as a 2011 honoree.

Class of 1972
(South)

Inducted 5/1/11

"A teacher affects eternity; she can never tell where her influence stops." ~Henry Adams

Deborah Ralph

Deborah Ralph graduated from Toms River High School North in 1972.

After studying abroad at the Goethe Institute in Germany, the University of Vienna in Austria, the University of Santiago de Compostela, the University of Granada, and the University of Madrid in Spain, Mrs. Ralph returned to the United States to complete her Bachelor of Arts degree at Central College in Iowa. She then had a brief career as a radio newscaster at KCUI in Pella, Iowa, before returning to New Jersey.

In 1976, Debbie Ralph got her first teaching position at Manasquan High School where she taught German and Spanish and served as an assistant coach for the girls' track team and an advisor for the junior varsity cheerleading squad.

In 1984 Debbie returned to her alma mater – Toms River High School North – to teach German and Spanish. Upon her return, Foreign Language Supervisor Charles Kerr noted that Mrs. Ralph was, "one of our best students when she attended Toms River High School." Kerr said that Mrs. Ralph was an "artist" and an "actress" and observed that her enthusiasm in the classroom was contagious.

Throughout her tenure, numerous supervisors referred to Mrs. Ralph as a dedicated professional who always gave her best to her students. She challenged her students to set high standards for themselves and then she helped them exceed their own expectations. Mrs. Ralph found countless ways to engage her students in learning. Whether it was discussing a topic from popular literature or developing a game to play with the class, Mrs. Ralph effectively communicated the material she was teaching in a "pleasant, caring and professional manner."

Foreign Language Supervisor Cheryl Quinlan identified Mrs. Ralph's strongest assets as her knowledge of her subject, her ability to relate to her students and her keen sense of humor. During the summer of 2003, Mrs. Ralph worked with one of her colleagues to write a curriculum for a Heritage Spanish class. This class was designed to help native Spanish-speaking students maintain their language and learn more about their background and the background of Hispanics from many other parts of the world.

Mrs. Ralph was the epitome of excellence both in and out of the classroom. She was the advisor for the Spanish and German clubs at High School North; she mentored numerous novice teachers; and she served as a Middle States committee member, a Toms River Education Association building representative, and a trustee of the Toms River Schools Hall of Fame. Mrs. Ralph was cited for her participation in Project S.A.I.L. which helps to provide technology-based learning for students with limited proficiency in English. During the day she was often called upon to serve as a translator to facilitate communication between the school and non-English-speaking families and at night Mrs. Ralph continued teaching as part of the adult school program.

In 2004, Mrs. Ralph was named *Teacher of the Year* for Toms River High School North. In a letter written December 6, 2004, Mrs. Ralph said, "there is no more rewarding profession than teaching. I consider myself so very fortunate to have pursued and realized my greatest love, hopefully responsibly fulfilling the role of educator, motivator and supporter of all the students who have been left in my charge." The students who were lucky enough to have Mrs. Ralph as a teacher and the teachers who were lucky enough to have Debbie Ralph as a friend and

colleague were the fortunate ones. To paraphrase Craig Pritch, a former student of Mrs. Ralph's, the "life-lessons" that Mrs. Ralph taught not only produced better students, they produced better people. Her memory will continue to inspire and motivate the lives of those she touched.

James Crane

James Crane began his career in 1981 at Hughes Aircraft Company in El Segundo, California after his graduation from West Virginia University in 1981 with a BS in Electrical Engineering. He attended Toms River High School North graduating in 1976 before he pursued his engineering dream in aviation and spacecraft systems. His work at Hughes Aircraft Company led him to work with electronic hardware for laser sub-assemblies. This work led James to eventually work on the Venus Radar Mapper Program, F-18 Radar test analysis and software development. He earned a Laser Optics Certificate from Hughes Technical Program before moving to a new position with the Northrop Corporation from 1986 through 1987. There he developed avionics multiplex data bus schematics on CADAM work stations employing MIL-STD 1553B.

James moved next to TRW Space and Defense as a Hardware Engineer continuing his work with MIL-STD-1553B providing design enhancements and trouble shooting skills for circuit anomalies. In 1991 his career moved to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California where as a System and Test Engineer he worked as the lead electrical test engineer integrating and testing the Cassini Spacecraft. This spacecraft was prepared for successful launch at Cape Canaveral on a Titan 4 launch vehicle. Work on developing a database for electrical interfaces and utilizing a custom program to develop electrical interface worksheets to help power distribution, command-data handling, attitude control and other subsystem interfaces used for spacecraft harness and system testing was critical in the success of spacecraft Cassini and MSTI.

James Crane finally found a career base in 1997 with Ball Aerospace and Technologies Corporation in Boulder, Colorado as a Senior Test Engineer. His test procedures work led to the successful launches of 1) Deep Impact - 2001, 2) Quick Bird 2 - 2000-2001, 3) Quick Bird 1 in 1994-2000 (shipped to Russia to the Plesetsk Cosmodrome and launched on a Cosmos 3M launch vehicle), 4) Quik SCAT – 1998-1999 launch at Vandenberg AFB on a Titan 2 launch vehicle and 5) Chandua X-ray Observatory (AXAF) in 1997-1998.

James Crane's work as an engineer in integration and test on spacecraft, aircraft, circuit design analysis, optical testing and electrical engineering is to be commended. He has affiliations with the Longmont Astronomy Club pursuing an interest in astronomy. He also has involvement with the National Association of Underwater Instructors with a Scuba certification and involvement with the National Eagle Scout Association.

We are proud to present James Crane as an honoree of the Toms River Schools Hall of Fame for 2011.

