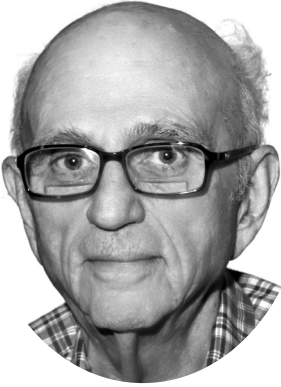


*Mike Errico Award
Art Bobrowsky*



The recipient of this year's Mike Errico Award is the longest-serving active member of the Norwalk Old Timers Athletic Association Executive Board.

Art Bobrowsky, who first joined the local sports organization in 1984, is being recognized tonight for his 29 years of dedicated service to the Old Timers.

The Mike Errico Award, which recognizes a group, league, team or individual for its years of service, is named in honor of Mike Errico, a former local sportsman who was an original executive board member when the Norwalk Old Timers organization began in 1963. He was the organization's first vice president and later served as president in 1986 and '87.

The 92-year-old Errico, a 1979 Norwalk Old Timers honoree, is still a member of the Old Timers' advisory board and will be coming up from his New Jersey home to attend tonight's dinner – as he does every year – and make the presentation.

Bobrowsky has served the Norwalk Old Timers in a number of capacities the past three decades, including two years as vice president in 1995-96, and two more years as president in 1997 and '98. He's also held the position of Sergeant at Arms, and is currently chairman of the ticket committee. He also assists on the dinner committee and has been a member of the awards committee all 29 years.

Twenty years ago, at the 1992 Norwalk Old Timers Dinner, Bobrowsky was honored as one of eight award winners that night. He was recognized for his many years as an Amateur Softball Association umpire, working games since 1976 in the City Recreation League and Norwalk Industrial League, and from 1983-89 umpiring games in the Norwalk Independent League on Sunday mornings.

He also donated his time as an umpire to a number of local and statewide causes, including the Special Olympics, Easter Seals and Multiple Sclerosis.

Before he became an umpire, Bobrowsky played softball himself for more than a decade in the local City League, and had the distinction of recording a rare unassisted triple play.