

Louis J. D'Orso



Louis J. D'Orso had an outstanding career in local and minor league baseball and is well known for his many years in promotion of youth sports and his service in many civic activities.

He was born and raised in the Springwood section of Norwalk. At Norwalk High he played two years of varsity basketball. After graduation he played with many local baseball combines in the '30s and '40s, but was chiefly with the Laurel AC in his latter years. He was the player-coach of the 1945 and 1948 Laurel teams that won the City Recreation basketball championship. He also played on teams sponsored by the Springwood AC, the American Legion, and Nash Engineering.

Lou was invited to the Detroit Tigers spring training camp in 1944 and was assigned to the club's farm team — the Hartford Braves in the Class A Eastern League.

His interest in baseball has continued down through the years as a scout, currently on the staff of the Baltimore Orioles after serving with several other major league clubs during the past 23 years. He was with the Kansas City A's, who have since moved to Oakland, CA, as a scout for seven years.

He was active with the New York Professional Baseball Hot Stove League, an organization of scouts who run baseball clinics for young hopefuls in the off season. Norwalk was one of the first cities to sponsor this activity in 1971.

Lou served five years on the Norwalk Parks and Recreation Commission, two years as chairman.

He is in the construction business as a contractor specializing in air condition installations.

In business, he has served as eastern seaboard representative on the national committee of Sheet Metal Air Conditioning National Association, proposing guidelines for energy conservation systems in new buildings.

He has received commendation from the Connecticut State Labor Department for work in the area of apprenticeship training in the construction field. Lou is a past president of the Norwalk Rotary Club. The Greater Norwalk Chamber of Commerce has recognized Lou with a Pride In Norwalk award for participation in the development of the Van Zant Street Industrial Condominium.

Always active in youth sports, Lou has helped organize the American Little League and he has served on the board of directors of the National Little League.

He is married to Dorothy Emond of Brooklyn, NY. They have four children: Robert, Janet, Thomas, and Marianne. They have four grandchildren and live at 71 Aiken Street.