

Vinnie Vellotti



Vinnie Vellotti has been active in local sports for his entire lifetime. As a youth, he played baseball, basketball, and soccer, and had a stint as an amateur boxer. Later, he became one of the leading sponsors of youth activities in Norwalk.

Perhaps his greatest claim to fame is his unprecedented tenure as president of the Rowayton Little League for 25 consecutive years. He organized the league in 1958 and served at its head for longer than anyone in any of the 7,000 Little Leagues in 30 nations around the world.

Besides his work with the Rowayton Little League, Vinnie sponsors Senior Babe Ruth and girls' bowling as well as a softball team.

Back in the late 1930s and 1940s, Vinnie's physical stature proved no matter to his ability as a pitcher and outfielder, when he pitched for teams like the Eagle Juniors, Pine Hill, East Norwalk AC, Question Marks, as well as Norwalk High School.

One hot July day in the mid 1940s, Vinnie pitched a double header for Pine Hill at Duffy Field, winning both games to give his team the league championship.

He played basketball for the Question Marks and began a boxing career, working with Phil Baker and Angelo Radano. His manager was Bill Keene.

Vinnie is owner and president of Vellotti Realtors, which he founded in the early 1960s, and has been extremely active in civic activities, particularly related to veterans organizations. In the Navy, during World War II, he won 11 service ribbons in the South Pacific and was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation.

He is married to the former Margaret Hanlon. They have two children and three grandchildren.