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Gary is Coming

By Gerry Stratford

Who better to remind us of Old Times? Gary Radnich has been at it for 34 years at KRON and almost as long at KNBR. In 2010 he was inducted into the Bay Area Radio Hall of Fame, an honor he shares with the likes of Owen Spann, Joe Starkey, Lon Simmons, Carter Blakemore Smith and Al "Jazzbo" Collins.

We have listened to him in our cars and in our parlors, we have laughed with him at the foibles and fumbles of our heroes, and we have occasionally shouted, "No" at the radio when we have disagreed, but it's hard not to love this guy.

You have all heard him tell stories, what you may not know is that Gary is a bona fide Old Time Athlete, himself. Raised in San Jose, he was an All-American Basketball player first at Del Mar and then at Branham High School. He earned a basketball scholarship to BYU, and later played for UNLV.

The World According to Gary is one we have loved hearing described, and we will be filled with questions when he comes to the OTA next month, October 25th dinner.

Celebration Scheduled

Two years ago, he was awarded The Olympic Club's highest honor, The Olympian Award for Athletic achievement, he has been inducted as a contributor into the following Halls of Fame: USA Water Polo, The Olympic Club (as a member of their 1957-1959 Water Polo Team), The International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame, and the International Swimming Hall of Fame. He is also a proud holder of the OTA's Big Jock Award. On October 4th, he will be inducted as an individual into The Olympic Club's Hall of Fame, for his achievements within The Olympic Club, and the International World of Aquatic Sports, where he was a leader for over 30 years. The induction will take place at The Olympic Club's Post Street Clubhouse. Congratulations Andy.



Andy Burke

Lurie Looked Back

Gerry Stratford

The OTA is a gathering of athletes, many of us are no longer active players, but we come together because we remember the stories. We were participants in so many ourselves, sometimes only as little boys in the bleachers, but our devotion to the games, our fantasies about following in the footsteps of our heroes, remain our fondest memories. Marty Lurie's memory is encyclopedic, his descriptions so evocative that we sat in awe reliving the hits, the catches, the runs and the errors that baseball has given us for more than 70 years.

“Does this guy really know his stuff?” wondered Willie Mays, so he asked him, “Do you know who played 3rd for Tebbets at Crosley in 1956?” When Marty Lurie replied, “Ray Jablonski!” Mays' eyes lit up, and they spent hours sharing stories after that.

The stories had us enthralled as well. He had us back in our seats at Seals Stadium, we relived the “Catch”, and recalled the playoff nightmares like the failure to run to second base that cost a team their season. We even found out about Gaylord's secret stash in the deep fingers of Willie's glove. Best of all, we learned that we are not alone in loving the game. We were in a room full of old guys who were remembering what the world was like when we were ten years old.

Time Out

Gil Haskell and Fred Quinn were inducted into the 36th Annual San Francisco Prep Hall of Fame Awards Banquet last May. Gil, a graduate of St. Ignatius High School was recognized for his coaching at the High School, College and Professional Level. (See New Kids). Fred was recognized for coaching, officiating and as Athletic Commissioner with the SF Unified School District. This brings a total of 60 OTA'ers who have been recognized by The Prep Hall of Fame Committee. **Greg Suhr**, competing in the Olympic Club's Annual Strength and Fitness Championships this past May set the OC record for pull-ups (40) in the 50-59 age group, 175lb bracket and also holds the record for consecutive push-ups at (80) for the same weight group. Well done Greg! By the way, his father, Herb Suhr was President of the OTA in 1989.

TROUBLE GETTING TO OTA DINNER MEETINGS?

At the September 7th Board meeting, the Directors discussed the problem of lowered attendance at our semi-annual dinner meetings. One of the points discussed was the problem of many members being unable to drive at night. It was felt if we could set up a system that would allow those members with that problem, to contact the OTA, we could see if we could find a member that lived near that person and would be willing to pick them up and bring them to the meeting and back home.

Membership Chair, Roger Ferrari (650-754-1904) volunteered to handle these calls and see if we could make it work? To start with, we would appreciate those members who would be willing to pick up other members who live near them, would call Roger and let him know that they would be willing to do this. We can then establish a data base to help make the plan operative. We thank you for your assistance in this matter.



Broadcaster Marty Lurie

Dear OTA Members:

The OTA was founded in 1930 and has been a very successful organization. Unfortunately, due to many factors, our membership, and the attendance at our Bi-annual dinner meetings has recently been declining. We have received notice from The Olympic Club that for future dinners, there will be a required minimum of 150 persons, or there will be an Opening Fee charged (They do not normally serve on Thursday night, so they need to bring in staff for us). The Opening Fee charge is substantial, **so we are asking the membership to assist us in meeting this requirement by actively recruiting new members.** This can be done by asking friends and associates to attend a dinner meeting as a guest. There is a \$20.00 extra cost for the guest, but if they take out membership that evening, the \$20.00 is applied to their \$50.00 joining fee (\$15.00 Initiation fee plus \$35.00 annual dues). The Board of Directors have worked hard to find ways to keep The OTA strong, but now they need the assistance of the membership to help them in that task. **So, invite a friend or associate to a dinner meeting, and encourage them to join.** Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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Speaker Marty Lurie

Members and Guest at the Spring, April 26, 2018 OTA Dinner Meeting

Members present:

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 Larry Bingham
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 Roger Ferrari
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 Steve Franceschi
 Charlie Gagan
 Gene Gallagher
 Jim Gallagher
 Paul Giambra
 Jeff Graff
 Ray Greggains
 Eddie Gutierrez
 Jack Haynes
 Robert Hickox
 Dick Hoedt
 Bill Hogan
 Don Hourigan
 John Iocco
 Gary Johnson
 Brian Kearney
 Andy Kerr
 Herb Kessler
 Kris Kimball
 Quentin Kopp
 George Korte
 John Kristovich
 Charley Leach
 Bob Lee
 John LeTourneau

Arney Lundquist
 Marty Lurie
 Bill Lynch
 Sal Machi
 Ron Macaluso
 Dave Mackin
 Mike Maffei
 Joe Marino
 Leo Martinez
 Mario Maso
 Walt McCall
 Ray McDonald
 Tom McGraw
 Rich Mercurio
 Bob Micheli
 Al Monico
 Richard Moresco
 Shaun Morrison
 Gene Mullin
 Rich Murphy
 Jon Nakamura
 Ed Nevius
 John O'Connor
 Chuck Osborn
 Jack Phelan
 Nick Poppin
 Pete Quevedo
 Fred Quinn
 Bob Randall
 Harry Redlick
 Buck Reed
 Len Revegno
 Tony Ribera
 Baxter Rice
 Cliff Righetti
 James Rohrer
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 Paul Sari
 Jack Scamaglia
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 Bob Schumann
 Frank Siqueroiro
 Charles Smith
 Bob Sockolov
 Fred Stecher
 Gerry Stratford
 Bob Strohecker
 Tom Swartz
 John Sweeney
 Jeff Thomson
 Al Tripp
 John Wagner
 John Ward
 Terry Ward
 John Ward
 Dick Welsh
 Jerome Williams

Guests Present:

Carlton Buckley
 James Burke
 Mike Bush
 Bill Campagna
 Gary Chow
 James Collins

Josh Davis
 Mike Gridley
 Tom Hanson
 Mel Johnson
 Jim Keenan
 Bill Krueger
 Joe Lynch
 Mike Moriarty
 Steve Phillips
 Mario Sazo
 Rich Scklenker
 Matthias Spaenle
 Frank Stone
 Ben Winslow

NewKIDS

We Welcome The Following New Members

Gil Haskell

graduated from St. Ignatius High School, class of 1961. His sports were baseball, track and football for four years. A graduate of SF State University in 1965. He played four years of football, made All-Far West Conference and Little League Alló Coast. Gil taught and coached Football and Track at both Riordan 1966-68 and S.I. 1969-1977. He went on to coach four years at USC and then a long NFL career with the Rams, Panthers, Packers and the

Seahawks, earning a Super Bowl Ring with Green Bay.

John Patrick O'Connor

Born and raised in San Francisco, went to Saint Stevens Grammar School with Tom McGraw. John played football at Saint Ignatius 1964-68 where he was All League Tackle. In his Junior year, with Dan Fouts as their quarterback they won the WCAL league. He went on to play Intramural Football 1969-71 at Saint Mary's College and in his Frosh year they beat the Seniors! In 1971-73, he played Intramural Foot-ball at UC Berkeley! A Cal Grad, he became an Executive with a Non-Profit Association, UC Medical Center. After 20 years, he joined another Non-Profit a think tank, the Public Policy Institute of California. Retired after 16 years.

Last of the Ninth

Since our last meeting we have lost the following friends:

Joseph Salvatore Passanisi
 Ted Rademaker



Officers and Directors Board Meeting September 7, 2018