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A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.....

If winter has coaxed you into hibernation, bring the action indoors. Enjoy a women's professional basketball game on your high definition, big screen television or stay warm by cheering on your local high school girl's team. And remember, Spring is just around the corner!

As with the feeling of "rebirth" that accompanies the arrival of Spring, we too look forward to a rededication to our mission of celebrating and honoring the individuals who have enhanced women's basketball in our state. To date, the Connecticut Women's Basketball Hall of Fame has recognized the achievements of 137 members and we are proud to be honoring seven more outstanding individuals at the 2009 Hall of Fame Induction ceremony that will be held on Wednesday, April 22, at Cascade Restaurant, Hamden, CT.

We remain committed to supporting the future of women's basketball by offering scholarships to young girls to attend summer basketball camps and by recognizing the accomplishments of Connecticut's most outstanding girl's high school basketball team.

And we continually strive to ensure that our short and long term strategic plans meet the ever-changing needs and demands of the hall of fame to guarantee its continued success.

We value your interest and continued support as a member of our team. We remind you to visit our Hall of Fame web site at www.ctwomensbasketballhalloffame.

P.S. We would like to try something new in our Newsletter. We are dedicating a section for "Letters to the Editor....." where **YOU** can let others know about important happenings around the state. Our hope is that we will hear from you!

P.S.S. Please help us in our effort to keep our list of addresses current and up to date. If your address has changed or you know of any that have, please notify Louise Albrecht at labbz323@yahoo.com

Ann V. Fariss, PhD.
Founder & Executive Director



DRIBBLE.....

The 2009 Connecticut Women's Basketball Hall of Fame Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at CASCADE in Hamden. The festivities will "tip off" at 6:00 p.m. with a cash bar followed by the induction ceremony and dinner at 7:00 p.m. Seven outstanding individuals who have assisted in bringing acclaim, honor and distinction to the sport of women's basketball in our state will be honored.

2009 Inductees.....	Robert Meyers	Referee- Bethel, CT
	Meghan Pattyson-Culmo	Honorary - West Hartford, CT
	Howard Gura	High School Coach - Shelton
	Tami Chapman	High School Player - Bristol Eastern High School
	Krista Rappahahn	High School Player - Norwich Free Academy
	Robin Massari-Steele	College Player - Fairfield University
	Shea Ralph	College Player - University of Connecticut

As always, we welcome your input and support throughout the year and hope you will attend the banquet and join us in acknowledging these remarkable people who have contributed so much. Please be advised that your tickets will not be mailed to you. You may pick them up at the door upon your arrival on April 22nd.

For information and reservations concerning the 2009 CWBBHF Banquet, please contact Ann Fariss, 76 W. Hillside Avenue, Stratford, CT 06615 / Telephone: 203-378-6581 / Email: avfariss@sbcglobal.net.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION.....

The New Agenda: Northeast Hall of Fame recently honored the following women for their commitment to advancing the role of girls and women in sport in the New England area.

2007 Inductees: Dorothy Franco Reed and **Carolyn Vanacore**, 2006 Connecticut Women's Basketball Hall of Fame Inductee.

2008 Inductees: Priscilla Schulz, Lea Dickson, Barbara Hall, and **Ann L. Lander**, 2002 Connecticut Women's Basketball Hall of Fame Inductee.

Linda Wooster, the Associate Director of Athletics and Recreation at Quinnipiac University and co-founder of the Connecticut Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, was the 2007 recipient of the Recognition Award given by The Connecticut Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Ann Fariss, founder of the Connecticut Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, was recently asked to join The Connecticut Historical Society Advisory Board in Hartford. With great pride, we are happy to announce that she has accepted!

Bernice Nicolari and **Howard Gura**, a 2009 selection for induction into the Connecticut Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, received the 2008 CIAC Merritt Award for their involvement in women's high school basketball.

Tony Candido, who has spent so many years honoring the contributions of others, will himself be honored as the 2008 Italian-American of the Year by the Milford Columbus Committee. Candido is being recognized for his many civic activities. In fact, when the Milford Columbus Committee announced its selection, Candido was in the process of organizing the awards dinner for the group he founded, Concerned Citizens for the People with Disabilities. Candido, who is also the co-founder of the Connecticut Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, says "it's all about the kids". He has been active in the state Easter Seals Society and has organized many successful fundraisers for disabled children and their families.

Nancy Bond, a member of the Connecticut Women's Basketball Hall of Fame who has never missed an induction ceremony, retired in 2008 as physical education teacher at Bassick High School with the distinction of never having called in sick in all her 36 years on the job. "I was blessed with good health and just enjoy what I'm doing and do it to my best" said Bond. Since beginning her teaching career at Bassick in 1972, Bond has coached volleyball for 30 years, girls' basketball for 17 years and softball for seven years. She also started and coached boys' volleyball at Bassick for 13 years.

NEWS.....

-  **Cathy Inglese**, a 1996 Connecticut Women's Basketball Hall Of Fame inductee, resigned April 10th as Boston College's Head Women's Basketball Coach after 15 years at the college. She will be replaced by Sylvia Crawley, who had been head coach at Ohio University since 2006.
-  Congratulations to the Milford Explosion Girls Basketball Team for an incredible 2007-2008 season. They were the champions of the Branford Regional, the Saint Mark Open Invitational, and the Saint James Open Invitational Tournaments and were undefeated in the Massachusetts Open held in Sturbridge, MA. The Explosion finished the season with a 54-8 record. Contributing to the team's amazing success was their head coach, **Kathleen Kochiss**, a 1997 Connecticut Women's Basketball Hall of Fame Inductee.
-  The 3rd Annual Goodwill Gala Fundraiser sponsored by the Women's Sport Foundation was held on November 8, 2008 in Portsmouth, New Hampshire at the private home of Dr. Gigi Brown. There were five beneficiaries of the fundraiser this year and we are proud to announce that the hall of fame was one of them.
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SPECIAL THANK YOU.....

In 1974, **Barbara Hall** (Stratford High School) and **Lea Dickson** (Bunnell High School) filed a discrimination lawsuit under Title IX against the Stratford Board of Education. Both women felt so strongly about the issue of equal opportunity for women and girls in sports that they filed this lawsuit even though neither woman had tenure. Four years later, a legal mandate was established requiring that female athletes and coaches receive the same opportunities as male athletes and coaches. *LADIES, THANK YOU FOR YOUR COURAGE!*

IN MEMORY.....

In honor of Dr. Brenda Reilly, the Associate Athletic Director of Central Connecticut State University and one of the organization's founders, the Connecticut Women's Basketball Hall of Fame has created the **Brenda Reilly Memorial High School Basketball Award** and the **Brenda Reilly Youth Basketball Camp Scholarship**.

The **Brenda Reilly Memorial High School Basketball Award** is awarded annually to the most outstanding high school girls' basketball team in the State of Connecticut. The coach of the selected team, as well as a team representative, is invited as honored guests to the Hall of Fame's annual banquet.

Brenda Reilly Memorial High School Basketball Award

2001 Norwich Free Academy	William Scarlata, Coach
2002 Guilford High School	Jim Rooney, Coach
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2004 Hillhouse High School	Catrina Hawley-Stewart, Coach
2005 Manchester High School	John Reiser, Coach
2006 Hartford Bulkeley High School	Al Phillips, Coach
2007 Holy Cross High School	Frank Lombardo, Coach
2008 Hill Regional Career Magnet High	Kevin Walton, Coach

The **Brenda Reilly Youth Basketball Camp Scholarship** provides the opportunity for a young girl to attend a summer basketball camp in Connecticut. Each year a different camp within the State of Connecticut is selected. The recipient and her parents or guardian are invited as honored guests to the Hall of Fame's annual banquet.

Brenda Reilly Youth Basketball Camp Scholarship

2000 Sherida DeWitt Smith	Diane Nolan's Hoop School Summer Camp
2001 Larissa Farmer	Jody Rajcula Basketball Summer Camp
2002 Jynelle Smith	Quinnipiac Girls Basketball Camp, Tricia Sacca Fabbri, Director
2003 Sarah Elwell	SCSU, Joe Frager, Director
2004 Katrina DePugh	Yale University Basketball Camp, Amy Backus, Director
2005 Megan Frazier	Northwest Basketball Camp, Candy Perez, Director
2006 Bianca Simmons	Wesleyan Basketball Camp, Kate Mullen, Director
2007 Jenna Pittleman	Steve Schuler's Sudden Impact Basketball Skills Camp
2008 Diane Antenucci	Panther Basketball Camp, John DeGennaro, Director

Message from the..... **Connecticut Historical Society**
museum & library

She Shoots . . . She Scores! Women's Basketball in Connecticut Exhibit Opens

She Shoots . . . She Scores! Women's Basketball in Connecticut opened January 27, 2009 at the Connecticut Historical Society. Visitors will discover the many award-winning Connecticut teams that have played over the past two centuries and learn how women's changing social and political roles have made an impact on the game.

The CTWBHF has been an integral part of the creation of this exhibition. John Molina, a 2004 CTWBHF inductee, has loaned objects for display and Ann Fariss was a member of the advisory panel that contributed to the exhibit. Ann has provided ideas, content advice and put the exhibit team in touch with a number of Connecticut Hall of Famers.

For more information, contact CHS at 860.236.5621 or www.chs.org.



The J.B. Williams Soap Factory in Glastonbury, CT women's basketball team in the early 1930s. John Molina's grandmother, Bernice Gondek Molina is in the 2nd row, third from the right.

Contribution to the Cause....The CWBHOF Committee is determined to provide maximum service to/for Connecticut Women's Basketball. To give you the best we have to give and to stay abreast with the increasing demands of operating our initiatives, we would welcome any financial contributions to defray our operating costs. CWBHOF is a Section 501C (3) TAX ORGANIZATION FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES. Certain Contributions to CWBHOF MAY BE deductible to the person making the contribution. The CWBHOF recommends that a person consult with his/her legal advisors as to the deductibility of the donation. If interested in donating, please contact Louise Albrecht at 203-256-0930. Thank you.

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