



Arthur F. Dromerhauser '59

Artie Dromerhauser was born and raised in Bay Shore. He attended the old Fourth Avenue Grade School before attending Bay Shore High School where he was graduated in 1959. While at Bay Shore High, Artie was an honor student, President of the Senior Class, President of the Varsity Club, sports co-editor of the yearbook and was a school representative to Boys State.

Athletics were an important part of his high school years. Artie was a three-sport star in football, basketball and baseball. He was elected captain of both the varsity basketball and baseball teams. He received numerous All-League and All-County selections in addition to many other post season awards. Artie received many scholarship offers before accepting a full offer to play basketball and baseball at Rider College.

After transferring from Rider, Artie graduated from Suffolk Community College with an A.A.S. degree in Business Administration. He was on the Dean's list all semesters. He then continued his education at Hofstra University where he earned a B.B.A. degree in Accounting along with a minor degree in Education. Once again, he was on the Dean's list all semesters.

Artie is Chief Executive Officer of Strategic Fundraising, Inc., a company that assists not for profit charitable organizations in securing funds. Artie is also the Director of Development at St. John the Baptist.

Prior to these positions, Artie was a high school teacher, Manager of Administration at Fairchild Republic, Director of Development at Southside Hospital and Chief Executive Officer of The Long Island Aquarium. Artie is a past President of Alumni Promotions, an affiliate of Major League Baseball Alumni and is a long time member of the New York Pro Hot Stove League, which is an organization of Major League Scouts. Artie is also the author of two published books, “The History of Bay Shore High School Athletics” and a novel “A Dream Shattered”

Artie’s love for athletics continued after high school and college by playing semi-pro basketball and baseball. He also played nine years of World Class ASA Fast Pitch Softball. Artie coached amateur baseball for 18 years before becoming a college baseball coach. Upon leaving teaching and the college coaching position, Artie accepted an offer from the Baltimore Orioles and became a Major League Baseball Scout. Artie scouted for seven years with Orioles and then joined the Cleveland Indians as a scout for fourteen years. Artie has coached and scouted numerous athletes who have gone on to play college and professional baseball, including some who reached the Major Leagues. Artie was also a top rated basketball referee.

Artie has always been active in the community and his church. Artie sat on the Board of Directors/Advisory Boards of twelve Long Island organizations such as the Suffolk Sports Hall of Fame, Great South Bay YMCA, Lions Club of Bay Shore (where he was president and received the Melvin Jones Fellowship award, the highest award from the Lions Club International), Long Island Arthritis Foundation, Vytra Health Plans and others. Artie has been named (five times) as Man of the Year by such organizations as the Bay Shore Athletics Sponsors, Great South Bay YMCA and Suffolk County Boy Scouts where he received their Good Deed Award for his work with the youth of the County. Artie was selected as his college’s “Alumnus of the year” in 1997. Artie is a past trustee of St. Patrick’s Church in Bay Shore, was president of CYO for over ten years and has been involved, along with his wife, in many other organizations in the community.

Because of his athletic accomplishments and for his work with the youth of Long Island, Artie was inducted into the Suffolk Sports Hall of Fame in 1995 and the Bay Shore High School Hall of Fame (the inaugural class in 2002).

Artie is most proud of his family. He married his beloved Delores (Donaldson), who was his high school sweetheart, in 1961. Artie and Delores are the proud parents of ten children, all of whom have participated and contributed to the athletic programs at Bay Shore High: Artie'80, Rob'81, Lorrie'82, Pattie'83, Susie'84, Debbie (Deceased), Danny'89, Diane'91, John'93 and Karen'95.

Artie and Delores are also the proud grandparents of nineteen.