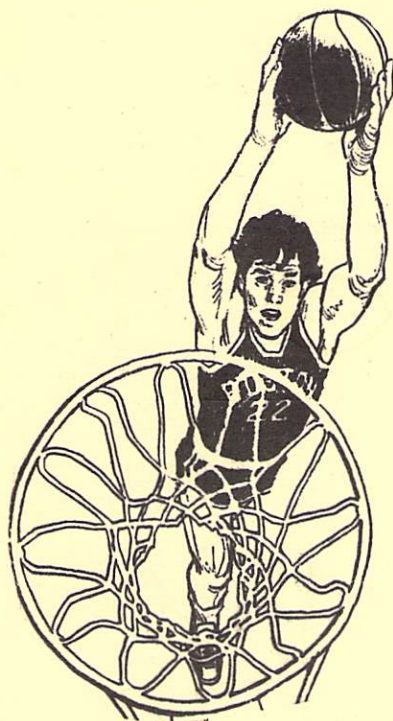


Annual Banquet

NORTH JERSEY BOARD of APPROVED BASKETBALL OFFICIALS



Tuesday Evening, March 25, 1997

**The Fiesta
Woodridge, New Jersey**

32nd ANNUAL

Frank C. Corrigan Memorial Award

Robert M. (Bob) Sterling

Robert M. (Bob) Sterling was born on Oliver Street in Newark's Ironbound section. He graduated from West Side High School in 1936. He played first base on the varsity baseball team for two years.

In January 1938, Sterling enrolled at Panzer College in East Orange. In the course of the next four years, he became one of the school's most celebrated athletes, earning four varsity letters each in baseball, basketball and soccer.

Bob was a member of the renowned Panzer basketball team that won 44 consecutive games (60 of 61), a record at the time. As a baseball pitcher, he once won four games in a single week (five games in 10 days), a feat that was noted by Jim Ogle in a Star-Ledger article.

Longtime Panzer athletic director and coach Al Gorton named Sterling to both his all-time Panzer baseball and basketball teams.

Between 1946 and 1957, Sterling served as the only assistant coach for baseball, basketball and soccer at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, winning more than 60 percent of his games coaching the school's freshmen and junior varsity teams. He earned a master's degree in administration and supervision at the school in 1947.

In 1957, Bob became Piscataway Township High School's first athletic director, a position he held until his retirement in December, 1986.

Sterling also gained notoriety as a basketball referee for more than 30 years at the high school, college and international levels. He officiated basketball at the Pan-American Games in 1955 (Mexico City), 1959 (Chicago) and 1967 (Winni-peg). In addition to the Central American championships in Guatemala (1966) and the South American championships in Cali, Colombia (1955).

Sterling also refereed numerous county and state basketball championships in New Jersey in his officiating career. In 1963-64, he was elected president of the North Jersey Board #33 of IAABO, one of the largest and most prestigious groups of its kind in the country.

During his tenure as a high school administrator, Sterling served as president of the National Council of State High School Coaches Association (1969-70), president of the New Jersey Interscholastic Coaches Association (1964-65), as a member of the executive committee of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (1968-74) and president of the Middlesex County Athletic Directors Association (1966-67).

In 1964, Sterling founded the Mid-State Conference, a group of eight Central Jersey Group III and Group IV high schools (including Piscataway) that competed athletically. He served as president of the conference for two terms and had a conference coaching award named in his honor.

For more than 35 years, Sterling was known to New Jersey high school track and field athletes, coaches and fans as the "voice" of the state's outdoor track and field championships, serving as the meet's chief announcer.

Bob is married to the former Florence O'Mara of Millburn, an outstanding high school and college athlete in her own right. The couple have three grown children.

Program

Greetings

RAY PERONE, *President*

Introductions

ANGELO FRANNICOLA, *Banquet Chairman*

RON MASTROLIA, *Master of Ceremonies*

New Members

KEN HAND, *Chairman*

N.J.S.I.A.A. Awards

North Jersey Board Awards

ANNETTE WILLIAMS, *Chairperson*

Frank C. Corrigan Memorial Award

ROBERT M. STERLING

Dominic Cuccinello

Distinguished Service Award

KEVIN CULLINAN

Board 33 Camp Scholarship Award

BRIAN DORSEY

Introduction of 1996-97 Officers

BOB LELLI, *President*

JOHN THOMSON, *Vice President*

LEO SPIRITO, *Secretary*

NICK TRILONE, *Treasurer*

EDGAR CARTOTTO, *Interpreter*

FRANK C. CORRIGAN MEMORIAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

1966	Paul Horowitz	1982	Edward Rochford
1967	Thomas Wachenfeld	1983	Joseph M. Burns
1968	Ben Silverman	1984	Richard Pasch
1969	Vincent Farrell	1985	Austin Mac Arthur
1970	Ben Carnevale	1986	William "Mickey" Corcoran
1971	Harry Burdick	1987	Philip Miller Jr.
1972	Jerry Bannigan	1988	Frank Cicarell
1973	Dominic Cuccinello	1989	John Marra
1974	Jerry Molloy	1990	Peter A. Scocca
1975	Everet Hebel	1991	Leroy Jones
1976	William Martin	1992	Ron Mastrolia
1977	George Swoyer	1993	William Petty
1978	Abner West	1994	Edgar O. Cartotto
1979	William A. McDonald	1995	Russ Beisswanger
1980	Thomas Della Torre	1996	Clarence Jones
1981	Nicholas Frannicola		

NJSIAA AWARDS

Ray Perrone	Peter DeFranco	Bobby Green
Ed Strohmeyer	Mary Beth Majchrzak	Steve Turner
Fabian Alesandro	Jerome Dunn	Jeff Angerbauer
Robert Lelli	Robert Lauterhahn	DeOnne Hudson
Judy Englese	Leigh Gerhardt	Peter Amoruso
Robert Pietrucha	Greg Kronowski	Gail Marquis
Lee Hendrix	Lou Ravettine	Al Czaya
		Renee Ruth

RETIRING MEMBERS

Richard Gaither
Bill Keenan
Carl Smith
James Beamish
Mort Port

ANNOUNCEMENT OF TWENTY YEAR OFFICIALS

TWENTY-FIVE YEAR OFFICIALS

Lawrence V. Demick	John D. Sangis	Walter J. Wladyka
Robert A. Koont	John J. Toscano	Adalbert M. Zawada
Ken Kurnath	Steve K. Turner	Joseph W. Rovelli
Robert D. Masella		John Wendelken