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**DR. ARTHUR PAPPAS POSTHUMOUSLY INDUCTED INTO BAY STATE GAMES
HALL OF FAME AT FENWAY PARK CEREMONIES**

Holliston's Jim Carboneau & Woburn's Tracey Gangi Johnson Co-Inductees

BOSTON – The late Arthur M. Pappas, M.D., former Bay State Games board chair and longtime Red Sox team physician, was posthumously inducted into the Bay State Games Hall of Fame at Red Sox-Texas Rangers pre-game ceremonies on July 6. The former Red Sox medical director died at age 84 on March 22.

Inductees in addition to Dr. Pappas were Jim Carboneau of Holliston, and Tracey Gangi Johnson of Woburn.

Dr. Pappas served as chair of the Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation (MASF), which organizes the Bay State Summer and Winter Games, from 1984 to 1998. He was then named chairman emeritus.

“Dr. Pappas imparted immediate credibility to the fledgling Bay State Games when they were founded 34 years ago,” said current MASF Chair Phil Gloudemans of Marblehead. “His support was critical to the organization’s steady growth and development, but he was always very modest about his impact. His life and contributions epitomize the qualities of the ultimate volunteer. We will miss him.”

Carboneau has served as the volunteer officials’ coordinator for the Bay State Games’ lacrosse competition for nearly 20 years. He has been a lacrosse official at the high school and NCAA level since 1975, and he’s a member of the board of directors of USA Lacrosse and the Eastern Massachusetts Lacrosse Officials Association. The former athletic director and wrestling coach at Holliston High School, Carboneau was inducted into New England Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 2002.

Gangi Johnson has served as the Bay State Games Baton Twirling commissioner since the inclusion of the sport in the Games nearly 15 years ago. She has been director of the Woburn, Mass.-based Gangi Bay State Strutters since 1992, which has produced numerous national, regional and AAU champions. Gangi Johnson has served as a judge at the Miss Majorette of America contest, World Championship Twirl-Offs, and the Grand National Championships, and she and her two sisters have had a National Baton Twirling Association Dynasty Award named in their honor. While in college, Gangi Johnson was the featured twirler at Fairfield and Villanova Universities; she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the latter, and she’s a licensed Professional Engineer.

“Jim Carboneau and Tracey Gangi Johnson are prime examples of the extraordinary volunteer commitment that the Games has benefited from for so many years,” added Gloudemans. “Their mutual dedication to amateur athletics and youth development is both remarkable and admirable, and their respective inductions are more than deserved.”

The Bay State Games Hall of Fame was created to recognize past participants who have gone on to prestigious and successful athletic careers, as well as former and current coaches, officials, sports organizers, and volunteers who have made significant contributions to the organization throughout its 34-year history. Past inductees include the NBA’s Dana Barros (’06) and the late Reggie Lewis (’02); the NHL’s Bill Guerin (’09); Major League Baseball’s Carlos Pena (’11) and Rich Hill (’13); and Winter Olympians Nancy Kerrigan (’07), and Bill Cleary (’14).

The Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation, an independent, non-profit organizer of the Bay State Summer and Winter Games, provides Olympic-style athletic competitions and developmental programs for amateur athletes of all ages. Founded in 1982, the MASF operates statewide and year-round to promote personal development, education, physical fitness, teamwork, and sportsmanship and mutual respect. From a modest beginning of four sports and 300 athletes, the Games have grown to include 29 sports and over 8,000 athletes from more than 300 Massachusetts cities and towns. The MASF is a member of the National Congress of State Games, comprised by nearly 40 states that conduct these events.

More About Dr. Pappas

Dr. Pappas, a pioneer in sports medicine, was born in Auburn, Mass., and was a four-sport high school athlete, and lettered as a football lineman at Harvard College, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in 1953. He graduated from the University of Rochester School of Medicine, and served two years in the U.S. Navy, conducting research at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. He completed his medical training in Boston at Children’s Hospital, Massachusetts General, and Peter Bent Brigham.

Dr. Pappas served as the first chairman of the Department of Orthopedics and Physical Rehabilitation at the University of Massachusetts Medical School where he began his affiliation in 1972. He stepped down from that position in 2001 and then held the position of vice chancellor for Clinical Affairs and vice president for Affiliate Hospital Relations. In recognition for his service, the University of Massachusetts Medical School established the Arthur M. Pappas Chair in Orthopedics and dedicated an amphitheater in his name.

A partial team owner, he was appointed the Red Sox medical director in 1978, and served in that capacity until 2002. In 2003, the Red Sox named Fenway Park’s family room in his honor.

In addition to the MASF, he chaired boards of directors at Fairlawn Rehabilitation Hospital and the Massachusetts Hospital School for physically challenged children.

Among the numerous honors Dr. Pappas received were lifetime achievement awards from the Mass. Medical Society and the Mass. Hospital School, and an honorary degree from UMass Medical School.

Dr. Pappas and his wife were both born and raised in Auburn, and lived in the house in which Dr. Pappas was raised. In 2012, Auburn town officials cut the ribbon on the 20-acre, Dr. Arthur Pappas and Dr. Martha Pappas Recreation Complex, to which the couple donated \$1 million. Additionally, the Pappases donated over \$760,000 to increase the size of the new high school's gymnasium from 10,000 to 18,000 square feet, and established the Auburn Foundation, which has awarded grants to Auburn-based nonprofit organizations since 2004.

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