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Atlantic District Officiating Program Newsletter

Memorial Issue 2011



Tightening The Laces

Dear Officiating Membership,

This issue of our district officiating newsletter is dedicated to Tony Mariconda, our long serving Referee-in-Chief who passed on September 2nd after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Tony was not only our Referee-in-Chief for the past 12 years, but a mentor, a friend, and a dedicated volunteer who epitomized the phrase "hard working and dedicated professional."

Sincerely,
Atlantic District Officiating Program Newsletter Staff

Farewell to the Chief

In Memory of Tony Mariconda

It has only been two months since we lost one of the greatest ambassadors that USA Hockey, and the officiating industry as a whole has ever had; yet the passing of Atlantic District Referee-in-Chief Tony Mariconda on September 2nd feels as if it occurred just yesterday. To many, Tony was not only a leader, but a dear friend, trusted colleague and highly respected mentor who worked tirelessly to help others achieve their goals while guiding the district and championing standards that would help form a path for all districts to follow.



Tony Mariconda

As evidenced by those who came from across the country and beyond to pay their respects, Tony's vast reach within the officiating community was practically limitless. His unwavering dedication and commitment to family was as strong as his commitment for volunteering and he taught us that no matter what your facing in life, you can make a difference and giving up was never an option.

Asked to provide his feedback on Tony's loss, and what it means to the officiating community, Tom Koester, President of the Atlantic Amateur

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Hockey Association had this to say.

"When asked to write this article about Tony Mariconda, I was honored.

This past June, Tony and his wife Joan were inducted into the Atlantic District Hall of Fame. As I began putting my thoughts down on paper for this tribute to Tony, I wanted to refer to the resume he gave me for the Hall of Fame presentation. Looking over his resume for highlights to incorporate in this article, I was overwhelmed by his many accomplishments and volunteerism.

Tony may have been small in stature, but he was a "big, big" man in real life.

Below is Tony's resume. I am sure you will agree we lost a wonderful, one of a kind person in early September.

Tony, bye my friend and thank you for all you have done for us. We were all blessed by your presence."

Tom Koester
President, AAHA

Added to Tom's comments are those of Tony's wife, Joan, and son Philip:

"The most important thing that I would like expressed is my thanks for the support that we both received during Tony's journey. There was a constant flow of support, prayer and concern that kept us going throughout. Our hockey family was and continues to be there for me."

Joan Mariconda

"I do miss my Dad. But I take great comfort in the notion that while he lived only 67 years; he did about 100 years worth of volunteer work and other work that enhanced people's lives. That's why I have told people in the Hockey community and elsewhere, if my Dad helped you in some way, do what he would've done and pay it forward. Help the next rookie that comes along. That and the wonderful support of the Hockey community is all I can ask and be grateful for."

Philip Mariconda

We are forever indebted to Tony for his commitment, guidance and support, and truly blessed to have had the time with him that we did.

May God Bless Tony and Grant Him Eternal Peace.

The Breadth of our Loss

To better understand the degree of involvement that Tony had at various levels of officiating, and the many contributions to and accomplishments received from the organizations that he was part of, the below resume should provide just a glimpse of what our district, and USA Hockey as a whole has lost.

TONY MARICONDA

EDUCATION

Post-Graduate studies- Education	Various institutions- 1973-2000
M.A. - Science	Montclair State University - 1972
Teacher Certification	NJ Department of Education - 1971
B.A. - Biology	Rutgers University - Newark, NJ - 1966

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Science Teacher, Grades 7-12	Emerson Jr.-Sr. HS - 1972-2000
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Summer Enrichment Program Curriculum Revision Author 1998	Emerson Community School - '93-'98 Emerson Jr.-Sr. HS - Emerson, NJ - 1998
Coordinator, "Hands Across the World Project" Advisor- Class of 1994	Emerson Jr.-Sr. HS- '94-'98 Emerson Jr.-Sr. High School - 1988-94
Summer Enrichment Program 1992	Emerson Community School - 1983-1992
Science Teacher, Dept. Chair Co-Athletic Director 1972	Patterson Catholic HS - 1968 - 1972 Paterson Catholic HS - 1968 - 1972
Med. Lab Tech., Instructor 1968	St. Joseph's Hospital - 1966 - 1968
Medical Lab Technician	St. Joseph's Hospital - 1961-1966

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Mayo Clinic Concussion Symposium/Rules Review Com.	- 2010 - Present
Referee-in-Chief: Atlantic District- USA Hockey	- 1999 - Present
Camp Director: USA Hockey Officiating Programs	- 1996 - Present
Staff: USA Hockey Officiating Instructors Program	- 1992 - 1995
USA Hockey Officiating Program Seminar Committee	- 1992 - Present
USA Hockey Officiating Program Evaluator Atlantic District	- 1993 - Present
Referee-in-Chief: USA Hockey Junior B National Tournament	- 1995 + 1996
Referee-in-Chief: Atlantic Women's Hockey League	- 1995 - 1999
Referee-in-Chief: Garden State Games Ice Hockey	- 1994 - Present
President: NJ Football Official Association	- 1993
Referee-in-Chief: Atlantic/Metropolitan Jr. Hockey League	- 1993 - 1999
Treasurer: Atlantic District- USA Hockey	- 1992-1993
Treasurer: Garden State Games Ice Hockey	- 1990 - 1992

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