

Trustee Delano in Hall of Fame



Society Trustee Hugh Delano is one of 11 persons who will be inducted into the Cranford Sports Hall of Fame, Nov.19, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at the Gran Centurian in Clark.

Delano was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto, Canada, in 1991, "in recognition of distinguished members of the newspaper profession whose word have brought honor to journalism and the game of hockey. He is one of only a few sports writers ever inducted into a major-league sports Hall of Fame.

A life-long Cranford resident, he became a nationally known sports writer-columnist for the New York Post, specializing in coverage of the National Hockey League and major league baseball. He is also the author of several books and numerous magazine articles and worked as a TV and radio sports commentator before his retirement in 1995.

In October Delano learned that his 1976 book "Eddie Giacomin: A Goalie's Story" had been selected as one of the best books written about hockey in the history of the sport. Among his many honors are his inclusion in Contemporary Authors and Who's Who in America.

In Memoriam Hugh S. Delano

With great sadness we note the passing of Trustee Emeritus Hugh S. Delano who passed away April 5, 2015 after a long illness.

Mr. Delano, was a lifelong resident of Cranford. He was a distinguished sports columnist and author. He was a sports writer for the Cranford Citizen and Chronicle during high school. He attended Washington College in Maryland. First employed by the Plainfield Courier News, he

then joined the Newark Evening and Sunday News in 1967. In 1971, he then started writing for the New York Post.

As a sportswriter, he covered all the New York area professional sports teams. He covered the New York Rangers and the New Jersey Devils until his retirement in 1993. In the 1970's, Mr. Delano authored two books on hockey, "Power Hockey" and "Eddie, A Goalie's Story" which was about NY Ranger goalie Ed Giacomin. He received numerous awards and is a member of the Cranford Sports Hall of Fame and the National Hockey League Hall of Fame.

He was a very proud United States Marine who served in the Philippines and was honorably discharged in 1956. He spearheaded the Society's Veteran Day programs for many years with Trustees Robert Fridlington and Bill Curtis. He was a fixture here at the Hanson House. Diligently, documenting and archiving newspaper articles pertaining to Cranford. He was especially interested in anything having to do with Cranford High School sports. For many years, Mr. Delano produced our press releases.