

Dear NOMINATING COMMITTEE,

It is that time of year when nominations to the Hall of Fame are due.

I am writing in hopes that you will join with me in support of my nomination of Russell Digati, class of 1960. Please submit promptly the enclosed nomination form accompanied with a brief write-up on Russ.

Enclosed is a biography which I was able to put together after talking with Many of Russ's friends and family members. I am also inserting my own knowledge of Russ, based on his accomplishments, long hours of hard work on his own time and dedication to all of You alumni as a BFHS/HACI board member.

This is what I was able to find out:

1. Born on Buffalo's west side to Alfonso & Mildred Digati. Russ has 2 younger sisters.
2. Attended St. Theresa of the Little Flower Seminary for one and a half years before Transferring to Bishop Fallon.
3. Enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserves in his junior year. Upon graduation, he served His active duty aboard a U.S. Naval warship (Destroyer). Was voted "Sailor of the Month" twice during his tour of duty.
4. Met his wife "Franny" in the Anchor Bar in May of 1964. Franny is the daughter of Frances & Joseph Vacanti, both deceased, and sister to Anthony Vacanti. Russ and Fran married in 1965 and have three daughters and Five grand children.
5. Russ began a thirty year sales management career in 1967.
6. He enrolled in Bryant and Stratton Business Institute in 1970, to further his education, and majored in Sales Management. Russ maintained a 4.0 GPA and graduated "With Highest Distinction".
7. With his career skyrocketing, Russ was promoted to the position of North East Regional Sales Manager. He maintained a local sales office in Elma, NY where he employed office support staff, sales personnel & sales merchandisers. His position put him in the "Inner Circle" of management where he rubbed elbows & socialized with Farrah Fawcett, Ryan O'Neil, Joe Namath, Debbie Reynolds, Cary Grant and Jose Ebare - hairdresser to the stars.

Russ, from what I learned, led the entire country in sales numerous times and never finished less than third overall. Russ retired in 1995.

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A written Biography of the nominee supporting his/their nomination **MUST** accompany this form.  
All nominations to be considered for 2006 must be submitted by March 15, 2006  
Nominations are to be sent to: Hall of Fame Nominations  
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