

Joe Ingrassia

Joe was a force in New York 4-wall during the 1950's.

Joseph P. Ingrassia is a former NYAC president, a two time national champion in handball and a 1987 Hall of Fame inductee.

Ingrassia joined the NYAC in 1949. Throughout the 1950s, he was one of the best handball players in the country.

In addition to a semi final appearance in 1950 and a second place finish in 1953, Ingrassia won the AAU National 4-wall doubles championship in 1954 and 1957.

For his success on the court, he was inducted into the New York Handball Hall of Fame.

He was elected to the NYAC Board of Governors in 1969, elected president in 1979 and founded the NYAC Athletes Fund. The Fund raises money to support athletics programs such as the Inner City Handball Association as well as to support the Club's Olympics aspirants. The establishment of the NYAC Hall of Fame can largely be attributed to Joe's efforts.

Joe was also a senior executive at Shell Oil, and founded Norbec, a global energy company.

While at Norbec, he met an executive whose daughter suffered from histiocytosis, a rare cancer, and learned there was little corporate fundraising to find a cure for the disease.

He started what is now an annual fundraising event in New York City, drawing upon many of his energy company contacts. He served on the Board of Trustees of the Histiocytosis Association (HA), a nonprofit working to save the lives of children affected with the disease.

Joe and Cele have three children, Patrice, Elizabeth and Paul, and three grandchildren.

