

## ***HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE***

### **Joe Reilly, '75**



Born and raised in Inwood (Northern end of Manhattan), Joe attended Our Lady Queen of Martyrs church and grammar school. 20 + from his 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduating class attended Power Memorial. He has fond memories of the A train from Dyckman Street to Columbus circle and then the walk to Power. At Power he tried out initially for the basketball team but soon realized he was way over his head with the best of the best players in New York coming to Power. He played intramural basketball and worked part time after school all 4 years while attending Power. In his Junior and Senior year, he enjoyed working with the Yearbook team.

Joe attended Manhattan College and graduated in 1979 with majors in Accounting and Marketing. In college Joe was active in his fraternity – Beta Sigma. He worked for 3 years at the infamous Manhattan College bar The Green Leaf Tavern; he worked as a DJ, Bouncer and Bartender. Joe also worked evenings at Manhattan College on telephone fundraising at the Alumni relations office for over three years helping to raise over 3 million dollars to build the Manhattan College Draddy Gymnasium. It is claimed the building has the largest indoor track in NYC.

His first jobs out of college were as a tax auditor for the State of Massachusetts (New York Office) and as a manager of Tuesday's Restaurant on 17<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue in Manhattan. Two years after college Joe moved to Florida to start his entrepreneurial career

Prior to his current position and passion, Joe has owned several businesses including retail window treatments, bars/restaurants and a hospitality risk management consulting firm. For the past 26 years, Joe has worked in the workplace drug testing business. He served 12 years on the Board of Directors of the national drug testing association and 4 of those years as Chairman of the Board. He has provided training and consulting in the area of drug free workplace, to government agencies, large employers and chambers of commerce throughout the nation. Currently Joe owns and operates three businesses: National Drug Screening, Joe Reilly & Associates and FMCSA Clearinghouse Services.

Joe met Robin Reilly from Tampa, Florida 1983 and they married in 1999. Joe waited a long time for the love of his life. They have three grown children James, Matthew and Krystal and three grandchildren Liam – 4 months, Peyton – 6 years old and Hayden is 7. Robin worked in human resources in the defense industry and retired in 2014. Robin has a passion for beach life, photography, decorating, restoring furniture, shelling, wine and shopping. 35 years ago, Joe fell in love with the casual laid back atmosphere of the Melbourne, Florida area. He and Robin reside in the lovely beachside town of Indian Harbour Beach just steps off the Atlantic Ocean.

As previously mentioned, Joe served as Chairman of the Board of the national drug testing association. In June of 2015, the national trade association for the drug testing industry (DATIA) awarded its Top Entrepreneur award to Joe Reilly of Melbourne, Florida. The Top Entrepreneur award is designed to recognize and honor the entrepreneur who has started a company and had great growth in the industry through innovation, creativity, and hard work. Joe is also Past President of his local Rotary Club and in 2018 Joe was named as a Business Leader of the Year in Brevard County, Florida.

Joe's wife Robin calls him a workaholic and he has always worked hard since his summers in Rockaway Beach selling the Daily News at 9pm in the local pubs. Joe does also like to have fun; dating back to a few pints at the Lincoln Lounge and the White Rose. Joe loves to BBQ for friends and family. He also enjoys greatly getting back together with his 40+ year friends from Power Memorial and Manhattan College and he continues to organize get togethers in NY from his Florida base. Robin and Joe also love to travel to the Caribbean islands, Napa Valley for great wineries, back to New York for long weekends.

Joe loves his laid-back casual Florida lifestyle, shorts, flipflops, the beach and down time watching a Giants game, spring training in March and reading the latest New York Times bestseller.