

The RIFOA honors these people with an award in their name. This summary is taken from the Providence Journal's "The 100 Most Significant People in R.I. High School Sports in the 20th Century" article written by John Gillooly 12/26/99.

Porter Award

Elizabeth Porter could be described as the glue that held the Interscholastic league together from the late 1940's to the early 60's. The late Mrs. Porter took over the task of assigning officials in 1947 and simultaneously served as the League's treasurer for nearly two decades. Without a League office, League office space, she literally ran the League's Day-to-day operations from her home from 1947 until 1964, giving countless hours of her time to help the states young athletes.

Reynolds Award

Providence Journal Sportswriter

The late Dick Reynolds, Providence Journal sportswriter, was involved with Rhode Island high school sports for more than 50 years until his death in 1995. He chronicled the exploits of thousands of high school athletes as a member of the Journal sports staff from 1941 to 1977. He also was one of the best-known-after dinner speakers in Rhode Island and spoke, speaking at thousands of sports award dinners well into the 1990s.

Martin Award

Providence Journal Sportswriter

The late Jack Martin, also a Providence Journal Sportswriter, played a major role in the formulation /creation of the R.I. Interscholastic League. He helped organize the league in 1932, then served as the league commissioner for the first 13 years, arranging schedules and assigning officials for all games. All that was in addition to his writing daily stories about high school sports for the Journal.

