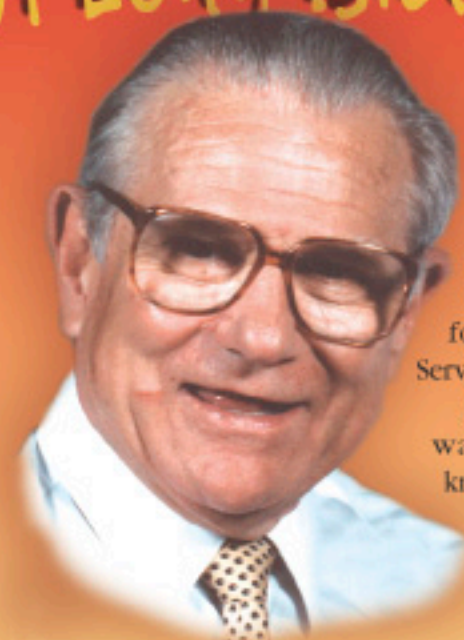


ROBERT "DOC" FALLOT

A Long Island Treasure

By Jack Maboney



The Long Island Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame is proud to nominate Doctor L. Robert FalLOT for the Lifetime of Service Award.

Doc" FalLOT, as he was affectionately known, was a great friend of wrestling for more than thirty years.

A pioneer in Sports Medicine, his genius was using groundbreaking medical techniques, especially for the cauliflower ear, that became textbook to those who came after him and remain so to this day. Hundreds, perhaps thousands, of Long Island's wrestlers were returned to the mats through Doc's talents. His presence at local tournaments was a common sight and a comfort to coaches, parents, and wrestlers alike. His concern and caring for the athlete was unwavering - not just for their physical wellness but also for their whole self. Many a wrestler came to his Amityville office, not because they were hurt, but because they just wanted to see Doc and his beloved wife, Betty. His love of wrestling (which was not one of the three sports he played in high school and college) did not stop at the local level. He was attending physician for many years at State, AAU, and Olympic wrestling tournaments as well.

Doc was a generous man. If you needed his help he didn't ask for your insurance card, he just took care of you. Many, many times he was paid for his services with a bushel of scallops or a bag of home-grown tomatoes. He quietly helped many a wrestler who was in financial need. More than a few young men went to college with the help of Doc. Today, his memory lives on. Through the Doc FalLOT Scholarship Fund, every spring a deserving Suffolk County wrestler is awarded a substantial college scholarship

by the FalLOT family. He was a true friend of wrestling and truly deserves to be inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame for his Lifetime Service to Wrestling.

Professional Highlights & Honors

- Team Physician for New York Titans of the American Football League —1950's (later became New York Jets)
- Attending physician at Long Island All-Star football games, Suffolk County and New York State wrestling championships, county and state lacrosse and track championships for over 30 years
- Attending physician, New York Athletic Club Wrestling Teams 1968-1974
- Team Physician, US Olympic Wrestling Team 1964
- Inducted into New York State Wrestling Hall of Fame 1973
- "Man of the Year" awarded by Suffolk County Wrestling Coaches Association 1976
- County Proclamation of Dr. L. Robert FalLOT Christmas Wrestling Tournament 1983
- Inducted into Suffolk County Sports Hall of Fame in 1992
- Hampton Bays Christmas Tournament renamed "Doc FalLOT Christmas Tournament" 1992—present
- Suffolk County Wrestling Championships renamed "Doc FalLOT Memorial Wrestling Championships" 1993—present

