

BLOOMFIELD FEDERATION OF MUSIC HONORS PAUL ALONGI SR. AT ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

On May 2nd, at the Chandelier Restaurant, Paul Alongi Sr. will be honored for his 44 years of service as President and Tenor sax player of the Bloomfield Civic Band and Past President and longtime trustee of the Federation. He was proudly inducted into the Bloomfield Music Hall of Fame in 1998.

Paul's musical career has spanned a period of seventy plus years beginning at age 7 playing clarinet. When he attended Barringer High, Paul was handed a tenor sax and that launched his music career. He went on to lead the famed Barringer Blue Jackets Jazz band and earned all-City honors for Sax and Clarinet.

After High school, Paul founded the popular Sonny Long band that was very prominent during the Fifties and Sixties. This band backed celebrities' vocalists and groups such as The Four Aces, Al Martino, Jerry Vale, Connie Francis, Dion and the Belmonts, Xavier Cugat and Abby Lane, Sunny Gale, Margaret Whiting and many others. In the latter seventies, he joined the Brotherhood, a musical Quartet comprising of Manny Alfano, Gene Antonio and Phil Echo. This group was together until retirement in 2014. He and Dom Ferrara, his lifelong friend, founded the Garden State Concert Band that was very active for some thirty years until Dom's death in 2018. Paul presently plays with the Bloomfield Civic Band, Morris Plains Community Band and the Swingtones Jazz band.

Mr. Alongi is well known for his many civic and community affiliations. Most notably, Past National President of Unico and Past President of the Bloomfield Board of Education. He is presently employed as Vice President of First Indemnity of America Insurance Company and First Managed Care Options.

Lastly, Paul is tremendously proud of his "jewels" he inherited from God and his departed wife, Toni, of 57 years. His son Paul A. Alongi Esq, wife, Kim, Grandchildren, Kara, Michael and Matthew. His daughter, Gina Ring, husband Tom, grandchildren, Ryan, Jack and Eric.

