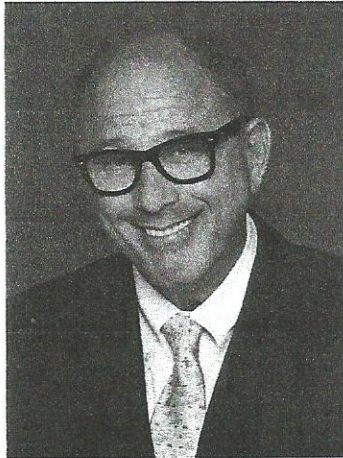


Outstanding Business Leadership Honoree



Steve Kalafer

Chairman, Flemington Car and Truck Country and Somerset Patriots Baseball Club

Steve Kalafer entered the automotive industry in 1973 as Business Manager for Coleman Oldsmobile located in Trenton, New Jersey. Three years later he acquired the Ditschman Ford/Lincoln/Mercury dealership, later moving it to its present location in Flemington New Jersey. Under his leadership and dedication, Steve, along with his partner Byron Brisby, have grown Flemington Car & Truck Country to its current position of showrooms and service centers in 8 locations for 18 franchises, as well as achieving national recognition at the highest level of the automotive industry for superior customer service and community involvement.

Steve combined his business success with his long-time love of baseball, becoming Chairman of the Somerset Patriots, a minor league team affiliated with the Atlantic League of Professional Baseball. Home for the Patriots is TD Bank Ballpark in Bridgewater, New Jersey. Mr. Kalafer helped create the public / private partnership with Somerset County for the \$17.7 million construction of Commerce Bank Ballpark, which opened in 1999. The Somerset Patriots are six time Atlantic League Champions, adding the sixth ring this year highlighting one of the teams most successful years in history.

He is widely recognized for his service to government, serving in various volunteer capacities under the past four governors. He is also involved in many civic and philanthropic initiatives and serves as a board member of the New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Companies, The Joe Torre Safe At Home Foundation, NJIT Board of Overseers, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Board, Chair of the Somerset Medical Center Foundation, and Treasurer of the Actors Fund of America. He also chairs the New Jersey Public Policy Research Organization.

Steve Kalafer has also produced several motion picture and entertainment projects. Three have earned Academy Award® nominations -

MORE, an animated short film, won the Jury Prize at The Sundance Film Festival®

CURTAIN CALL, which garnered his second Academy Award® nomination.

SISTER ROSE'S PASSION, that won the 2004 Tribeca Film Festival® Short Documentary Award

A sample of his other film projects are the The Soprano State, New Jersey's Culture of Corruption, Part I a documentary inspired by the New York Times best seller of the same name and he produced the revival of the award winning Broadway play Barrymore, starring 2 time Tony Award® winner and Academy Award® nominee Christopher Plummer.

Steve Kalafer's dedication and personal commitment to his community has been recognized with several national, regional and local community awards .

Steve and his wife of 44 years, Suzanne reside in Gladstone, New Jersey. They have two sons, Jonathan and Joshua and five grandsons, Zachary, Broden, Caleb, Tristan and Elliot.