

1999 Hall of Fame Honoree

Catherine Luciano Harasta Class of 1970



Catherine Luciano Harasta reported from 10 nations and 35 states during her 25 years with the award-winning “SportsDay” section of “The Dallas Morning News.” She covered nine Olympic Games editions; two Super Bowls; three World Series; numerous Final Four NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournaments; the Kentucky Derby; the Indy 500; the U.S. Open Tennis Tournament; two Masters golf tournaments; the America’s Cup yacht race; the Daytona 500; series in the NBA Playoffs; the Stanley Cup playoffs; the World Gymnastics Championships; the World Figure Skating Championships, major bowls and many more events.

Harasta has jumped from a plane to experience skydiving, taken a luge ride, ridden in the Indy 500 pace car on a practice day, worked as a racetrack stable hand and flew a small plane while on assignment.

“The Dallas Morning News” nominated Harasta for a Pulitzer Prize for a season-long football series in 1989. She won numerous awards for columns, series and enterprise reporting.

She has written for publications and online sites including “USA Today” and ESPN.com. Currently a staff writer for “The Texas Catholic,” her assignments have included reporting from Honduras and from Dealey Plaza in Dallas on the 50th anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Among her recent writing awards, the national Catholic Press Association awarded her first place for best personality profile at its June 2013 convention.

She performed at the World’s Fair in Flushing, NY, as a youth dancer during a childhood spent playing baseball and basketball with her four brothers and studying ballet and French horn with her three sisters. Harasta played in the Cinderella Softball League, believed to be New York State’s first Little League equivalent for girls.

Harasta, of Mesquite, Texas, and her husband, Joe, have two daughters.