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## **Ninth Annual Legends of Softball Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony**



**Thursday, November 11, 2021**

**7:00 PM**

**Miller's Ale House**

**4400 Kernel Circle**

**Ft. Myers, Fl 33916**



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## Welcome to the FSSA Legends Hall of Fame

The Legends of Softball Hall of Fame is comprised of only super major players still active in the game who have excelled over the years at the highest level possible. Legends inductees will share a special recognition among softball aficionados as players constantly striving to be the best. Being selected to this special group of athletes signifies your accomplishment in the game we all love. Legends members will be able to purchase rings and specialized hats reflecting their membership in this fraternity of softball legends.

We have broken the recognition down by state because we feel that is the most appropriate way to recognize our softball legends, and in doing so recognize all the players on a team as members of this special group of players.

The FSSA is a Federal 501C charitable organization and is funded by donations. Awards handed out by the FSSA at the dinner awards ceremony were supported by the FSSA Executive Board and by special contributors. The Legends Hall of Fame will be listed on the FSSA website, [www.Floridassa.com](http://www.Floridassa.com).

Congratulations on your accomplishment.

Ed Rose  
FSSA Executive Director

## Criteria for induction to the FSSA Legends Hall of Fame

**\*\*\*Deadline for 2022 inductees is June 30, 2022\*\*\***

The intent of the FSSA Legends Hall of Fame is to honor senior players who have excelled at the game; players who, when folks are sitting around talking about softball, their names will come up. We are looking for players who have been standouts for many years.

Initially, the first player selected from a state will be considered the Director of the Selection Committee for that state. He/she will approve the induction of any future players from that state, with approval from the FSSA President and Board.

Our requirements for admission to the FSSA Legends Hall of Fame are simple and straightforward:

- You must have been a senior softball player or affiliated with senior softball for at least 10 years.
- You must be at least 60 years old to be considered.
- You must be an active player still playing the game or connected to the game in some way.
- Others must recognize you for your achievements outside of your immediate sphere of influence.
- You must be nationally known in the major plus circuit, the top level of senior softball.
- You must already be in a sports related Hall of Fame.



## Legends Hall of Fame Inductees

### 2012

Don Clatterbough  
Hank Cluess  
Chip Cregar  
Bobby Davis  
Ron Danoski  
John Davide  
Butch Hayes  
Dave Reed  
Ed Rose  
Roger Tabor  
Gary Tryhorn

### 2013

Tom Dommel  
Mike Gainer  
Tom Hanratty  
Larry Lopez  
Pat McLellan  
Gary Pro  
Dave Sells  
Tom Tudor  
Andy Zitnay

### 2014

Jack Aronson  
Danny Ballard  
Winky Blackman  
Bill Cameron  
Mike Dove  
Bruce Fairchild  
Audie Hollis  
Steve Imlay  
Billy Rice  
Sam Sapienza  
Conway Waddy  
Ray Wimbrough

### 2015

Dave Barnes  
Jack Lambert  
Terry Nafziger  
Fred Purvis

### 2016

Phil Biedronski  
James DiNoto  
Harold Jones  
Dave Motta  
Sam Pearson  
Gary Richter

### 2017

Gary Deaton  
Randy Hendricks  
Jim Lyle  
Mike Monnier  
Terry Perryman  
Billy Steele

### 2018

Dave Clover  
Steve Kurman  
Vinnie Melograno  
Jack Robinson  
Mike Smith

### 2019

Richard "Doc" DeMarco  
Tols Mihailoff  
Bobby Nice  
John Scruggs  
Pete Takos

### 2020

No Inductees

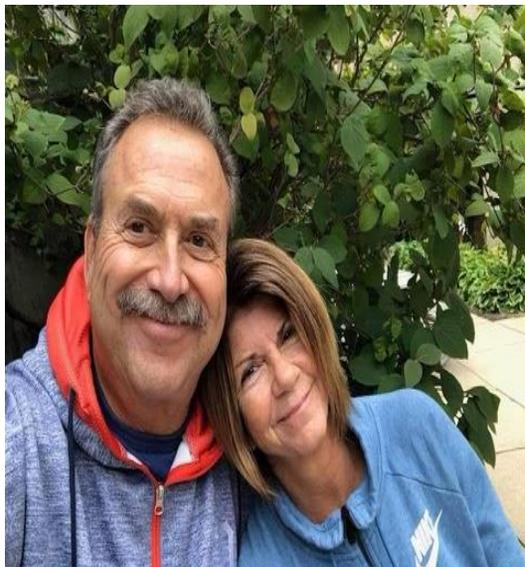
### 2021

Rocky Scott  
Tony Vodola





# ARONSON AWARD



*The Florida Senior Sports Association (FSSA) establishes the Jack & Annette Aronson Award, known as the **Aronson Award**, in recognition of their dedication and support of the FSSA and countless charitable causes in their community. **Jack Aronson** passed away on August 10, 2021, he was a giant in the food industry and on the softball diamond. His wife and business partner, **Annette Aronson**, is carrying on their work along with their children. In honoring **Jack & Annette and the Aronson family**, FSSA is committed to recognizing others who have lived life fully by being of service to their community. The **Aronson Award** will be presented annually to individuals and/or groups that demonstrate the values and traits reflected in the work of Jack and Annette Aronson. The **Aronson Award** will honor those who have demonstrated a giving heart, delivered positive Impact in their community, impacted charitable causes and engaged in building strong relationships in their communities and served as a champion for the growth of all sports.*



## **ARONSON AWARD**

**Barry Bloom** is a fun-loving guy who loves people and the game of softball.

He has sponsored teams and provided help to countless individual players over the years. Most importantly, Barry has a generous and caring heart. Barry always shows up for someone in need, whether that is in the softball world or in his local community. There are endless stories about how Barry has made a difference throughout his life by sharing his generous spirit and giving freely of his resources and his time.

Barry is one of those special people who is a game-changer in life. When Barry is in your life and in your community, life is impacted for good. Barry, like our friend Jack Aronson, is one of those unique individuals who is a gift to his community and the FSSA. We are honored to present **Barry Bloom** with the Inaugural **Aronson Award** for his dedication and service to the community and for being a person filled with purpose and compassion.

Barry lives in Cape Coral, Florida with his wife Lucille and 2 children.



## *Rocky Scott* *Florida*



Rocky lives in Rotunda West, Florida with his wife Jean, whom he says is his biggest fan. Rocky started playing softball after a hip replacement. Which is a little different from the norm. One would think it is time to quit sports, but not Rocky. He was ready for the next stage of his life.

Rocky started his Senior Softball career with Florida Sluggers, lead by Roger Tabor. Roger says Rocky is what he would call a Southern Gentleman and a great teammate. He plays short stop and said the guy was a double play machine. Rocky also played with Team Florida, Florida Stingers and the Hollis/ Rose Team. He collected over 26 Championship Titles, 15 All Worlds and several MVP awards. Rocky was inducted into the Florida Half Century Hall of Fame in 2019 for his leadership on Team Florida 60's that won 6 consecutive State Championships in that division.

Ed Rose says that Rocky is a gifted athlete and just goes about getting the job done. He shows up, hits 750, makes his plays and never complains.

Rocky has certainly earned his induction into the FSSA Legends Hall of Fame.



## ***Tony Vodola*** ***New Jersey***



Tony Vodola a “New Yorker” at heart with Florida in his bones. A successful High School coach and Athletic Director in New Jersey. Tony started playing Senior Softball with the New Jersey Hitmen and Connecticut Sportsplex Teams, some 20 plus years ago. He became a snowbird, as we call the players who get the opportunity in the Winter months to visit Florida and play Softball. Tony fast became a player who was recruited heavily and played with Florida Sluggers, Team Florida, Rose Enterprises and National Legendary Team Hollis Appraisal. Today he plays for Florida powerhouse Via Citrus 70’s team.

During this time Tony won over 25 World Titles, 20 All World Selections and 5 MVP awards.

A player with speed, power and excellent defense skills makes him a Triple Threat as a player. He is a player who has a calm approach to the game and supports his teammates. Tony is in the Florida Half Century Hall of Fame.

With the above-mentioned accomplishments as a player, we are proud to welcome Tony Vodola into the FSSA Hall of Fame.



## FSSA Past Accomplishments

Gather sport clothing, and equipment (over 10,000 items for disbursement to underprivileged youth in the Dominican Republic).

Extra Innings Documentary was published on YouTube in a 4-episode series. 2021.

Provide a full academic/athletic Grant in Aid including room and board for a young student from the Dominican Republic in Melbourne, FL (Bryan Pena). Thanks to Roger Tabor, Audie Hollis, Jack Aronson, Ed Rose, and Curtis Nave.



## FSSA Past Accomplishments

Provided a 4-year College Scholarship for Dionis Toribio in the Dominican Republic. Continue to provide a scholarship for Bryan Pena to attend Eastern Florida State College.

2016 Feeding the Dream Equipment drive for Dominican Republic – approximately 8,000 pieces of equipment collected.

Built a well in 2016 for the Village of Guanabano in Dominican Republic.

Donated a Wheelchair for a child with Cerebral Palsy. Provided Food boxes and other personal items to residents in several Villages.

Provided a 2-year Scholarship to Gephry Pena to attend Florida Prep. Academy.

Set up “U-Tube” channel.

We have obtained education value for the following young men via contributions.

Dionis Toribio	\$110,000.
Bryan Pena	\$180,000.
Gephry Pena	\$120,000.

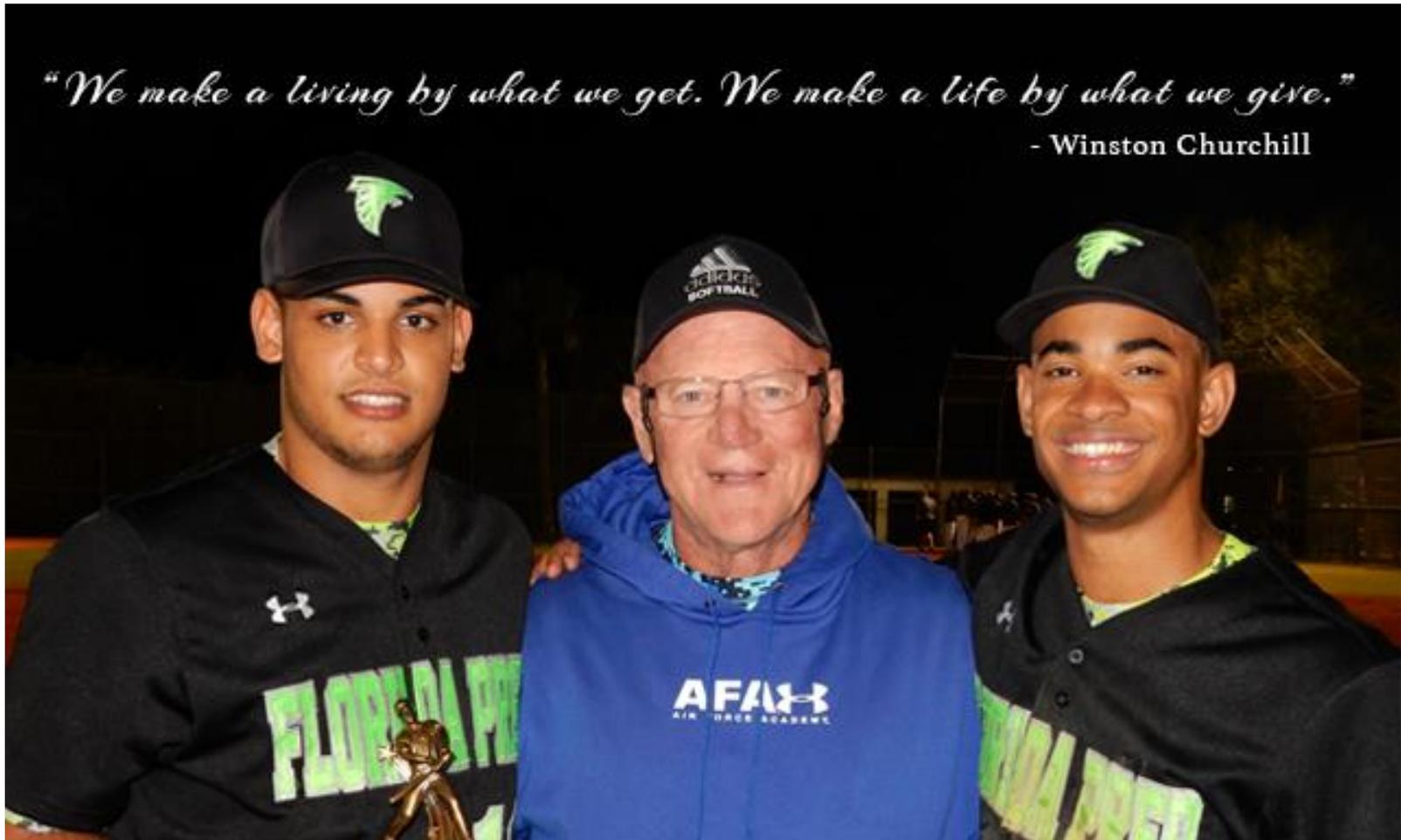
Built 2 wells at a cost of \$28,000.





*"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."*

- Winston Churchill



Bryan Pena

Ed Rose

Gephry Pena

*Bryan will graduate from St. Leo University in May 2022 with a Business degree and Gephry will graduate from Univ. of Central Florida in May 2022 with a degree in Communications. Both young men play Baseball for their University..*