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Fifth Annual Legends of Softball Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony



Saturday, September 24, 2016
7:00 PM
The "D"
301 Fremont Street
Las Vegas, Nevada



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.

Congratulations on your accomplishment.

Ed Rose
FSSA Executive Director

Criteria for induction to the FSSA Legends Hall of Fame

*****Deadline for 2017 inductees is June 30, 2017*****

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.





FSSA Past Accomplishments

Gather sport clothing, and equipment (over 4,000 items for disbursement to underprivileged youth in the Dominican Republic. Another trip is planned for 2017).

Finance and support the release of the Extra Innings Documentary. DVD is out for sale to raise money for FSSA charity.

Incorporate the Giving Feels Awesome charity into the FSSA as a branch for special charity work.

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.

Scholarship Family Funds Established:

\$3,000 Tabor Family Scholarship Fund
\$ TBD Hollis Family Scholarship Fund
\$3,000 Rose Family Scholarship Fund
\$ TBD Aronson Family Scholarship Fund
\$ 500 Scott Rose Family Scholarship Fund
\$ 400 Kunzweiler Family Scholarship



FSSA Past Accomplishments

Continue to provide a 2 year College Scholarship for Dionis Toribio in the Dominican Republic.

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.

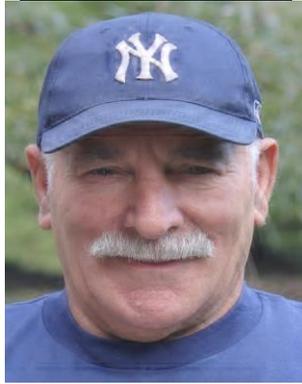
Donated a Wheel Chair for a child with Cerebral Palsy. Provided Food boxes and other personal items to residents in several Villages.

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

Set up “U-Tube” channel.

2017 Plans

- Start planning for June 2017 Feeding the Dream Trip
- Release “Water the Gift of Life” on U-Tube
- Coordinate with 2 local little league baseball teams for a trip to the Dominican.



Gary Richter
New York

Gary Started Playing softball with the famous County Sports team back in the 70's. He entered the senior ranks with the New York Statesmen one of the best teams in the Northeast, along with Thermco ,Connecticut Sportsplex. Gary started his career as a left fielder and as the injuries took their toll he now leads his teams as a pitcher. During his softball career he has won over 75 world titles, 30 All world nominations and 8 MVP awards.

John Davide says, "Gary's biggest asset is his enthusiasm on the field. I love the way he plays the game."



Legends Hall of Fame Inductees

2012

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

2013

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

2014

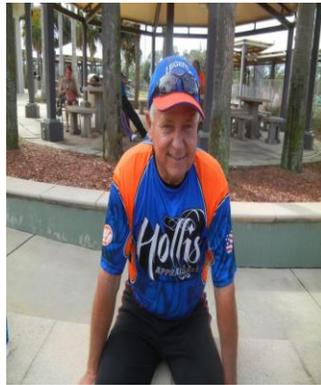
Mike Dove
Jack Aronson
Danny Ballard
Winky Blackman
Bill Cameron
Bruce Fairchild
Audie Hollis
Steve Imlay
Billy Rice
Sam Sapienza
Conway Waddy
Ray Wimbrough

2015

Dave Barnes
Jack Lambert
Terry Nafziger
Fred Purvis

2016

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



Harold Jones
Florida

Harold is an exceptional player with amazing speed and a true ability to positively affect the game in many ways. For his size, Harold possesses amazing power and always carries a very high batting average. As a member of the Hollis-Rose National team, he has been selected to numerous All Tournament and All World teams. His contributions to the Hollis-Rose National team have resulted in several National titles including world championship in 2012 and 2013.

As a member of the Florida Half-Century team, Team Florida, Harold was recently selected to the FHC Hall of Fame.

A true gentleman of the sport, Harold is recognized by his teammates and peers as a the little big man and a great teammate and person.



Phil Biedronski
Maryland

Phil has played on teams winning over 74 National Championships, awarded 24 All World nominations, 3 MVP's .

He played on such teams as Fergies , Rekco, Damons, Spicers, Turn Two, Superior and Rose Enterprises. He is also a member of the Washington Metro Hall of Fame (2006), the Anne Arundel County Hall Of Fame(2007), the Maryland Slow-Pitch Hall Of Fame(2010), and the National Senior Hall of Fame (2010).

When Phil was asked why he plays softball he replied: "To be the best at something that I have God-given talent for; to satisfy that competitive urge to win, win, win; to experience the team camaraderie that comes with a group of men united in attaining a common goal; to get important exercise that is also fun."





Dave Motta
Florida

Dave is one of the most gifted senior players in the country. Playing out of Tamps, Florida Dave started his senior major plus career with Al Estes from Tampa. He was quickly recruited by Hollis Appraisals to add speed, hitting and a drive to win at any cost.

During the last 12 years he played with Hollis Appraisal from Jacksonville. Dave has used his gift of speed and quickness to lead the Hollis team to over 35 World Titles during his time with the team. He plays shortstop and any where in the outfield. Dave still plays with the 50 teams in his area. His competitive desire is never in question as he gives his all from the first pitch to the last in any game.

Roger Tabor says, " It has been my honor to be a teammate of Dave's on the Hollis-Rose National team and I can honestly say there is no better teammate. I firmly believe that Dave Motta's place in the FSSA Hall of Fame would reflect highly on the Hall and its process. "

Mr. Feisty is a high energy player and his will to win is equal to his skill, we welcome Dave into the Legends Hall of Fame.



Vincent James (Jimmy) DiNoto
Ohio/Michigan

Jimmy was born in 1949 in Detroit, Michigan. He is married to Kathleen DiNoto and is known as the "go to guy" in the Ohio valley!

Jimmy has been involved in softball for over 40 years. Starting out as a player he soon discovered his passion for managing and sponsored numerous national class teams in the Ohio/Michigan area.

Mr. DiNoto was Inducted into the USSSA Hall Of Fame as a manager in 2005. He has coached and sponsored teams that won over 45 World Tournament Championships. Jimmy's leadership with over 10 different teams throughout his softball career and his national reputation has earned him induction into the Legends Hall of Fame as a Manager/Sponsor.





Sam Pearson
Tennessee

In Memoriam

Sammy was an outstanding player with for R.B. Thomas for 13 years earning 31 National Championships and 11 All World Awards.

After joining Turn Two he added 34 more National Titles and 8 more All World Awards. Over his career Sammy was considered a great teammate and a loyal friend to those who knew him. Sammy was a quiet leader with his teams, a gentleman to all and a giant in the softball world.

We remember Sammy as a go to player. The truest form of respect one can give is that a memory should never die and with this induction into the FSSA Hall of Fame his spirit will last in our memory forever.