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Sixth Annual Legends of Softball Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony



**Saturday, September 23, 2017
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 2018 inductees is June 30, 2018*****

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).

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.



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 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 Gephyr 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.
Gephyr Pena	\$120,000.

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



Gary Deaton

Florida/Ohio

Gary Deaton started playing senior softball in 35 and over in Daytona Beach Florida. He organized teams and they were always competitive. Ed Rose knowing Gary from these Daytona Tournaments recruited Gary to play with the Florida Crush team in 1999 in Las Vegas where he backed up Bruce Meade and helped Florida Crush win one of their first big titles. Gary and Bruce were awarded co-MVP by Manager Ed Rose, who says if you have some time on your hands ask Gary why he felt he should of been the only winner of the MVP award. While joking about his first tournaments with Crush Rose says, Deaton is a competitor and means well and he loves the game. Gary has dealt with some challenges with his family and health. Gary is still competing.

Gary has previously been inducted into the Heartland Hall of Fame as well as the Florida Half Century Hall of Fame. Gary has won numerous MVP awards in the SSUSA Tournament of Champions as well as numerous all tournament awards in national tournaments. He then won many national tournaments with the Hollis Appraisals team and the Rose Enterprise team.

Gary has played with numerous top teams during his career including Line Drive and has been all tournament in several Black World tournaments. He actually may be the only Caucasian to win the MVP award in The Black World Champions. Rose says: I do want to thank Gary for a couple of things; first he introduced me to one of my closes friends Mike Gainer and for driving 8 hours to a tournament for 1 day because of injuries. You are the man Gary!



Jim Lyle

Florida

Jim Lyle from Naples Florida started his senior ball with the start up Florida Crush team started by Ed Rose in 1999. An all star player from New York

Jim hooked up with Ed by phone and they have played together for over 15 years. Florida Crush dominated senior softball for 5 years wining numerous championships. Jim played left field on some of the best teams of his eara. Carrying a high average and being the second loudest guy on the crush team, Jim stayed with Ed over 15 years. He started his own team, Team Florida with Florida Legend Roger Tabor. The team has won several tournaments and is destined to be a threat in this years National Championship.

In 2017 he was recognized by his peers and inducted into the Florida Half-Century Hall of Fame. Also, in 2011, he was inducted into the Heartland Hall of Fame. A great player, he has also made a great contribution to the game with his sponsorship of FHC Team Florida. Ed Rose Says "you have to know Jim up close to understand him fully. I have found him to be an asset to any team and he has always been a good team mate. He loves softball. Jim is truly worthy of induction into FSSA Legends Hall of Fame.





Billy Steele
California

Billy Steele from Winchester California started playing senior softball in 1997. He established himself quickly as a dominant player in the California senior league. Known to his teammates as a quite and thoughtful leader on and off the field. Playing with teams such as the Mavericks, Old A's, GSF, Full Circle and Omen. Billy has won over 22 national championships and selected to 20 All World Teams.

Billy was selected to 2 MVP's in National Tournaments and received the Best Defensive player award. Inducted into the senior softball hall of fame in 2004 Billy is still leading his team in senior softball. Bob Woodruff has been teammates with Billy for 13 years and says Billy is a special player for many athletic reasons and his selfless attitude on the field. He has been our lead off hitter since joining our team. I consider Billy a special friend and could write a book about the good things Billy Steele has done in softball.



Mike Monnier
Florida

Mike Monnier has played softball out of Florida since 1984, when he retired from the Police department in Michigan. He started his senior softball journey with Hardesty Electric at 50 but was faced with a softball accident that would of ended most players' career. He had a collision in the outfield and broke his collar bone and a blood vessel to the back of his brain with a blood clot in his head which gave him a severe stroke. Out of softball for 8 months and most of the doctors told him he may never be able to play again at least at a competitive level. He spent two weeks in the hospital and had to learn to walk all over again. It took him almost two years to begin to run, throw and hit. Mike was recruited shortly after his amazing come back, by Ed

Roger Tabor, Hall of Famer says, "I have been lucky enough through the years to have played with and against all the great names in the game of softball. In the later stages of my career I can honestly say this player is among the best all- around player in the senior game". Hall of Farmer Audie Hollis says that, "Mike is the best outfielder and base runner I have ever seen in senior ball!" Ed Rose commented, "Mike is a very special person in many ways. above all he is a fighter and has a never give up attitude. Several years back he had health issues and he couldn't even walk. Today he is still one of the fastest men in the game. He is a great player for any coach to have on his team".

Mike is an excellent choice for the legends hall of fame.





Terry Perryman
Oklahoma

Terry Perryman from Oklahoma started his senior career with Sawtre out of Dallas Texas. A quiet player who carries a lifetime 780 batting average. Terry is a solid defensive player. He is one of those players you are glad is on your team. He is so reliable at the plate his name should have been Mr. Automatic.

Terry is a very likeable guy and modest for his skill level. Larry Lopez says: As a player, Terry is one of the best. Defensively, if he gets to a ball, he has such soft hands, he will make the play. As a hitter, he is nonpareil. He is one of the few players, in my view, who can just roll out of bed and go 4 for 5. One of the sweetest swings in the game.

Terry Perryman is truly a legend of the game.



Randy Hendricks
Texas

Randal Hendricks, sponsor and player for Hendricks sports management softball team out of Houston Texas. Randy has sponsored and played senior softball for the last 21 years.

A true competitor and student of the game. He always has a team you have to beat on your way to the championship or his team will win. He has over the years sponsored Houston Texans, and Hendricks Sports Management Teams. Randy's skill set in player evaluation, enables him to put quality and skilled players together to form winning combinations while investing his own money in his teams. Hall of Famer, Larry Lopez says, Randy is a special guy who is laser focused on winning. He is a guy we all enjoy being around and is an exceptional leader. He is a member of the Texas Senior Hall of Fame and has played Senior Softball for the last 23 years. Randy has won many all world awards as a player and has lead his teams to over 26 world championships and in August 2017 won the ISA 70 World Tournament.

Randy Hendricks has been a player and great sponsor for senior softball and is deserving of being inducted into the Legends Hall of fame.



Legends Hall of Fame Inductees



Bryan Pena

Ed Rose

Gephyr Pena

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

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