

Members – Gone But Not Forgotten

These pages are dedicated to the members that served the community and our club with great honor and distinction throughout the years with us. They will be remembered for the work they did and always be remembered in our hearts.

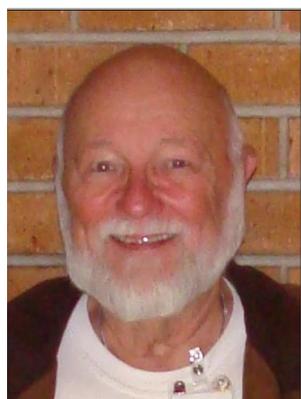


Nora Bourgeois

2012 - 2019

Nora became a member of the club in 2012, but attended meetings well before that as the wife of Edgar who was a long time member. Nora loved kids and being a part of the club knowing that she could help them was what she wanted to do. This great lady participated in a lot of the functions and voiced her ideas and opinions which helped the club pursue that which we are known for, "*Friend of Youth*". She always went the extra mile whenever necessary to keep the club on track. As a dedicated member she would help with the various projects and contribute her own money when necessary. She would make items to give away at our functions. She encouraged members to give of their time and themselves whenever possible.

She was very dedicated to the club and to all the kids and it showed in everything she did. We are all going to miss this special, caring lady.



Marvin L. Ivey

1992 - 2019

Marvin was a longtime active member of 27 years to the club. He had a big heart and cared about the youth in the community. He was a Colonel in the Army, a teacher at SPC, and a Lawyer. He would volunteer at the Tropicana to work the Rays games. He got us involved in the College Fund of Pinellas County, Inc. which helps students with funds to get them through their college years. We have donated to this fund for years. In his passing we voted to name our donation to the fund as the Marvin L. Ivey Scholarship Fund. He will be greatly missed.





Edgar Bourgeois

Edgar was our Secretary/Treasurer and a long time member of the club. You could always count on Edgar to be there whenever he was needed. When it came to wanting to help at Halloween or at Easter Time he went the extra mile and made sure the candy and the bicycles were purchased. He contributed to the managing of the club with all the transactions that he had to perform. His very dedication to the club and to all the kids showed in everything he did. Edgar will be very much missed.



Ed Heipe

Ed was a long time member of the club who participated in so many functions over the years in his effort help kids. He was a great leader and always contributed to the managing of the club. He enjoyed giving out candy to the kids at Halloween. It would put a smile on his face. His dedication to the club and to the children showed in what he did with the club.



John Powell

1990 – 2003

John was a teacher, a mentor, and a great Optimist. He devoted his time to helping kids achieve their goals with the club and in his every day work.



Arthur Bourgeois

1972 -2000

Art was a big part of our club. He always had a smile to pass on and loved helping kids. He participated in all of the events. He was a driving force in the club and was always there when help was needed.



Marty Loos

1956 – 1997

Marty was a great guy who just loved kids and wanted to play a part in their lives. He was an Optimist through and through.

Les Renner

2000 – 2007

Les joined our club even though he lived in another state six months out of the year because he wanted to help. He was definitely an Optimist who through his actions showed that he cared about kids.

Dewey Shimmon

1984 – 1998

He was a man with a sense of humor and a big heart for kids. He participated in all events and attended the conferences to learn what he could do to be a bigger part of the club and to the kids.

Jim Thompson

1975 – 1999

Jim's middle name was Optimist. He loved kids and participated in all events. He was a big contributor in time and effort.