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**JIM BINSBERGER**

*Year Entered League:* 2001

*Team(s) Played For:* Mavericks (original)/Mavericks (new Blue Division)

*Number of Years in League:* 19 (still active)

*Year Inducted into Hall of Fame:* 2017

*Outstanding Accomplishments:* Jim Binsberger was one of the league's earliest members who contributed a significant amount of time and effort to help build the league's organizational structure as it moved through the initial expansion years. Jim continually participated in the early promotional efforts of the league, and his greatest attribute was his focus on the safety of players. In 2009, he was appointed as the league's official *Health & Safety Director*. In this role, Jim began a safety regimen in which he routinely arranges for venue and scheduling of the annual league membership meeting where safety issues are always on the agenda. Jim also routinely arranges for and schedules the all-important annual *AHA Heartsaver AED/CPR Program* training to ensure the league maintains a cadre of certified individuals on each team in all three divisions of the MCSSL. He continues oversight of all safety-related issues during all league activities. In 2017, Jim took on the additional role as summer *Director of Blue Division* play.

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**TOM BOYD**

*Year Entered League:* 1999

*Team(s) Played For:* Marshals

*Number of Years in League:* 13

*Year Inducted into Hall of Fame:* 2017

*Outstanding Accomplishments:* They say that great organizers surround themselves with great assistants. The MCSSL's founder had the best there could be. From the very beginning, Tom Boyd shared the same vision of establishing an organized league of senior softballers and became the catalyst to get things moving at the playing level while others attended to the business aspects of growing the organization. During the inaugural season in 1999, Tom took on the task of assembling the original teams for parity by evaluating the skills levels of all those players responding to the call for senior softballers. Tom later organized subsequent players and assisted the league's "founding father" (who later officially became the first commissioner) with all public relations activities to promote the league. Tom was instrumental in helping to structure the league at the organizational level as it continues today. Tom had spent a career in law enforcement, and named his team the "Marshals", which he managed for many years before retiring from the league in 2011.

## TOMMY CORCORAN

*Year Entered League:* 2006

*Team(s) Played For:* Mavericks and Midnights (original)/Magicians (new White Division)

*Number of Years in League:* 14 (still active)

*Year Inducted into Hall of Fame:* 2018

*Outstanding Accomplishments:* Tommy Corcoran was one of the league's later expansion players. Most notable on the field was Tommy's incredible speed when running the bases or chasing down balls in the outfield. From the very beginning, Tommy supported every effort to improve the league, both participating on the travel team and serving as assistant manager on his summer teams every year since. The year Tommy joined the league, field preparation was in its early stage of development, and Tommy was the first to join the grounds-keeping force to ready the field for daily play. Tommy continues as one of the original members of the league's most excellent field preparation team. Whenever the league needs volunteers for projects or events, Tommy has always been first to support the league's continuing successes and continues his league leading role.

## MIKE DESTEFANO

*Year Entered League:* 2007

*Team(s) Played For:* Maulers (original)/Marathons (new White Division)

*Number of Years in League:* 13 (still active)

*Year Inducted into Hall of Fame:* 2018

*Outstanding Accomplishments:* Mike DeStefano was one of the league's later expansion players. Right from the beginning of Mike's senior league career, he volunteered as an assistant manager in the summer league, then moved up to manager when the league expanded teams. Mike also managed during the winter seasons. Again, when the league further expanded supplemental play in the new ability-driven Red Division in 2016, Mike took on a managerial role. In 2013, Mike was appointed by the league's commissioner to be the first Assistant Commissioner of the MCSSL. In addition to handling league matters in the absence of the commissioner, his duties included handling the league's insurance business in accordance with ASA criteria for organized leagues and making the annual arrangements for the league's photo day in the early part of every season. Mike was also instrumental in helping to initially organize the annual MCSSL golf outings. Mike continues as Assistant Commissioner.

## GORDY DETWEILER

*Year Entered League:* 2001

*Team(s) Played For:* Mavericks (original)/Mavericks (new Blue Division)

*Number of Years in League:* 19 (still active)

*Year Inducted into Hall of Fame:* 2016

*Outstanding Accomplishments:* Gordy Detweiler came into the MCSSL in the third season in 2001 to have a little fun playing softball. It didn't take long before Gordy's appreciation and passion for the growing organization took hold. More than anything, he wanted to give something back. One of Gordy's initial "unofficial" roles was field preparation and maintenance, a job which he later helped in forming a team of volunteers from the membership. Beyond just playing in the summer and taking care of the field, Gordy took the initiative in 2005 to suggest winter play, and with the support of the Commissioner, grew the MCSSL by expanding and ultimately becoming the *Director of the Winter Indoor League*, a role he continues at present. Gordy was instrumental in arranging the league's connection with the Bucks/Mont Indoor Sports Center, the new home of the MCSSL winter league. Beyond just that, Gordy accepted the role of manager for the Travel Team Marauders in 2007 and continually arranges upwards of twenty doubleheader games throughout the year with senior teams from all around eastern Pennsylvania, both home in Hatfield and away. By the time the 2009 season rolled around, Gordy was officially added as one of the two *Directors of Field Operations*, ultimately deferring those duties to fellow future hall of famer, Joe

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Juba. In both 2015 and 2016, Gordy reached another milestone by arranging charity events pitting his Marauders against the ever-popular Phillies Ball Girls, the doubleheader contests raising money for the girls' charities and at the same time promoting the MCSSL through local news media coverage. In addition to all the time and effort Gordy puts into the league, he continues as player for the new Blue Division Mavericks, but will always be associated with his beloved original Mavericks, the orange-shirted "Pumpkins."

## RAY FORLANO

*Year Entered League:* 1999

*Team(s) Played For:* Marshals/Mystics (new White Division)

*Number of Years in League:* 21 (still active)

*Year Inducted into Hall of Fame:* 2019

*Outstanding Accomplishments:* Back in 1999, when the call went out from the MCSSL's founder, Vic Zoldy, for a few "old timers" to get together to play a little softball, Ray Forlano was among the first of several future MCSSL players to respond. Ray showed up to meet Vic and other responding players to discuss setting up some softball games "just for fun". Ray was among that original gathering that Vic affectionately called the "Dirty Dozen", who all would form the distinguished group of "founding fathers." Ray immediately took up the role to assist in evaluating early players and in setting up the original teams for league parity. Throughout his tenure, Ray took on numerous roles as assistant manager, and ultimately as manager for most of his time in the league. Ray has continuously supported all league activities and has appeared in local media coverage to promote senior softball and the MCSSL. In 2018, during the MCSSL's twentieth year, Ray was recognized as one of the original league founders by Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick on the floor of the House of Representatives in Washington, DC.

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**JOE JUBA**

*Year Entered League:* 2001

*Team(s) Played For:* Mavericks

*Number of Years in League:* 16

*Year Inducted into Hall of Fame:* 2017

*Outstanding Accomplishments:* Joe Juba was one of the league's earliest members who recognized just how rapidly the organization was expanding beyond anyone's expectations. During the early expansion years when it was realized that School Road Park was about to become the permanent home of the MCSSL, Joe joined in the task of daily field preparation, very often by himself. He modified the routine of field grooming and set the groundwork for the current daily process that the membership enjoys and greatly appreciates every day. In 2009, Joe became a league official when he was appointed, along with fellow future hall of famer Gordy Detweiler, as one of the two *Directors of Field Operations*. Joe later became the sole director. From that all-important new position, Joe formed the all-volunteer team of "groundskeepers" (field operations team), which today continues as integral part of the MCSSL organizational structure. Joe initiated and refined the *MCSSL Hotline* for timely telephone conveyance to league members of daily playing conditions. Joe also had a keen interest in the technological structure of the league and assisted with MCSSL website refinement and oversight. In 2014, Joe initiated the very successful project to develop and publish the narrative history of the MCSSL. Joe retired from league in 2016.

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**JOHN LANCASTER**

*Year Entered League:* 2005

*Team(s) Played For:* Mongrels/Magics (new Blue Division)

*Number of Years in League:* 15 (still active)

*Year Inducted into Hall of Fame:* 2019

*Outstanding Accomplishments:* The very cornerstone of the MCSSL is founder Vic Zoldy's establishment of the credo... if you had fun, you won. The league was all about playing and camaraderie. Vic's idea was to have players age 60 or over to come join the league, but still left it open should there be the need. Back in 2005, this "youngster" named John wanted to play, who hadn't yet turned 60, but who exhibited more enthusiasm and everything else that Vic was looking for in a softball player, despite John's physical handicap. The league wasn't about how expertly you play, but rather how you play to the best of your ability. There probably hasn't been anybody in this league who better exemplifies the true spirit of Vic's vision than John Lancaster. He joined the league as one of the early expansion players, and quickly jumped into the role of becoming one of the league's leading supporters to promote senior softball and the MCSSL throughout the North Penn area. John has been continuously active volunteering for league social functions, the league's charity agenda, and maintains a close relationship with all the league's military veterans. John has also appeared numerous times in local media coverage to promote the MCSSL.

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**DENNIS LAPIN**

*Year Entered League:* 2003

*Team(s) Played For:* Magics/Minutemen (original)/Magics (new Blue Division)

*Number of Years in League:* 17

*Year Inducted into Hall of Fame:* 2016

*Outstanding Accomplishments:* Dennis Lapin wasted no time when he first joined the league in 2003, immediately promoting the league from the business end and recognizing the potential the MCSSL offered as a premier senior activity in the Hatfield area. Dennis had great insight into the talent spread throughout the league, and when he took over the helm as the third *MCSSL Commissioner* in 2008, he began tapping into that talent. He immediately created the new officer position of *Promotions Manager*, and then expanded the business end of the organization by gaining the support of numerous local businesses that donated gift certificates, checks, or equipment to the league. Among Dennis' other major achievements were the creation of the *MCSSL Hotline* for immediate player information and notifications, expanding the league to ten teams, expanding the playing schedule, formalizing the field maintenance team, obtaining permission from Hatfield Township to designate the field as the "Home of the MCSSL," establishing a more formal evaluation process to screen new player applicants, connecting with the Bucks/Mont Indoor Sports Center as the new home of the official MCSSL Winter Indoor League, and establishing new officer director positions for summer and winter league play. Dennis worked endlessly to maintain the integrity and credibility of the league and left it financially stable. Dennis Lapin stepped down at the end of the 2012 season, but still serves in his role as *Commissioner Emeritus*.

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**MANNY LONDON**

*Year Entered League:* 2000

*Team(s) Played For:* Magics (original)/Marvels (new Blue Division)

*Number of Years in League:* 20 (still active)

*Year Inducted into Hall of Fame:* 2016

*Outstanding Accomplishments:* Manny London, who was at the very top of the newcomer list of players wanting to get into the new league when the second season began in 2000, is affectionately heralded by the MCSSL as the *Nineteenth Man*. Probably no other player who has gone through the ranks of the league has dedicated as much time and energy to promote fun and camaraderie among the membership, especially at the social level. Manny just wanted to play softball, a life's passion, but soon moved up to take the helm as assistant manager of the Magics team, a role he continued for many years after. Manny's organizational skills were superb, and it didn't take long into his tenure as a league member for the founding fathers to recognize his talent for organizing social events. By the fourth season of the MCSSL, Manny assumed the "unofficial" role of *Social Director*, a title which he would assume officially shortly thereafter as the league expanded and formalized many new officer positions. Among his great accomplishments are the ones he continues to achieve season after season by organizing the league's annual Team Photo Day Picnic, Family Day Picnic, End-of-Season Players Picnic, the Holiday Party, and other league outing events. Manny's unselfish contributions to the MCSSL are beyond exceptional, and his continuing presence in the league's business and other functions are wholly

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appreciated by the entire league membership. In addition to *Social Director* extraordinaire, Manny London continues playing in both the summer outdoor and winter indoor seasons.

## ANGELO MALIZIA

*Year Entered League:* 1999

*Team(s) Played For:* Magics, Marvels, Mavericks (original & new Blue Division)

*Number of Years in League:* 21 (still active)

*Year Inducted into Hall of Fame:* 2019

*Outstanding Accomplishments:* When the MCSSL's founder, Vic Zoldy, was initially forming the league, he called upon his friend Angelo Malizia to come to the North Penn area and help organize things. Angelo's reputation, not only as a player but as an organizer, was well known around the softball leagues in the greater Philadelphia area. Angelo quickly became one of the leagues "founding fathers." Angelo immediately assisted in organizing the original team structures, focusing on evaluating individual players to establish team parity. Since the fledgling league did not have a dedicated site to play, Angelo became the league's scout and surveyed the geographical area for alternate playing venues. Ultimately, Angelo helped to establish the league's first official "home field" in Montgomery Township. Over the years as the MCSSL grew, Angelo was featured numerous times in local media coverage to help promote senior softball and the MCSSL in particular. In 2018, during the MCSSL's twentieth year, Angelo was recognized as one of the original league founders by Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick on the floor of the House of Representatives in Washington, DC. At the time of Angelo's induction into the MCSSL Hall of Fame, he continued to play softball at the "young" age of 91.

## JIM MARPLE

*Year Entered League:* 2011

*Team(s) Played For:* Magics (original)/Maniacs (new White Division)

*Number of Years in League:* 9 (still active)

*Year Inducted into Hall of Fame:* 2018

*Outstanding Accomplishments:* Jim Marple joined the league as it moved into the ten-team expansion phase and became a team manager in his second season.

When the new commissioner expanded league activities in 2013, Jim accepted the new position of Uniforms Manager to handle league purchases for both summer and winter seasons. In 2014, Jim's role was expanded to include the position of Secretary and Rules Manager. Jim was responsible for the enhancement of the MCSSL website and serves as the current webmaster. Jim also developed the structure for the league's by-laws. Jim's other duties and responsibilities included overseeing the development of both winter and summer league schedules, organizing league membership responses to the annual suggestion process for the league Board of Directors, maintaining the master list of all players' information, and compiling and processing all player applications. Jim has also volunteered time and effort to support the one-pitch tournaments and all league sponsored social events. Jim continues his league role in his officer position.

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**BEN MODICA**

*Year Entered League:* 2003

*Team(s) Played For:* Marvels/Mustangs

*Number of Years in League:* 15

*Year Inducted into Hall of Fame:* 2017

*Outstanding Accomplishments:* Ben Modica was once a minor league baseball player. His passion for the game continued for the rest of his life and was never more evident than here in the MCSSL. Ben was one of the league's early expansion players, and his enthusiasm was endless as he continually assisted the league's first three commissioners on a routine basis with public relations activities to promote league. During the league's expansion in 2004, Ben took over as manager of the new Mustangs expansion team, a team he just loved and remained with during the remainder of his senior softball career. Because of Ben's vast knowledge of the game, in 2009, he was appointed as league's official *Equipment Manager* to ensure safety and consistency of the league's equipment. Ben stepped aside from his primary managerial role but continued in the capacity of assistant manager with the Mustangs team. Ben continued to support league promotional activities for the rest of his career right through to the end of the 2016 summer season.

## LARRY O'MALLEY

*Year Entered League:* 1999

*Team(s) Played For:* Marshals

*Number of Years in League:* 8

*Year Inducted into Hall of Fame:* 2017

*Outstanding Accomplishments:* Larry O'Malley was one of the league's original "founding father" members. If there ever was an example of how this organization benefitted from the talents of its members, Larry is the perfect example. He not only had a passion for softball, Larry had amazing expertise in computer technology. During the early expansion years as the league developed into a real organization, Larry assisted the second commissioner to bring the league into the technology age. He contributed his expertise by designing the original MCSSL website from scratch. In 2005, Larry was appointed as the league's official *Website Manager & Photographer*. In that role, Larry functioned as the league's "town crier" to ensure all important league information was disseminated via e-mail to the membership. Larry also served as an important contributor and reference source during the writing of the league history. Larry retired from the league as a player in 2007 but continued as the league webmaster until 2014.

## JOHN PACKEL

*Year Entered League:* 2005

*Team(s) Played For:* Mongrels/Marshals (new Blue Division)/Missiles (new White Division)

*Number of Years in League:* 15 (still active)

*Year Inducted into Hall of Fame:* 2019

*Outstanding Accomplishments:* One of most unique characteristics of the MCSSL as an organization is how exceptionally talented the ranks of its members are. One of the more talented individuals is John Packel, whose career and experiences in the legal profession contributed much to the organizational efforts of the league. John is one of the league's great organizers with an impeccable flair for doing everything the right way. John joined the league in 2005 as one of the early expansion players, and has continually volunteered to assist in league functions and all the promotional efforts of the league. John quickly gained the reputation as the league's "go-to" guy in support of all league projects relating to safety and rules/regulations. When the league expanded to two core divisions, John volunteered as assistant manager for one of the first Blue Division teams. John ultimately took on the difficult role as the league's Equipment Manager to maintain the league's standard on bats, balls, and other related safety equipment.

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**STAN SCHWARTZ**

*Year Entered League:* 2000

*Team(s) Played For:* Marvels/Maulers (original)/Mavericks (new Blue Division)

*Number of Years in League:* 17

*Year Inducted into Hall of Fame:* 2016

*Outstanding Accomplishments:* Stan Schwartz was one of the earliest league members entering the MCSSL in 2000 and accepted the role as the league's second *MCSSL Commissioner* in 2004. Stan's immediate philosophy was "management by consensus," which has become the modus operandi for the league's business ever since. Growing the league was Stan's foremost objective, and his hands-on approach took the league to new heights. Stan was instrumental in formalizing the hierarchy of the league's officers by establishing official designated titles, including several new officer positions. He supported the initiative to "keep the boys playing" over the winter by instituting winter indoor play against other area senior teams. Among his many other accomplishments was expanding the league to six teams when the roster of players reached the century mark, promoting the league through media exposure, bringing the league's business into the computer age, further codifying the league's rules and regulations, procuring additional sponsorships, initially setting up the field maintenance team, and enhancing player safety by establishing a standard for equipment. Stan ended his tenure as Commissioner in the fall of 2007, but immediately took over the position of league *MCSSL Treasurer*, which he continues to hold at the present time. Player, manager, and officer... Stan's untiring contribution to the MCSSL was unequalled.

## **DAVE SPEELHOFFER**

*Year Entered League:* 2008

*Team(s) Played For:* Minutemen (original)/Magics (new Blue Division)

*Number of Years in League:* 12 (still active)

*Year Inducted into Hall of Fame:* 2018

*Outstanding Accomplishments:* Dave Speelhoffer was one of the league's later expansion players. Early in Dave's senior league career, he assisted in the administrative duties of the league regarding the processing of player applications, making team and player assignments, and assisted in the handling of the league's monies. When the MCSSL first entered the technological arena, Dave contributed time and effort in the early development of the original website. As the league continued to expand with more players entering the ranks, Dave contributed more time and effort in developing the criteria for player evaluations. As the summer league expanded to ten teams, Dave took on the new role of Summer League Director and held that official position for five years before stepping down. Dave continues in his league supportive role.

## **BOB WEAVER**

*Year Entered League:* 2004

*Team(s) Played For:* Mustangs and Majors (original)/Maniacs (new White Division)

*Number of Years in League:* 16 (still active)

*Year Inducted into Hall of Fame:* 2018

*Outstanding Accomplishments:* Bob Weaver was one of the league's early expansion players. Bob was a strong supporter of all the league's early activities, played continuously on the travel team, and always volunteered time and effort whenever help was needed. In 2012 when the league expanded to the tenth team Majors, Bob took on the role of manager. Bob continued managing that summer team, then took on the additional role of managing a winter league team. In 2016 when the league further expanded supplemental play in the new ability-driven Red Division, Bob took on another managerial role. As the travel team expanded its scope of play, Bob assisted again in managerial duties. Bob volunteered time and effort whenever the league needed help in organizing social events or activities and was instrumental in the development and organizing of the popular annual MCSSL one-pitch tournament. Bob continues in his league supportive role.

## VIC ZOLDY

*Year Entered League:* 1999

*Team(s) Played For:* Magics/Minutemen

*Number of Years in League:* 13

*Year Inducted into Hall of Fame:* 2016

*Outstanding Accomplishments:* Vic Zoldy was a lifelong softball enthusiast whose greatest accomplishment was the founding of the **Montgomery County Senior Softball League**. Vic's idea back in 1999 was to organize a small group of seniors who might be interested in playing some softball on a frequent basis. His long-term vision was to build a small league comprised of dedicated senior softballers who would play on a regularly scheduled basis. Utilizing local advertising channels in the Lansdale, PA area, Vic soon formed a dedicated group of local senior ball players. The idea to form a permanent league started to grow. Applying his outstanding level of leadership, Vic quickly surrounded himself with the right people to handle organizational issues, and soon the roots of the league took hold. Vic's personal credo, "*If you had fun, you won!*" was to become the very foundation of the league's philosophy. During the first two years of the league's existence, Vic established a codified set of playing rules and regulations, created the financial structure of the league, initiated a liaison with local Hatfield Township officials (the future home of the MCSSL), promoted the league through local news media, helped to procure monies through donations and sponsorships, and instituted the initial structure of league officers to handle all facets of the

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growing organization. In addition to playing and managing, Vic served as the league's first *MCSSL Commissioner* for six years until the end of the 2004 season before turning over the helm to his successor. Vic's greatest love was simply playing softball, which he continued to do until retiring in 2011. The league's founding father left behind a legacy that remains unparalleled yet today. Vic continues to serve the league membership as *Commissioner Emeritus*.