

AVON PARK CHAMPIONS CLUB

HONORING THE PAST
SUPPORTING THE PRESENT
ENCOURAGING THE FUTURE



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YOUR SUPPORT.

WELCOME TO THE NINTH ANNUAL



HALL OF FAME INDUCTION BANQUET

MARCH 7, 2020

INDUCTEES

C. Elton Crews
Kenny Dixon
Dean Lemler
David Sisemore



Tonight's Schedule

Welcome.....	Walter Nunnallee
Pledge of Allegiance.....	Walter Nunnallee
Invocation.....	Father Ronnie Sison
Entertainment.....	APHS Show Choir
Dinner.....	Served by APHS Culinary
Club Goals & Achievements.....	Lew Mundt, President
President's Award.....	Lew Mundt, President
Past President's Award.....	Lew Mundt, President
Student Scholarships.....	Chet Brojek, Vice-President
Induction C. Elton Crews.....	Walter Nunnallee
Induction Kenny Dixon	Walter Nunnallee
Induction Dean Lemler.....	Walter Nunnallee
Induction David Sisemore.....	Walter Nunnallee
Closing.....	Lew Mundt, President

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The purpose of the Avon Park Champions Club is to create a championship environment in Avon Park both by honoring the past and supporting our local academic and athletic programs. All the championships in the history of Avon Park were a product of the support of families, coaches, teachers, teammates, classmates - the entire community. Just as it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a community effort to produce championship caliber programs. The Avon Park Champions Club was formed to provide the support necessary to afford each student that same opportunity that many of us experienced in years past. To steal a quote from Field of Dreams, "build it and they will come", create a championship environment in our community and the championships will come!

**If you are interested in supporting the Champions Club,
please visit our website at
www.apchampionsclub.com**



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Special Recognition to The APHS Show Choir

Kiarah Abreu	Hannah Loomis
Lyss Arroyo-Pagani	Dayanira Martinez
Chase Bandazian	Daneris Mercado
Ariel Bethea	Christian Perez
Tara Cloud	Gem Piocnacia
Halea Dagda	Alex San Miguel
Kennette Esquilin	Tyler Sheffield
Alyssa Ferreira	Tori Wells
Shaneka Graham	

Musical Selections

“Seasons of Love”

“Stand By Me”
(featuring junior Hannah Loomis)

“High Hopes”

“Hushabye Mountain”

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Executive Board

President.....Lew Mundt
Vice President.....Chet Brojek
Secretary.....Stephanie Devlin
Treasurer.....Charles Devlin

Board of Directors

Chet Brojek
Scott Dressel
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Dawn Henderson
Penny Jahna
Walter Nunnallee

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Keith Bentley	Mort Jackson	Jimmy Prevatt
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Anthony Gordon	Judy Mundt	
Tom Gordon	John Palmer	
Terry Heston	Clyde Pough	
Amy Jackson		
Billy Jackson		



C. Elton Crews

C. Elton Crews's ancestors migrated to Florida from Georgia in the 1840s, and Elton was born on September 12, 1914 to Harry Lester Crews and Nora Lanier Crews in Bereah, FL (a small agricultural community dating back to the mid 1800s located in Polk County about 6 miles Northwest of Avon Park). He graduated from Frostproof High School in 1933. After graduation, Elton went to a business school in Tampa hoping to become a CPA. Tragically, his post high school studies were cut short when his father was seriously injured (and soon passed away) from a horse accident while working cows. Elton immediately left Tampa to come home to help take care of the family business.

Elton married Norma Davis on September 19, 1941, and they moved to Avon Park that same year after buying a 20-acre located near Avon Park. They had three children (Clif, Harriett, and Robert), four grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

Even though Elton was considered by many as a rather quiet and humble man, he was an extremely successful businessman and

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that helped make this event possible

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Stephanie Devlin.....Club Video
Kim Ferguson.....Inductee Video
Walter NunnalleeBanquet Emcee
Dawn Henderson.....Program
Joy Loomis/Show Choir.....Entertainment

Ronnie Jackson, Lew Mundt, Charles Devlin
"The Chefs"

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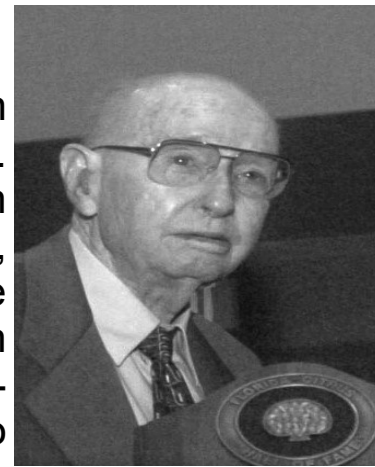
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was considered a giant in the Florida citrus industry. He was also known as an innovator in citrus farming, being one of the first to use and advocate new irrigation systems, high-density planting, hedging, and pruning to increase citrus yields.



In recognition of his life-long contributions to the Florida citrus industry, in 2004 (four weeks before his death), he was inducted into the Florida Citrus Hall of Fame as one Florida's "Modern Citrus Pioneers."

Although Mr. Crews preferred to work behind the scenes and generally avoided public recognition, he was a significant benefactor of various churches, educational institutions (including South Florida Community College), civic clubs, charitable organizations of all kinds, and youth sports in the Avon Park community. For example, his family was the largest private donor to the construction of the Teri Heiring Aquatic Center at APHS and, with his wife Norma, Mr. Crews donated a 17,000 square foot building to South Florida State College which is now named the "Crews Center."

Kenny Dixon

Kenneth G. Dixon was born in 1950 in Lynchburg, VA and moved to Avon Park in 1964, starting his freshman year at APHS. His parents are Harvey and Edith Dixon, he has three siblings (Lucky, Alan, and Lisa), and has been blessed with a son (Zac) and his granddaughter (Parker). Kenny (as he was known in high school) graduated with the APHS Class of 68'. While at APHS, Kenny was a 3-year letterman in both basketball (coached by Lee Maness and Dale Landress) and track (coached by Jeff DeCola and Fred Sandlin). In his junior year, he was second in the state in the half mile (880) and was a member of the 4x440 relay team that won the state championship. In his senior year, Kenny was named the Most Valuable Player on the basketball team. He was also a member of the Student Council (president his senior year), Key Club (president his senior year), National Honor Society, and Letterman's Club.

After finishing high school, Kenny attended South Florida Community College (SFCC) where he received a basketball scholarship. After graduating from SFCC, he went to the University of South Florida earning a bachelor of arts degree in management. From there, he attended the University of Central Florida (UCF) earning a bachelor of science degree in accounting. He became a Certified Public Accountant in 1975 and for twelve years practiced public accounting in Orlando and Washington, DC with the International Accounting Firm Price Waterhouse. While at Price Waterhouse, he had a variety of large and medium-sized corporate clients including Walt Disney World, Tupperware, and the Orlando Sentinel (as well as numerous real estate-oriented clients). Starting in 1987, he served as CFO of one of the largest privately-held homebuilders in Florida. In 1992, he started his own company and entered the real estate business on a full-time basis, where he

Thank You to Those Who Donated Items to the Silent Auction

- Walter & Joyce Nunnallee/Keurig
- Megan Bronson/Lip Sense Bronzing Tanner
- Captain Frank Davis/Guided Fishing Trip
- Devtech, Inc./RTIC Cooler
- Don Goodwin/Sports Collector Cards
- Friends of Champion Club/24 Hours of Sanctuary
- Humberto Benitez/Dragonfly Pin
- Ronnie Jackson/Framed Print
- Amy Jackson/Wreaths & Centerpieces
- Manny & Marianna Guanard/Cookware
- Heartland Bank/Gift Basket
- Captain Hawk Design/Baseball Basket
- Curtis Nelson/Print
- Maxwell Groves/Gift Basket
- 18 East/Wine & Gift Card
- Curtis Nelson/Print



Please visit the silent auction display before and during dinner. An announcement will be made prior to the closing auction time. All winners will be notified at the end of the program this evening.

Hall Of Fame Past Inductees

2012

Lucy Derkman
Joe Franza
Reginald "Guy" Garrett
Thomas Gordon
Ronnie Jackson
Bill Jarrett

2013

Chet Brojek
Frederic "Fred" Jahna
Virgil Martin
Rance "Hoppy" Rewis
J. C. Walker

2014

Ralph Hill
Dewayne Lemler
Dexter Seigler
Ronald Sevigny
Don Sisemore

2015

Robert Barben
Rodney Davis
Dale Landress
Jean Lund
Jimmy Prevatt

2016

Alvin Conner
Cherri Lee
Al Loveless
Fred Montsdeoca
Wendell Williams

2017

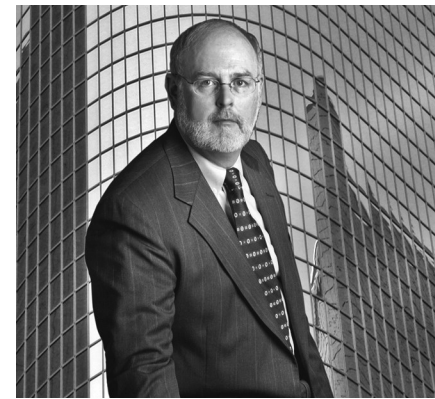
Chuck Anderson
Thomas Bagwell
John Crittenden
Willie English
Anthony Gordon

2018

Charles "Charlie" Bonjokian
Joe Jackson
Laurie Welch
Stanley Wells

2019

Ann Carter
Kenny Long
Steve Maxwell
Clyde "Chop" Pough



quickly became one of the leading real estate developers in Florida. His real estate companies currently focus on multi-family residential housing throughout Florida along with management, consulting, and real estate lending. He has developed over \$1 billion of real estate projects during his career.

Kenny has been a long-time supporter of the UCF School of Business, both professionally and financially. In 2004, in recognition of his many contributions, the UCF Business School named its School of Accounting the *Kenneth G. Dixon School of Accounting*. The Dixon School of Accounting enjoys a national reputation for excellence in accounting education. In 2005, Kenny was inducted into the UCF College of Business Hall of Fame.

In 2017, in recognition of his unprecedented contributions to its athletic department, UCF named a 95-acre section of its campus the *Kenneth G. Dixon Athletics Village*. The Dixon Athletics Village is a multi-million dollar project dedicated to providing state-of-the-art athletic facilities for UCF's football, baseball, basketball, and track and field athletic programs. On February 13, 2020, at the 21st Annual UCF College of Business Hall of Fame banquet, Kenny was named the recipient of UCF's prestigious "*Legendary Knight Award*".

Kenny is currently a member the Deans Advisory Board of the UCF Business School, the UCF Athletic Director's Advisory Board, and serves on the boards of numerous charitable and non-profit entities and organizations.

The Avon Park Champions Club Hall of Fame honors and recognizes former students, faculty, staff and citizens of Avon Park who have distinguished themselves by virtue of their outstanding contributions and service to the schools, and community in general.



Dean was born on Aug. 9, 1950 to Roy and Lucille Lemler, and one older brother Dewayne. Their family moved to Avon Park when he was in the second grade. He married Jean Price in 1973, and they have four sons: David (Suzanne), Jeff (Jamie), Kevin (Tracy) and Mark (Maria). They also have seven grandchildren. Dean grew up in Avon Park playing sports, and was very active in many clubs and organizations at APHS. He attended Boys State, won the American Legion Award, and was on the principal's advisory committee. He spent his summer vacations working on the family farm in Indiana.

Dean earned 11 varsity letters, playing on the 66 state championship baseball team and the state runner's up in football. He set the rushing record of 227 yards in 13 carries against Sebring. His senior year he was MVP of his team and named by the Lakeland Ledger "All Area Middle Linebacker." His senior year he was also named the "Outstanding Senior Athlete" for the class of 68'.

After graduation he attended Wofford College in Spartanburg, South Carolina on a football scholarship. He was a starting cornerback for three years with 21 consecutive wins and #1 rated team in NAIA. He tied a NAIA record with two interceptions in the semifinal game of the National Championship. He was a three year starter for the baseball team and hit 3 home runs in his first three times at bat as a Wofford player. He was the MVP his sophomore year and the team captain his

Avon Park Champions Club **"Encouraging the Future"**

The Avon Park Champions Club seeks to assist students who have demonstrated integrity, strength of character, financial need, a good academic record, commitment to pursue a college education and a desire to contribute

Scholarship Recipients

2014

Charles Council
Maria Tataris

2015

Brianna Cox
Rachel Gaidos

2016

Paul Devlin
Chase Langston

2017

Cassidy Beers
Luis Cervera
Jaydee Grice
Diana Eugenio-Hernandez

2018

Kristen Farless
Joseph Franza
Bryce Langston
Denise Limdimas
Madison Thomas

2019

Neaychma Fogle
Kirsten Oca
Magnolia Santiago
Amy Schlosser



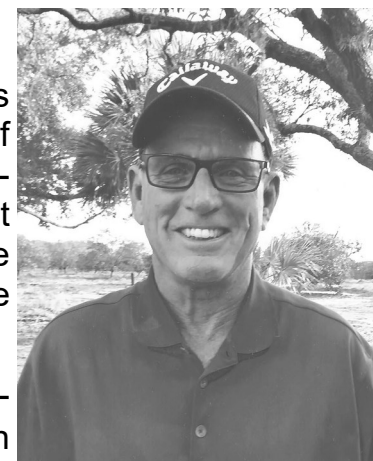
Avon Park Champions Club

“Supporting the Present”

The Avon Park Champions Club helps support the following programs, sports, clubs and organizations.

All Avon Park Public Schools
APHS AVID
APHS Culinary
APHS Baseball
APHS & APMS Basketball
APHS & APMS Cheer
APHS Football
APHS Soccer
APHS Tennis
APHS Girl's Flag Football
APMS Volleyball
Avon Park Diamond Club
Avon Park Youth Football
Avon Park Dixie Youth Baseball
APHS Choir & Band
Boys' and Girls' Club
Music on Main Street
APHS Student-Athlete of the Month
Parade of Athletes
Central Florida Striders
Champions Elite Track Team
Marc Mero (motivational speaker)
Jingle Bell Run
Harvest Festival Anchor Sponsor
School Advisory Committee
Joe Franza Scholarship
Sebring Fireman
APHS Robotics
APHS FBLA
AP Touchdown Club
APHS Project Graduation
School Advisory Council
Central Florida Striders
Leadership Highlands

senior year. At Wofford, he was very active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and he continued to establish FCA groups at each school that he worked. He received his master's degree from Ball State University.



His coaching and teaching career started at Dorman High School in Spartanburg, South Carolina. He served as the assistant coach for football and basketball, and head baseball coach. In 1974 he went to Triton High School in Bourbon, Indiana, where he served as head football and head baseball coach and won the conference championships in both sports. He continued to serve the community as the assistant principal for one year and principal for three years.

In 1981 he joined the Moorman Mfg. Company as a sales representative and worked his way up the ranks until he became the Sales and Marketing Manager for Indiana and Kentucky. Later he was promoted to Personnel Development Manager for ADM in charge of sales training and dealer development. His area covered the Eastern U.S. and Mexico.

Since retirement, Dean and Jean live at Highlands Ridge seven months a year. They enjoy watching their 7 grandchildren in various sports and activities during the summer months in Northeastern Indiana.

David Sisemore

David Sisemore is the son of James and Peggy Sisemore and was born in Avon Park, Florida. There's no doubt his families' roots run deep here in Avon Park. His father, James, was a decorated pilot in the U.S. Air Force and later convinced Bill Hill to hire his company to begin aerial spraying. His father was also an outstanding athlete and coach. His mother, Peggy, worked at APHS for over 30 years and has collected many trophies as well in the sport of tennis. She is still playing today at the age of 83. Even a step further, his grandparents, Durrah and Dorothy Martin were coaches and avid sports supporters dating back to the 1930's. The local sport complex is even named in his grandfather's honor. His brother, Donald, was inducted in the Champions Club Hall of Fame in 2014 with a list of many accolades. His brother, Dale, played centerfield at South Florida Junior College and continued at Southeastern Louisiana University. Even his sister, Susan, was a cheerleader at APHS and held her own against three tough brothers.

David attended Avon Park High where he participated in numerous activities and was known to be an outstanding student and athlete as was his family before him. As a sophomore, he was given the role as starting QB and during his senior year he was selected to the All-Conference team. QB wasn't his only position. He was a full-back and linebacker his junior year and also served as the kicker and punter. David played on the Varsity basketball team and his junior and senior year was a starting guard. He also excelled on the Varsity baseball team and held several positions such as: left field, first base and pitcher. David received the North MVP Award from the Florida High School Coaches Association and was selected to the North-South All Star team. He was voted the APHS Most Outstanding Athlete of his graduating class in 1980. In addition to his sport talents, he was a member of the FFA (Future Farmers of America), a member of the Devils Club, National Honor Society where he was president and class president his junior and senior years. He also graduated as the 1980 class salutatorian.

He received a baseball scholarship to SFJC and was selected team captain his sophomore year. He was recognized by the Florida Blue Key of UF and received an award for exceptional leadership and service. He was the recipient of The Marshall Hamilton

Scholarship for academic achievement in Junior College from Florida State University. David was also active in student government and a member of Phi Theta Kappa, a national honorary fraternity for Junior college students. After receiving his AA degree (cum laude) from South Florida Junior College, he was off to Florida State University where he soon earned a BS degree in Finance.



David's earlier jobs while still in Avon Park included: pruner for Barben Fruit Co., orange planter for Winkie Williams and caretaking, a mason helper with Jackson masonry, retail sale clerk at Highlands Athletic, and shipping/admin. at Four Star Tomato Company. His financial career started at Sun Trust Securities and Advisors as Branch Manager, and then onto Regional Manager at the Bank of America Investments, and finally to Midwest Regional Director at Raymond James Financial Services. He has served in the securities industry for the past 34 years and has been recognized a leader in his field. Today, he oversees 730 advisors in 10 states in the Midwest for Raymond James Financial Services.

David has two very successful children, Katherine and Ben. Katherine attend Georgetown and is a practicing CPA working in Washington, D.C. Ben graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill and is a credit analyst at Credit Suisse and lives in Raleigh, N.C.

David still enjoys athletic completion today and currently lives in Tampa, FL. He has stayed active over the years in flag football, basketball, tennis and triathlons. His first triathlon was under the direction of Coach Chet Brojek. Unfortunately due to injury, he had to give up running and make the change to cycling. He also enjoys spends time with his teammate and partner of the last seven years, Lee Anne Melo, that also loves sports and helped her daughter's softball team to the Little League World Series.

Anyone that knows David, understands his love for Avon Park. He has a wealth of knowledge of its history and loves to share many stories about fishing, hunting, the bombing range, gators, his "Park boys" and coaches.