

The National Bowling Association, Inc.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

SUE MASON

For Meritorious Service



Sue Mason of the San José Senate, has been a TNBA member for over forty years. In 1992 she was elected president of a dying senate. With sheer determination, Sue rolled up her sleeves to save her beloved senate by convincing the few members that remained of the many accomplishments their senate could achieve if everyone pitched in and worked together. As a result of Sue's leadership, San José can boast of the following achievements: Host of TNBA National Convention & Tournament 1993; Two National Kings and two princesses; San José Youth Bowlers have bowled in the WRJT for 22 years; Two AJR Championships won by San José Youth Bowlers; San José Senate brick purchased; San José Youth Bowlers have participated in TNBA Junior Council Program; San José has supported TNBA Souvenir Yearbook Program by purchasing two full page ads for the past 16 years.

Sue has served as president of the San José senate for twenty-four (24) years. Sue was a YABA Certified Bowling Instructor for eleven years, a Volunteer Help with San José City WIBC Tournament for eleven years.

Sue's commitment to TNBA is evident in her on-going service to the organization regionally and nationally; Chairperson- Western Region Senate for seventeen years; Western Region Rhodman Tournament for fifteen years; Western Region Tournament Staff twenty years. Nationally: Member – SECM twenty-four years, TNBA Week Committee twenty years; Overseer- Exhibitors/Vendors twenty years; TNBA National Tournament staff ten years; TNBA Interim Board of Directors two years; TNBA Sunshine Committee Chairperson twenty years.

Sue Mason is probably best known as one of the founders of the phenomenally successful annual Margaret S. Lee National Battle of the Sexes Tournament. Since 1993, this tournament has raised a total of over \$200,000 for JP&SP Inc. and the Junior Bowling Program.

Sue continues to expand her unselfish service footprint: Over the past few years, Sue saw a need and gathered some TNBA members and coordinated the collection of dollars and food from TNBA National Tournament bowlers to present to a designated charity organization in each TNBA National tournament city.

Sue has consistently and diligently served without seeking fanfare. Many see Sue as a Quiet Magnificent Storm. Sue's special honors and achievements are for outstanding service; San José City Appreciation Award; TNBA President's' Award; MLK Good Neighbor Award, NAACP Community Service Award; and TNBA President of the Year.

We the members of Western Region Senates Committee of TNBA thank you in advance for your consideration to bestow the honor of induction into the prestigious TNBA Hall of Fame to our Chairperson, Ms. Sue Mason.

Southern Region Hall of Fame Inductions CLASS OF 2017

RONALD WARE - Superior Bowling Performance



Ronald Ware was born and raised in South Korea and came to the United States when he entered college in September 1973 where he played collegiate basketball and majored in Business Administration. Upon graduation he went back to South Korea and worked as a contractor for the US Government and entered his first bowling league in 1977. He had been very active in the bowling communities both on the military base as well as the outside tournaments and had been on many televised finals and won numerous titles competing against the best Korean amateurs as well as professionals until he returned back to the United States in January 1987.

He and his family settled in Huntsville, Alabama and this is where he established his mainstay. Ron was a bowling proprietor for twelve years until he was deployed back to Korea. He returned back to Huntsville in 2017 and has rolled two 300 games and one 800 series since his return.

Most noteworthy achievements during his illustrious bowling career include Bowler of the Year awards in Huntsville, Alabama, numerous state titles for doubles, singles and team, two consecutive Southern Rhodman titles, one Rhodman National Title, Mixed Doubles Southern Rhodman titles, several Korea National titles, two Masters titles, numerous Rocket City Senate Tournament Titles, holder of the city and state record at one time with a 879 series (31 consecutive strikes 300-300-279), and many more accomplishments attributed to this game he loves so much. Ron's highest sanctioned average was 240.32 and has 90 perfect 300 games and 39 sanctioned 800 series to his credit. He has been on the amateur staff for Hammer, Ebonite and presently STORM during the past 15 plus years. He has named many of the Hammer and Ebonite bowling balls during his representation of these manufacturers.

Ron presently resides in Huntsville, Alabama, with his wife Jin, and is employed by the Missile Defense Agency (MDA) as a Contracting Officer.

IRA L. LAWRENCE - Meritorious Service



Ira L. Lawrence began his bowling journey in 1963 at Ring Side Lanes in Saint Louis, MO, bowling on the Post Office Men's League.

In 1966 he was employed by McDonnell Douglas Aircraft Company and joined a bowling team. After thirteen years he was selected to be the men's bowling counselor in McDonnell's Mactivities program. Ira, was the first and only African American elected to the board of directors of Mactivities.

In 1986 when Saint Louis Bowling Senate hosted the 44th Annual National Convention and Tournament of TNBA, he submitted fifty-six teams. Additionally, he and Alesia Bryant, solicited from McDonnell Douglas to sponsor fifteen bowlers (\$1500) in TNBA Ruth Payne Celebrity Bowl and the company donated a model airplane for the auction.

Ira Joined the Saint Louis Blues Traveling Bowling Team in 1968 and was selected tournament coordinator in 1970. In 1978 he witnessed the induction of J. Elmer Reed into the (ABC) Hall Of Fame.

Ira joined TNBA in 1978 and was appointed tournament director. In 1988 he was elected as a life member of the Saint Louis Bowling Senate for meritorious service. Ira was hired by the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame in 1998 and consequently received permission to establish a black history exhibit during black history month. He displayed The National Bowling Association, William "Bill" Rhodman, J. Elmer Reed, Jim Alston, Margaret S. Lee and many other TNBA notables. He was employed there for ten and a half years until the museum closed

and relocated to Arlington, Texas. Ira has attended TNBA national conventions and Summer Executive Committee Meetings since 1982.

Since 1978, Ira has given his abilities, time, service and financial support to The National Bowling Association, Inc., regional, national and the Saint Louis Bowling Senate. He has served with honor and distinction for over 40 years.

Ira is the father of three children, of which two are living. He attends Spirit of Love Baptist Church and enjoys watching baseball and playing games of chance in his free time.

"Congratulations Southern Region Hall of Famers"

Please join us for the 11th Annual Induction Ceremonies on November 16-19, 2018 in San Antonio, Texas