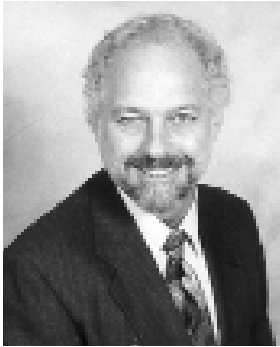


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Louie Giampapa

Some of what keeps Louie Giampapa going and going is his need to be active, whether it's entertaining his grandkids, involvement in the community, helping his friends build things, or playing a round of golf.

And, while it's his family that he's most proud of, his accomplishments in the community have brought him recognition, earning him honors as Cypress Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year in 2005, Cypress Park and Recreation Volunteer of the Year in 1997, and Volunteer of the Year by Lexington Junior High School in 1996.

Born in Pasadena, Louie and his family lived in several Southern California locations. Drafted in 1971, he served a two-year tour of duty with the United States Army and then another four years in the reserve while living in Long Beach.

In 1978, Louie and his family settled in Cypress, not far from Long Beach where he had begun working out of the teamster hiring hall. Later he worked for Sealand Services and then the Teamsters, where he became a business representative, vice president, president then chief executive officer of Local 692, representing 7,000 members for 25 years. He retired in 2003.

While his career was growing, so was his family. Louie and his wife, Gloria, had met at her 16th birthday party. Their mothers were friends and he was invited to the party. One year later, 38 years ago November, they were married. Although he was very active with the Teamsters, when his children were growing up he also became involved in their activities.

When his children, Candace and Tawnya, were at Cawthon Elementary School, he joined the PTA and remained a member for the next 20 years as they went on to Lexington Junior High School and Cypress High School. While Candace played softball, he was a Cypress Girls Softball coach and volunteer for six years. He was also a coach, referee and volunteer for 10 years while Tawnya was involved in soccer. When Tawnya was in scouting, he assisted as a Girl Scout Olympics volunteer for four years.

While his daughters attended Cypress High School, he became a Grad Nite volunteer. And when they graduated, he continued, also becoming involved with the Cypress High School Athletic Booster Club Board of Directors, serving 11 years, 10 as president. From 1992 to 2003, two years after both daughters had graduated, he continued to volunteer for the Sunday Night Bingo program that raised funds for athletics and other projects at the high school.

Louie continues to help young people through his work with the Speech and Language Development Center in Buena Park. For the past 27 years he has been a member of the Lakewood Philanthropic Society, which supports the school through funds received from the Teamster's Local 692 Charity Golf Tournament. Louie, who was chairman of the tourney for 22 years, still participates by playing and collecting donations. For the past 11 years, he has also been committed to participating as a golf committee member in the Speech and Language Development Center's Annual Charity Golf Tournament.

Louie was also a member of the Cypress Cable and Technology Commission from 1993-1997, and served on the City's Financial Review Committee in 1998.

Through work, he was a delegate to the Los Angeles and Orange County Building Trades Council for 23 years, while serving on several trust funds, corporations, committees and boards with a fiduciary responsibility of managing finances and making policy. He was also on the boards of directors of the Teamsters Rock Products and Ready Mix Corporation as well as on the TRP Real Estate Holding Corporation.

Louie's daughters both attended Cypress College, where Candace played on the volleyball team. She and her husband, Erik, live in Buena Park, with their two children. Tawnya, and her husband, Adam, live in Lakewood with their son.