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SOFTBALL PLAYER PROFILE: DENNIS KENNEDY
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An entrepreneur in the business world; an altruistic humanitarian, particularly when kids are in need; a community leader who's held over a dozen offices in service organizations such as Chambers of Commerce, Better Business Bureaus and Rotary Clubs; and, a pretty fair softball player: All of those descriptions apply to Dennis Kennedy.

Born in the Bronx and raised in Nutley, NJ, Dennis joined the Marines after leaving Nutley High where he played football for the Raiders. Dennis served with the Marines for five years, including a year in Vietnam where he was an infantryman and later an Indoctrination NCO. Upon leaving the Marines at Camp Pendleton, he decided to stay in California and began his career in the credit and collections business.

From 1977-1990 Dennis was President & Owner of Fidelity Creditor Service, Inc. The full-service collection company is still a highly successful agency. After selling that business in 1990 Dennis worked for Union Adjustment Co. as their Legal Administrator before deciding to relocate to Arizona. He spent a couple years as Manager of Loss

Recovery for Arizona Management Group, Inc. before deciding he wanted to do “something really different.”

That “something different” resulted in his becoming CFO of Mauna Loa Vacation Ownership, LLC, a resort timeshare company in Hawaii. He also bought a macadamia nut farm and ran that on the side. His time in Hawaii allowed him to partially fulfill his dream of becoming a “Robinson Crusoe of sorts.” He was able to spend lots of time deep sea fishing, scuba diving and sailing around the islands.

After a couple years in paradise, Dennis and his then wife returned to Arizona where they owned and operated a mail services business and a retail variety store.

Dennis retired a few years ago and can now spend time with one of his other passions: softball. He’s played both senior softball and baseball in various area leagues. In addition to being one of our better pitchers and a strong-armed infielder, Dennis managed one of our teams and was .627 hitter this past season.

Dennis’ other passion is helping those less fortunate, particularly kids. He founded and ran the Child Support Recovery Foundation and has been active in literally over twenty charitable organizations. You name it and he’s probably been involved: Meals on Wheels, Maryvale Orphanage, Child Crises Center, Activities for Retarded Children, Red Cross, YMCA, Braille Institute, School Scholarship Programs, Educational Book Projects, Food Pantries and many, many more. He’s also a licensed foster parent and has hosted foreign exchange students in his home.

When Dennis isn’t involved in charitable and community activities or playing softball, he becomes a “movie buff,” going to two or three movies per week. He also enjoys being the father of a daughter here in Arizona and a son who’s a career military man, currently stationed in Germany.

A very busy, successful, entrepreneurial, altruistic, compassionate man who also swings a mean bat: that’s Dennis Kennedy.