

The West Covina Walk of Fame is a walkway inside the Big League Dreams Sportsplex that features the names of West Covina athletes, coaches, and volunteers who have contributed to making West Covina a better place to live, work, and play. Individuals were considered from any athletic program (i.e. baseball, softball, golf, football, track and field, etc.). In addition, honorees must have exhibited high ethical standards in their respective athletic fields and in the community.

The Walk of Fame Committee, a seven-member committee made up of individuals representing the City of West Covina, Big League Dreams, and the sports community, selected the honorees. Honorees are chosen based on a competitive process from all nominations received from the public.

Today is the inaugural ceremony of the West Covina Walk of Fame. On behalf of the City of West Covina, we congratulate all six of our honorees and express our appreciation for representing West Covina in local, collegiate, national, and international competition, as well as volunteering their time to better the sports community for fans and players of all ages to enjoy.

WEST COVINA WALK OF FAME COMMITTEE

- Mayor Sherri Lane
- Councilmember Steve Herfert
- City Manager Andrew Pasmant
- Assistant to the City Manager
Chris Freeland
- Big League Dreams West Covina
General Manager Adrian Williams
- West Covina Sports League
Representative Dave Bletcher
- At-Large Member Appointed by
the City Council Greg Gano



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Mayor: Sherri Lane
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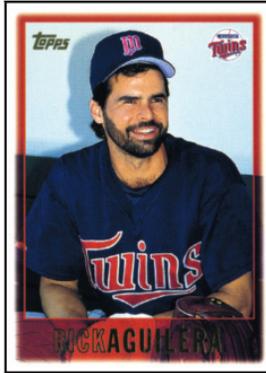
**CITY OF WEST COVINA
BIG LEAGUE DREAMS
WALK OF FAME
INAUGURAL
CEREMONY**

**Saturday,
November 8, 2008
10:00 a.m.**

**West Covina
Big League Dreams Sportsplex
2100 S. Azusa Ave.
West Covina, CA 91792
(626) 839-1100**

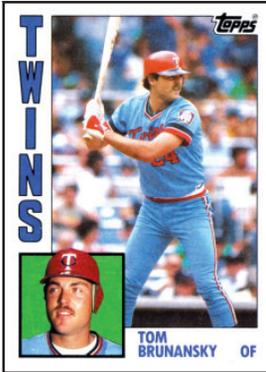
RICK AGUILERA (Baseball)

A graduate of Edgewood High School, Rick Aguilera played major league baseball from 1985 to 2000. He also attended California Elementary and Willowood Middle School. He played in the Orangewood Little League, the Pony Colt League, and the American Legion League. In his 16 years in the majors, Rick played with the New York Mets, the Minnesota Twins, the Boston Red Sox, and the Chicago Cubs. During his career, Rick had a record of 86 wins and 81 losses; a 3.57 earned run average; 1,030 strikeouts; 1,291 innings pitched; and 318 saves. Rick is also a three-time All-Star (1991, 1992, and 1993) and a two-time World Series champion (1986 and 1991), and he was inducted into the Minnesota Twins Hall of Fame in June 2008. He currently is the head coach of Santa Fe Christian School's varsity baseball team.



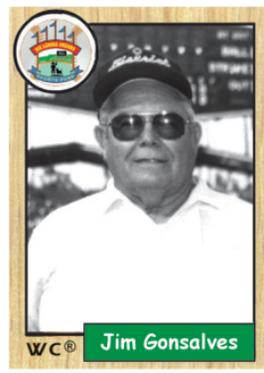
TOM BRUNANSKY (Baseball)

A graduate of West Covina High School, Tom Brunansky played major league baseball from 1981 to 1994 with the California Angels, the Minnesota Twins, the St. Louis Cardinals, the Boston Red Sox, and the Milwaukee Brewers. He also attended Vine Elementary and Hollencrest Middle School, and he played in the local little league and pony colt leagues. In his 14 years in the majors, he had a .245 batting average with 271 home runs and 919 runs batted in (RBIs) in 1,800 games. He is the only player in Twins history to hit an inside-the-park grand slam, he was named to the 1985 All-Star Team, and he was a World Series champion in 1987. Tom Brunansky is an assistant coach of Poway High School's varsity baseball team. His son, Jason, is on the University of Kansas' baseball team.



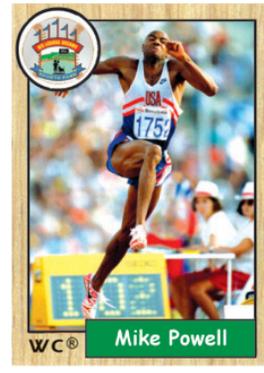
JIM GONSALVES (West Covina Little League volunteer)

In 1955, Jim Gonsalves moved to West Covina. Shortly thereafter, he began volunteering his time as an umpire with the West Covina National Little League. Later he became a board member and served as president of the league on two different occasions (1968 and 1972). In 1973, he became the Little League assistant district administrator of District 19 and director in 1978, when he coordinated the Little League programs in West Covina and surrounding communities. He also served on the Western Regional Little League Board of Directors, as president of the West Covina Sunset Pony League in 1970 and on the West Covina Pony/Colt Board of Directors in 1971 and 1972. His vocation was little league baseball and no matter how busy he was, Jim always took the time to listen to parents and coaches to work diligently to resolve any concerns, organize teams or schedule tournaments. To him, there was nothing better on a Saturday than a little league game, a good cigar, a cup of coffee and an open snack bar. Jim is being inducted posthumously into the Walk of Fame for his dedication and countless hours spent bringing baseball to the youth of our community.



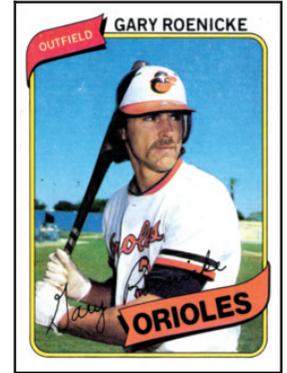
MIKE POWELL (Track and Field)

A graduate of Edgewood High School, Mike Powell is a two-time Olympic silver medallist (1988 and 1992) and current world record holder in the long jump. As one of the top athletes in the state, while he was in high school, Mike competed in the long jump, the triple jump and the high jump, and he was an academic All-American. At the 1991 World Championships, Mike set the new world record in the long jump by leaping 29 ft. 4.5 inches (8.95 meters) – two inches greater than Bob Beamon, who held the record for 23 years. Mike also earned the gold medal at the 1993 World Championships and the bronze medal in the 1995 World Championships.



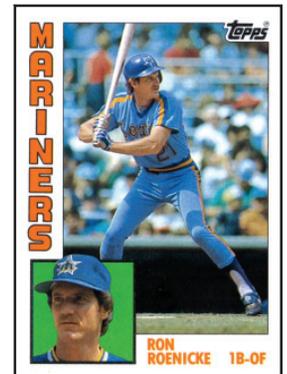
GARY ROENICKE (Baseball)

A graduate of Edgewood High School, Gary Roenicke played major league baseball from 1976 to 1988. He was drafted right out of high school. He also attended Wescove Elementary and Willowood Middle School. In his 13 years in the majors, Gary played with the Montreal Expos, the Baltimore Orioles, the New York Yankees, and the Atlanta Braves. During his career, Gary had a .247 batting average with 121 home runs and 410 runs batted in (RBIs) in 1,064 games. Gary was also a World Series champion in 1983.



RON ROENICKE (Baseball)

A graduate of Edgewood High School, Ron Roenicke played major league baseball from 1981 to 1988. He was drafted right out of high school. He also attended Wescove Elementary and Willowood Middle School. In his eight years in the majors, Ron played with the Los Angeles Dodgers, the Seattle Mariners, the San Diego Padres, the San Francisco Giants, the Philadelphia Phillies, and the Cincinnati Reds. During his career, Ron had a .238 batting average with 17 home runs and 113 runs batted in (RBIs) in 527 games. Ron also played baseball at UCLA, was a minor league baseball manager and is the current bench coach for the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim.



Congratulations to these inaugural honorees in the West Covina Big League Dreams Walk of Fame!