



## LEONCIO "Chris" ROUSSEL 2013 ELPHAGE CAILLOUETTE SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

The SBPSHOF instituted the Special Recognition honor in 2008. Elphage Caillouette graduated from Chalmette High in 1974 as a four-sport letter winner in football, basketball, baseball and track and field. He received a football scholarship from Tulane University and started as running back on the freshman team. Elphage was scheduled to start as running back as a sophomore in the fall of 1976. A tragic tubing accident took Caillouette's life on July 11, 1976. The local chapter of the Tulane Athletic Booster Club was renamed in his honor as is Chalmette High's most outstanding senior male athlete each year with the Elphage Caillouette Award. In 2009, your St. Benard Sports Hall of Fame followed suit.

Leoncio "Chris" Roussel was born in New Orleans, lived on Royal St. and moved to Arabi in 1956. Mr. Chris has devoted his life to serving the St. Bernard Community by providing hope to the poor, impoverished, underprivileged, and elderly through numerous service and charitable organizations. During the 60's, Chris worked tirelessly to enhance the quality of life for children, spending countless hours working to improve the parish's playgrounds and ballparks.

### SPORTS:

- » COLTON SCHOOL  
Track 1936-37  
Awarded medals and ribbons for achievements  
100 yard dash with best time of 10.0 seconds  
220 yard dash in 21.8
- CITY PARK STADIUM  
Track 1938-39  
Trained with then Coach Tad Gormley  
3 year Medlist with La Lune Athletic Club
- » NICHOLS HIGH SCHOOL  
Varsity Football 1939-40  
- Left halfback and Center  
Boxing  
- CYO under Whitey Esneault competing at St. Mary Academy Gym  
- joined NAVY in 1942 and competed in boxing as a welterweight
- COMMUNITY:
- » formed Sunday morning Softball League 1960  
founded Ridgeland Terrace Homeowners Association now part of Carolyn Park subdivision

### ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS:

- » United Fund (today known as United Way), 1970's
- » 1986-89 Board of Trustees for Metro-wide area United Way
- » St. Bernard Advisory Council for United Way for 15 years
- » co-founder of Operation Merry Christmas, 1983
- » chairman Operation Merry Christmas, 1989-90)
- » American Red Cross, St. Bernard Chapter, 1985 Chairman for 2 years
- » 1991 American Red Cross St. Bernard Chapter volunteer of the Year
- » active member Kiwanis Club of St. Bernard/Arabi for 42 years  
Club president in 1978  
Kiwanian of the Year twice 1982 and 1992
- » Advisory Board for the Council on Aging, 1990  
leading the campaign to construct new Council on Aging building
- » Past vice president of the Delgado Alumni Association
- » Past Chairman of the Elaine P. Nunez Vo-Tech's School's Education Board for 19 years
- » Member St. Bernard Advisory Council Family Service of Greater New Orleans
- » Past Chairman of St. Bernard Chamber
- » Co-Chairman St. Bernard Salutes America July 4 Celebration since 1985
- » Past Chairman of St. Bernard Society for Chrippled Children and Adults Inc.
- » Member of the St. Bernard Local Emergency Preparation Committee
- » Recipient of the Raul "Bud" Colomb Service Award in 1982 from the St. Bernard Rotary
- » Outstanding Service Volunteer, United Way Advisory Council, 1989
- » Recipient of the Bernice B. LeBlanc Public Service Merit Award, St. Bernard Jubilees Carnival Club, 1993
- » Recipient of the Kiwanis Life Membeship Award, 1995 and the George F. Hixson Fellowship in 1997 from St. Bernard/Arabi Kiwanios Club
- » Recipient of the first Community Spirit Award sponsored by Murphy Oil USA, 1997