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U.S. Olympians and Paralympians Association President



Dear Olympians and Paralympians,

Congratulations to all our members who represented Team USA in the Tokyo and Beijing Olympic and Paralympic Games!

And a warm welcome to those of you joining us for the first time—those of you who for whom Tokyo or Beijing was your first Games. You are now part of a new team, a team of Olympic and Paralympic alumni. These are your teammates for life.

As a new member, you may be wondering: what is USOPA all about?

USOPA is about supporting and inspiring the next generation of Olympians and Paralympians. It's also about connecting with each other, celebrating our common experiences; and lifting one another up.

How can you do that?

First of all, you can get involved in your local chapter. You can find the contact information for your local chapter on the Chapter Presidents section of our website. Through your chapter, you can attend social events and get involved in community outreach such as Olympic and Paralympic Day which happens every year on June 23.

You can also get involved in national leadership, by volunteering for a committee or even running for office.

Speaking of which, I'd like to make you aware of some recent leadership changes. Two of our USOPA vice presidents stepped down in the last couple months for personal reasons, and the next two individuals with the highest votes in the last election have stepped up to serve in their places. Please join me in welcoming Craig Gilbert (team handball, 1984) and Dave Hughes (sailing, 2016, 2020) as our two new vice presidents!

One more thing: I'm excited to share that the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) recently created the PLY post-nominal designation to parallel the OLY that the World Olympians Association (WOA) created some years ago. You can sign up for PLY on the IPC website, and OLY at the WOA website.

Yours in Olympic & Paralympic spirit,

Caryn Davies

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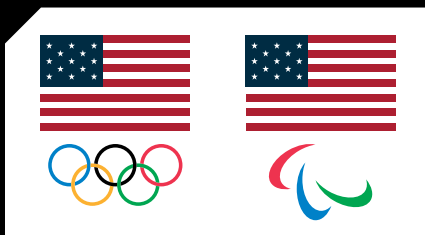
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Olympic flag bearers –

Flag bearers Brittany Bowe and John Shuster carry their flag during the Opening Ceremony of the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics at the Beijing National Stadium on Feb. 04, 2022. (Photo by David Ramos/Getty Images)

Paralympic flag bearers –

Flag bearers Tyler Carter and Danelle Umstead lead their team out during the Opening Ceremony of the Beijing 2022 Winter Paralympics at the Beijing National Stadium on Mar. 04, 2022. (Photo by Ryan Pierce/Getty Images)



TEAM USA DELIVERS
WORLD CLASS
PERFORMANCES,
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25 MEDALS AT THE
OLYMPIC WINTER
GAMES BEIJING 2022



By U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee

The Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022 featured 17 days of competition, bringing together 2,900 athletes from 91 nations. The 225 Team USA athletes delivered breakout performances and collectively earned 25 total medals (8 gold, 10 silver, 7 bronze).

The U.S. finished fourth on the medal table – besting its 2018 total medal count. Fifty-seven American athletes contributed to the medal total in Beijing with 34 athletes making it to the podium for the first time. In addition to medal

accomplishments, Team USA showcased resilience and sportsmanship on the field of play throughout the Games.

“From excitement to disappointment to inspiration; the Beijing 2022 Olympic Games presented Team USA with a rollercoaster of emotion,” said USOPC CEO Sarah Hirshland. “Through it all, our athletes showed up strong, tackled incredible obstacles and delivered world-class performances. I’m filled with tremendous gratitude and pride as we turn our full attention to the Paralympic Games.”

The women of Team USA continued their successful Games streak, winning 13 (4 gold, 5 silver, 4 bronze) of the 25 total medals. Julia Marino earned Team USA’s first medal in Beijing, winning the silver in snowboard slopestyle on Feb. 6, and Jessie Diggins closed out the medal count for Team USA by winning silver in the cross-country skiing women’s 30-kilometer mass start free – and becoming the first American woman to medal in an Olympic long-distance cross-country race.

History was made when speedskater Erin Jackson won in the women’s 500-meter



Chloe Kim – Team USA’s Chloe Kim performs a trick during the snowboard halfpipe training session at Genting Snow Park on Feb. 06, 2022. (Photo by Ezra Shaw/Getty Images)

and became the first Black woman ever to win a gold medal in an individual event in the Winter Games.

“Hopefully it has an effect,” said Jackson when asked about her ground-breaking accomplishment. “I would love to see more minorities, especially in the U.S., getting out and trying winter sports and see me as an example of what’s possible.”

Bobsledder and trailblazer Elana Meyers Taylor raced to silver and bronze in women’s monobob and the two-woman event to become the most decorated

Black athlete at a Winter Games with a combined five medals. She was also elected the Opening and Closing Ceremony flagbearer, an honor only bestowed once before on a member of Team USA.

From these Games’ historic firsts to the culmination of one of snowboard’s most iconic figures, five-time Olympian Shaun White finished fourth in his last competitive snowboard halfpipe contest, capping off a remarkable career that includes three gold medals (2006, 2010, 2018) and never finishing lower than fourth place.

Further proving that age is just a number, Nick Baumgartner is the oldest snowboarder to win a medal at an Olympic Winter Games (40 years, 57 days) with a win in the mixed team snowboard cross event. His teammate, Lindsey Jacobellis (36 years, 177 days) became the oldest woman and second oldest Olympic snowboard medalist with wins in the mixed team and women’s snowboard cross events.

“Watching Team USA athletes step onto the ice and snow at the Olympic Games after years of training and dedication to



Top: Erin Jackson podium – Team USA Gold medalist Erin Jackson celebrates during the women’s 500-meter medal ceremony on Feb. 14, 2022. (Photo by Dean Mouhtaropoulos/Getty Images)



Left: Nathan Chen (with Beijing 2022 logo on ice) – Nathan Chen skates during a practice session at Capital Indoor Stadium on Jan. 31, 2022. (Photo by Justin Setterfield/Getty Images)

their sport, and in an unprecedented environment, was absolutely awe-inspiring,” said Rick Adams, USOPC chief of sport performance and 2022 Chef de Mission. “Team USA athletes represented themselves, their sport, their community, and our country with skill and pride. Serving as the Chef de Mission for this team has been a great honor for me and, in addition to the wonderful athletes, I am thankful to the national governing

bodies, and the USOPC staff for making these 2022 Games a great success.”

Beyond performance, the Beijing Games featured an additional statistic with COVID-19 test results. The implementation of strong COVID-19 countermeasures, thorough pre-departure testing and daily testing in Beijing, the health of Team USA remained central to the success of the Games. Since the first Team USA

delegates arrived in Beijing on Jan. 15, there were approximately 19,000 COVID-19 tests performed. Throughout the course of the Games, only three Team USA athletes tested positive for COVID-19, an impressive feat amidst a worldwide surge in the pandemic.

“We are so proud of what Team USA has accomplished, on and off the field of play,” said Dr. Jonathan Finnoff, USOPC

ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS FROM TEAM USA:

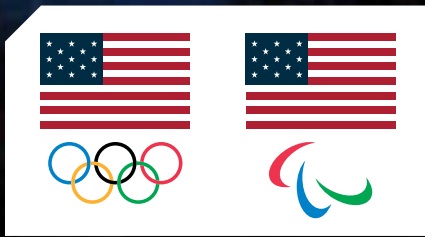
- For the third straight Olympic Winter Games, Team USA claimed the top-two spots in a freestyle skiing event as Alex Hall and Nick Goepper secured the gold-silver sweep in slopestyle, and David Wise and Alex Ferreira took silver and bronze in halfpipe. Wise has earned a spot on every ski halfpipe podium since the discipline made its Olympic debut in 2014.
- Kaillie Humphries and Elana Meyers Taylor became the first Olympic medalists in monobob, taking gold and silver in the event's Olympic debut.
- Megan Nick became the first American woman to earn an individual medal in freestyle aerials since 1998, taking bronze.
- Kelly Curtis became the first Black athlete to compete in skeleton for Team USA at the Olympic Winter Games.
- At age 19, Drew Comnesso became the youngest U.S. goalie to play in Olympic competition, posting an 8-0 shutout in the men's opener over China.
- The U.S. trio of Ashley Caldwell, Chris Lillis and Justin Schoenefeld won mixed team aerials in the event's Olympic debut – Team USA's first gold in freestyle aerials since 1998.
- Chloe Kim became the first woman to win back-to-back gold medals in Olympic snowboard halfpipe.
- Figure skater Timothy LeDuc became the first publicly out non-binary athlete to compete in the Games.
- In the Olympic debut of freestyle skiing big air, Colby Stevenson became the first American to win an Olympic medal in the event, taking silver.
- Nathan Chen set a world record score of 113.97 in the men's short program, en route to becoming only the seventh American, and first since 2010, to win the men's figure skating title.
- Deedra Irwin earned the best individual finish ever by a U.S. biathlete at the Olympic Winter Games, placing seventh in the women's 15-kilometer.

chief medical officer. "Coming into these Games, we had a significant hill to climb as we faced a dramatic rise in COVID-19 infections. The preparation and execution of COVID-19 mitigation practices, along with the commitment by the organizing committee to execute a true closed loop environment, contributed to the health and safety of our athletes."

BEIJING WINTER OLYMPICS MEDAL COUNT



TOTAL - 25



TEAM USA CELEBRATES HISTORIC PERFORMANCES AS 2022 WINTER PARALYMPIC GAMES CONCLUDE



By U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee

Over the course of nine days of competition, the Paralympic Winter Games Beijing 2022 showcased more than 560 athletes from 46 nations contesting five Paralympic sports on the world stage. Team USA's 67-member delegation delivered standout performances, earning a total of 20 medals (6 gold, 11 silver, 3 bronze).

The U.S. ended the Beijing Games fourth on the medals table with 27 athletes including one guide contributing to the total. Nine athletes took home their first Paralympic medal, while Oksana Masters became the first American to win seven medals at a single Paralympic Winter Games. Amidst a time of global uncertainty, Team USA persevered on and off the field of play.

"Team USA performed exactly how we hoped they would. They delivered world-class performances that embodied grit,

strength and unbelievable resilience," said USOPC CEO Sarah Hirshland. "To the athletes of Team USA, thank you for showing the world what's possible and for making our nation so incredibly proud."

The U.S. sled hockey team continued its dominance winning a fifth Paralympic title – fourth consecutive – to remain the sport's most decorated team in Paralympic history. The team's 5-0 shutout against Canada becomes the most goals ever scored in a Paralympic sled hockey final. The U.S. was the only undefeated team at the tournament with a 4-0 record.

The women of Team USA dominated on the field of play contributing to 14 of Team USA's 20 medals. Oksana Masters made history to lead the U.S. as the most decorated Paralympian, winning a medal in every event to which she competed. Masters' seven medals (3 gold, 4 silver) alone would place her tenth in the overall

medals table. Returning Paralympic champions Brenna Huckaby and Kendall Gretsch each added another gold to their collections, while first-time Paralympian Sydney Peterson picked up a trio of Paralympic medals in her debut.

"To be able to witness the masterful performances of our U.S. athletes on the ice and snow has been awesome," said Julie Dusliere, USOPC chief of Paralympic sport and 2022 Chef de Mission. "We are grateful to our athletes, staff and National Governing Bodies for their support in a successful 2022 Games."

Off the field of play, stringent COVID-19 countermeasures and testing protocols aided in delivering a safe and successful event despite the ongoing global pandemic. Over the course of the 2022 Games, no athletes of the U.S. delegation tested positive for COVID-19.



Above: Paralympic champion Brenna Huckaby's banked slalom first-place finish – her third overall Paralympic title – ties her with Netherland's Bibian Mentel-Spee for the most career Paralympic snowboard golds.

ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS ON TEAM USA'S PERFORMANCE:

- The U.S. remains the all-time leader in Paralympic sled hockey gold medals and is the only country to win four consecutive Paralympic championships. The U.S. now holds five out of eight Paralympic titles.
- U.S. sled hockey captain Josh Pauls holds the most career Paralympic gold medals (4) of any sled hockey player in the world.
- Para Nordic skier Oksana Masters has cemented herself in history as the most decorated U.S. winter Paralympian with 14 Paralympic medals across the biathlon and cross-country disciplines. Masters is now a 17-time Paralympic medalist across three sports.
- Jake Adicoff and guide Sam Wood are the most decorated U.S. men from the 2022 Games with one gold (mixed relay) and two silver medals (long-distance cross-country, sprint cross-country).
- Two-time Paralympian Thomas Walsh picked up the sole podium appearance in alpine skiing for the U.S. taking silver in the men's giant

slalom, only .04 seconds away from gold.

- Paralympic champion Brenna Huckaby's banked slalom first-place finish – her third overall Paralympic title – ties her with Netherland's Bibian Mentel-Spee for the most career Paralympic snowboard golds.
- The wheelchair curling team's fifth-place finish is Team USA's second-best Paralympic placement.
- Twelve athletes served in the U.S. Armed Forces, including six athletes who served in the Marine Corps, four in the Army and two in the Navy. Seven veterans – Dan Crossen, Travis Dodson, Ralph DeQuebec, Jen Lee, Josh Misiewicz, Rico Roman, Joseph Woodke – are leaving Beijing as 2022 Paralympic champions.
- Four multi-sport athletes - Dani Aravich, Kendall Gretsich, Oksana Masters, Aaron Pike - made their second Paralympic Games appearance within six months in the sport of Nordic skiing after competing at the Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020. Teammates Gretsich and Masters tallied a combined ten medals in the women's sitting class.

Below: Gold medal – Paralympic cross-country relay: Team USA's Oksana Masters, Sydney Peterson, Daniel Crossen, Jake Adicoff and Sam Wood pose with their gold medals following the Para cross-country skiing mixed 4x2.5km relay at Zhangjiakou National Biathlon Centre on Mar. 13, 2022. (Photo by Carmen Mandato/Getty Images)



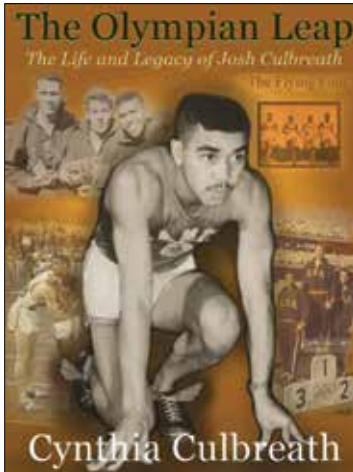
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BOOK REVIEW

THE OLYMPIAN LEAP, THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JOSH CULBREATH



“The Olympian Leap, The Life and Legacy of Josh Culbreath,” by author Cynthia Culbreath is coming soon! Be part of a memorable sports biography to experience, the life of renowned Olympian Josh Culbreath, a dominant, fierce hurdler. The Morgan State and Temple University alumnus was an active-duty Quantico Marine man

while training for the Olympic Games Melbourne 1956. While track and field were his battlefields, Josh knew he would win the race with every intention by that sly grin of his! It’s Fast, It’s Furious, It’s Culbreath! Get ready to cross that finish line to victory!



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ALUMNI IN MEMORIAM



Richard "Rink" Babka (*track and field, 1960*)

Richard "Rink" Babka died on Jan. 15, 2022, at the age of 85.

Rink was a gifted athlete who attended the University of Southern California on a football scholarship and graduated with a degree in business.

Ranked nationally as one of the greatest discus throwers in USC track and field history, he was NCAA champion in 1958 and the first known human to throw over 200 feet. Rink was inducted into the USC Hall of Fame in 2009.

Part of the U.S. track and field medals sweep at the Olympic Games Rome 1960, Rink is a 4-time world record holder and was inducted into the international prestigious World Throwers Congress, as well as Menlo College Hall of Fame, SF Olympic Club Hall of Fame, and many others.

Rink retired from competition in 1964, and he later owned the Coors Beverage Distributorship in Stockton, California, where he also raised quarter horses and cattle. He was active in the Young

Presidents Organization, served on the Agricultural Association Board, State Parks & Recreation Commission, Ambassador for Athletics in Scandinavia, U.S. Athletic Commissioner, served as Western Business Development agent to the Czech Republic, among many others. He was also an accomplished artist with many paintings on display world-wide with the Art of the Olympians.

Rink is survived by his sons, Beau, Kord, and Dirk; daughter, Tanja; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He will be remembered by those who loved him most for his thoughtfulness, positive outlook, love of God, animals, his country, and his magnetic personality.



Kirk R. Baptiste (*track and field, 1984*)

Kirk R. Baptiste died on Mar. 24, 2022, at the age of 59.

Kirk was born to the late Rose Baptiste and Dr. H Prentice Baptiste in Beaumont, Texas. He was the second of four sons – H Prentice Baptiste (Jill Baptiste) of Dallas, Texas, Reginald Baptiste, M.D.,

(Hope Baptiste) of Texarkana, Texas, and Kenneth Baptiste of Austin, Texas. He spent an early part of his childhood in South Bend, Indiana, and later during middle school, he moved with his family to Houston. Kirk, like his brothers, always considered Houston home.

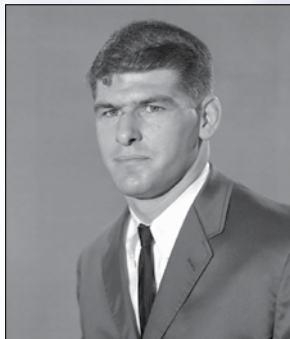
He graduated from James Madison High School in Houston in 1982. At Madison High School, he found his immense talent and passion for track and field. He distinguished himself immediately on the track as a sprinter and eventually as a high school All-American. As a senior, he won the silver medal in the 400-meter in the Texas State 5A track championship. After posting the nation's fastest 400 meters for a high schooler, he was recruited heavily by over 75 colleges and universities and eventually decided to stay close to home and join the highly regarded track program at the University of Houston. At the University of Houston, he developed into a world-class sprinter. He did not waste time at U of H, placing third in the 200 meters at the NCAA track and field championship as a true freshman. He later won the 200 meters at the 1984 and 1985 NCAA championship meets. He culminated his standing in the track world when he won the 200-meter silver medal at the Olympic Games Los Angeles 1984. Later that year, he ran the world's best time ever (at the time) in the 300 meters. He competed in Europe and worldwide professionally and as part of the USA track team, winning many national and international events. He was one of the first athletes ever to be ranked number one in the world in

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both the 100 and 200 meters. Because of these accomplishments, he was inducted in 2008 into the University of Houston Hall of Honor.

However, Kirk's accomplishments on the track were just a small glimpse of his spirit. Especially to his brothers, he will always be and remain the heart of our family. Our mother was the rock, and Kirk was truly the heart. He would never fail to remind us of a birthday or special event, prodding us (in true Kirk fashion) to make that call. He was often unfiltered and spontaneous, but his megawatt smile would always win the day. The same megawatt smile that later landed him many modeling opportunities in the 1980s. He never ceased to amaze us with his ability to incite laughter even when discussing challenging topics. Kirk loved his three brothers and always encouraged everyone to come together. He adored his nieces and nephews and always thought of them as his own. He was especially adept in the kitchen and loved to cook for himself and others. As is common in life, our struggles bring humility and service to others, and Kirk was a true testament to this. Whether working for the Texas Key, A Caring Safe Place in Houston or volunteering at the Omega House in Houston, Kirk worked as a faithful servant of God.

In addition, to his brothers, he leaves a stepmother Dr. Lesley McAvoy-Baptiste, a stepbrother & stepsisters – Alexis Baptiste, Austin Baptiste, and Allison Baptiste-Palmer of Houston.



R. "Wayne" Baughman (*wrestling, 1964, 1968, 1972, coach 1976, 1980*)

R. "Wayne" Baughman died on Feb. 16, 2022, at the age of 81.

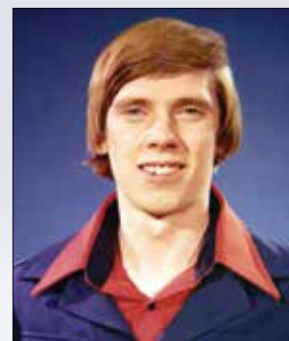
Wayne Baughman was a resident of Colorado Springs for 52 years. He served as an instructor and coach at the U.S. Air Force Academy for 27 years and the AFA Prep School for five years. He also served as chief of sports for the Air Force from 1965-70. He considered the Cadets and staff as his extended family.

Wayne was an NCAA wrestling champion, and he competed at the Olympic Games Tokyo 1964, Olympic Games Mexico City 1968, and Olympic Games Munich 1972. He was a member of eight world championship wrestling teams and coached two Olympic teams (1976 and 1980), and five world championship teams. His record in 25 national championships was 16 first-place, seven second-place, and two third-place finishes.

He loved the Colorado outdoors. Wayne ran the Pikes Peak Marathon six times, the Leadville 100 twice, the Badwater 146, The Grand Canyon Rim to Rim and Back Again and the Ironman Triathlon

in Hawaii, as well as numerous other triathlons. He summited all 54 Colorado 14ers plus three in California and Rainer in Washington. He also climbed on Mt. Everest and Mt. McKinley (Denali). Wayne believed "we are down here to be God's entertainment," and he tried not to disappoint Him. He believed God cries with us and for us, is both proud of and disappointed in us, is often amazed at our stupidity and brilliance; and that God has a place for us, through the shed blood of his Son, in heaven.

Wayne is preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Hazel Baughman, and grandson Steven Baughman. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Betty; son Scott (Darby); daughter, Lori Niell (Jon Meier); grandsons Benjamin Niell (Sarah), Ryan Niell (Espe), and Micah, great grandsons, Parker, Jaxson, and Jake; great granddaughter Evelyn; Barbara Huntman and numerous other close relatives.



Scott "Edward" Bozek (*fencing, 1972, 1976*)

Scott "Edward" Bozek died on Jan. 7, 2022, at the age of 71.

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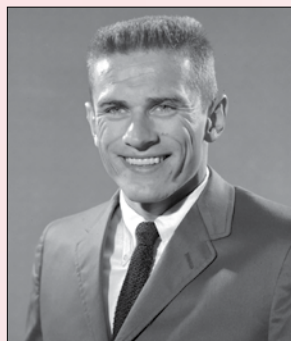
Edward began his fencing career at the Tanner City Fencers Club in Peabody, Massachusetts. He fenced at the Pan American Games Cali 1971, and Mexico City 1975, winning a gold medal at both events in team epee and a silver in 1971 in individual epee. In 1973 and 1975, he was the U.S. national champion. He competed in epee at the Olympic Games Munich 1972 and the Olympic Games Montreal 1976.

Academically, Edward graduated from the University of Massachusetts, Boston in 1972 with a degree in Russian studies, followed by earning a master's degree in international affairs from Columbia University in 1974 and a second master's in national resource management from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in 1999.

A member of the Foreign Commercial Service for more than 30 years, he held several international consulate and embassy posts in his working career, including Bucharest, Istanbul, Oslo, Budapest, Moscow, Toronto, and Washington, D.C., among other assignments. Notably, he was a senior advisor to the Assistant Secretary and Director General of the U.S. Foreign Commercial Service from 1996-98, and from 2008-12 was the Principal Commercial Officer at the U.S. Consulate General in Toronto. He retired in 2014 to spend more time with his family and fencing.

He is survived by his wife, Judith Bozek (née Beston), and his sister, Sue Doane

(née Bozek) as well as several children and grandchildren. He lived in Herndon, Virginia.



Warren "Rex" Cawley (*track and field, 1964*)

Warren "Rex" Cawley died on Jan. 21, 2022, at the age of 81.

Rex was born in Highland Park, Michigan, to Harry and Erna Cawley. He attended Farmington High School, where he began his athletic career and set the school's record for the 100-yard dash. His record still stands today. At 18 years old, Rex was named Track and Field News' "High School Athlete of the Year" after becoming the only athlete to place in the first six of all three hurdle events at the 1959 AAU championships. Rex went on to attend the University of Southern California, earning a Bachelor of Science in sales administration and participating as a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Despite battling injury, Rex ran several excellent track seasons at USC, winning two AAU championships and earning an NCAA title in the 400-meter hurdles. In 1964, Rex set a world record time of

49.1 seconds in the 400-meter hurdles at the Olympic trials, making him a favorite entering the Olympic Games Tokyo 1964. During those Games, Rex won the gold medal in the 400-meter hurdles, beating his nearest competitor by 0.5 seconds.

Rex's renowned athletic career led to his induction into The National Track and Field Hall of Fame in 2006, the University of Southern California Hall of Fame in 2009, The Michigan Sports Hall of Fame in 2012, and The National High School Track and Field Hall of Fame in 2019.

While his legacy as an athlete left an indelible mark on the world, those close to Rex celebrate him most for his kindness, competitive spirit, and strong faith. Rex loved problem solving, both for leisure and for the benefit of others. In addition to enjoying thought-intensive games, Rex had an impressive ability to fix just about anything. Rex was a music lover and could often be found with headphones on, entranced in song. In his later years, he blended his love of music with his love for Jesus Christ, teaching himself the keyboard so he could play alongside the "youngins" in the church band, as he fondly referred to them.

Finding strength in God and with the support of his family and church, Rex displayed stoicism and uncomplaining courage throughout his battle with cancer. He will be dearly missed and lovingly remembered.

Rex was a beloved husband, father, brother, uncle, and grandfather. He is

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survived by his wife of 29 years, Lynn; children, Dena and Grant; siblings Jay and Valerie, and his five grandchildren.



Oscar Chaplin, III (*weightlifting, 2000, 2004*)

Oscar Chaplin, III died on Feb. 5, 2022, at the age of 41.

Oscar, nicknamed Diamond, was born in Savannah, Georgia, to Oscar Chaplin, Jr., and Rebecca Copeland Chaplin. He attended Bartow Elementary (now known as Brock Elementary), Myers Middle School, and Jenkins High School from which he was graduated in 1998.

Oscar competed at the Olympic Games Sydney 2000 and the Olympic Games Athens 2004.

His parents; sister Sue A. Ebanks and family; brother Jim A. Chaplin and family; extended Chaplin, Middleton, Powell, Copeland, and Crawl families; as well as numerous friends and colleagues love and miss the young one dedicated to God named Diamond who grew to be a Man of God known as Coach Oscar to many.



Julia "Judy" Cornell (*swimming, 1952*)

Julia "Judy" Cornell died on Jan. 4, 2022, at the age of 88.

The daughter of a commercial painter and a homemaker, she graduated from Grant High School in 1951. It was in high school that she started swimming. As a student at Grant High School, her swimming career flourished. From 1949 through 1952, Judy held all the Oregon and Portland records in the 100-meter, 50-meter and the 100-yard breaststroke. She went on to compete in her first national championship in Daytona Beach, Florida. In 1950, she was named All-American in the 100-yard and 100-meter breaststroke. In 1951, she was again named All-American in the 100-yard and 100-meter breaststroke breaking national records. That same year, Judy became the first and only athlete to be sponsored by the Portland Junior Chamber of Commerce. This made it possible for her to train for the 1952 Olympic Games. She competed in the Hawaiian Invitational, where she won the 100-meter breaststroke, breaking her own record. She later competed in Detroit, Michigan and broke the American 100-meter breaststroke record.

Judy went on to receive an athletic scholarship to the Multnomah Athletic Club, where she trained for the Olympic Games. In 1952, Judy came in second at the Olympic trials in Indianapolis in the 200-meter breaststroke. (There was no 100-meter event, which would have likely put her first).

Judy represented the United States at the Olympic Games Helsinki 1952, swimming in the breaststroke event. She competed with the U.S. team in the 200-meter event, though the team did not medal. Throughout her life, she enjoyed the competitive swimming lifestyle, specifically the travel. One Olympic memory sticks out as particularly fond – the welcome home parade on Fifth Avenue in New York City that celebrated the return of U.S. Olympians.

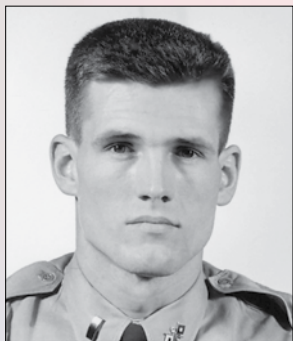
She met her husband, Daniel DeRego, on Waikiki Beach in the early 1950s. They married on June 4, 1955, after which the DeRego surname became synonymous with competitive swimming. Judy and Dan began a long career promoting swimming in Oregon, forming swim teams and coaching. In 1971, the University of Oregon honored Judy and other Olympic athletes during half-time at a football game. In 1977 she accomplished another life goal of swimming in the "Roy Webster Columbia River Cross-Channel Swim." She did this annually with many of her students and once with her granddaughter, Amera.

Most of all, Judy enjoyed being

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surrounded by her family. She enjoyed spending time outdoors, gardening, skiing, camping, and bike riding. She looked forward to taking long drives all over Oregon with her late husband Dan, and loved spoiling her grandchildren, who could often be found spending weekends at her house. She also loved the time she spent with her daughter Terri on their weekly lunch dates.

Judy is survived by her daughters Terri and Gloria; sister Betty; grandchildren Sulton, Amara, Josie, Danielle, and many great grandchildren.



Frederick L. Denman (*pentathlon, 1952*)

Frederick L. Denman died on Apr. 20, 2022, at the age of 93.

Fred was born to Gus and Miriam Denman in Tacoma, Washington. After graduating from Everett High School, Fred attended West Point Academy, during which time he placed fifth in the pentathlon of the Olympic Games Helsinki 1952.

Fred received a Ph.D in business

administration from University of California, Berkeley and was a professor of marketing research at the University of Washington. Fred and Jeanne enjoyed many happy years in retirement and was looking forward to celebrating their 50th anniversary this year.

They were longtime members of Highland Covenant Church.

Fred is survived by his wife of 49 years, Jeanne Denman, daughters Sara Denman (Darrell), Linda Magnotti (Virgil), Karen Johnson (Dean) and his stepchildren Scott Scholz (Etsuko), and Jon Scholz-deceased (Debbie). He was blessed to have 13 grandchildren, and 16 great grandchildren.

We will all greatly miss his warm hugs, his annual reading of the Christmas story from the family Bible, and his ever-famous saying, "I'm a lucky guy!"



Medina Dixon (*basketball, 1992*)

Medina Dixon died on Nov. 8, 2021, at the age of 59.

Medina was the top-ranked girls' basketball prospect in the nation when she led Cambridge Rindge & Latin to a state title in 1981.

The 6-foot-3-inch Medina went on to win an NCAA title at Old Dominion in 1985, was the leading scorer on the Women's Dream Team that won bronze at the Olympic Games Barcelona 1992, and played 10 years of professional basketball in Italy, Japan, and Russia.

Growing up in Mattapan, Massachusetts with 10 siblings, including her older brother Robin Dixon, Medina learned how to compete on and off the court.

After graduating from Cambridge, Medina led the U.S. Junior National Team in scoring during a tournament in Yugoslavia, then starred at South Carolina in the 1981-82 season. She later transferred to Old Dominion in Norfolk, Virginia. She led the Lady Monarchs one step further in each of her subsequent campaigns, eventually leading the program to its only NCAA tournament title in 1985.

In 1997, Medina was elected to the Cambridge Rindge & Latin Hall of Fame and in 2011, she became the seventh women's basketball player to have her number retired at Old Dominion.

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Clyde B. Emrich (*weightlifting, 1952*)

Clyde B. Emrich died on Nov. 10, 2021, at the age of 90.

Clyde was born in Chicago and had been living in Lake Bluff, Illinois for the past twenty-seven years. As a young man Clyde found a passion for weightlifting that would take him across the world. He represented the U.S. at the Olympic Games Helsinki 1952. He would later go on to break two world records and compete at an elite international level.

Clyde would give two years of his life to serve his country in the United States Army, and as an athlete he toured the world on goodwill missions for the military. Upon returning from the military, he would continue his passion for weightlifting in the evenings at the Irving Park YMCA. During the day he worked for the Hartford Insurance Company as a claims adjuster.

It was at the YMCA that Clyde would meet his fate after working with several Chicago Bears football players. In 1963 he had his first official contact with the Bears organization. The rest became a dream come true when he was hired in 1971 to be the team's first strength coach.

He became the longest tenured staffer for the Chicago Bears. He worked for the team for 50 years until his passing. During that time, he was given the nick name "Legend" and after getting to know him, you realized the name fit.

Clyde enjoyed photography, astronomy, shooting, and reading about history. He truly cared about his family and friends and will be missed by all who knew him. He shared his passion for weightlifting with anyone who would ask. His sons, and now his grandchildren continue to carry that torch forward. He was always willing to help anyone at the drop of a hat if they asked for training advice. He was a humble man that touched so many lives in this world to which the extent shall be spoken about for generations.

Surviving are his two children, Jon (Marnie) and Ken (Lisa) Emrich; four grandchildren, Maddie, Brett, Bryan, and Lauren; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his four sisters, Mary, Marguerite, Irene, Patricia, Celeste, and brother Richard.



James "Jim" Forbes (*basketball, 1972*)

James "Jim" Forbes died on Jan. 21, 2022, at the age of 69.

Known as Jim to most. He grew up as Jimmy to his family and now known by all as "Coach Forbes".

Coach Forbes moved to El Paso, Texas with his family in the late 1950s and has been a lifelong El Pasoan. Jim attended Del Norte Elementary School where he first started his basketball career, then attended Bel Air High School where he became a High School Basketball All-American. Jim was recruited by nearly every major university in the country but chose to stay in his hometown and attend the University of Texas at El Paso. As a sophomore in college, he was chosen to play in the Pan American Games Cali 1971. He played on the infamous U.S. team at the Olympic Games Munich 1972. The team won its way to the gold medal game and was denied the gold on a controversial last second play.

Jim returned to his role at UTEP and completed an injury hampered college career. He was drafted by the Chicago Bulls of the NBA and the Kentucky

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Colonels of the ABA. His pro basketball career was never realized due to injuries. Jim came home and became an assistant coach under his mentor, Coach Don Haskins and alongside Tim Floyd at UTEP from 1981-84. Coach Forbes dedicated himself to teaching history and coaching and would take over a high school basketball program at Riverside High School. He was at Riverside for 20 years, winning numerous district and regional titles and taking the program to State Final Four in 1995 losing to the eventual state champions.

Jim would then go to Andress High School where he achieved like successes taking the program to numerous district titles and regional successes to include another State Final Four appearance again losing to the eventual state champions. Coach Forbes would accumulate over 700 victories and become one of the winningest coaches in the city of El Paso and the state of Texas. Coach was also serving on the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches.

Coach Forbes has had his jersey retired at Bel Air High School and at his alma mater University of Texas El Paso and is also in the El Paso Sports Hall of Fame. Riverside High School has graciously named their basketball gym the "James R. Forbes Gymnasium". His most recent El Paso honor was to be inducted to the El Paso athletic Mount Rushmore.

Jim is survived by his wife Mary Jane Forbes, his daughter Dana Forbes, two sisters, two brothers, four grandchildren

and one great grandchild. He is predeceased by his mother, Julia Mae Plummer, two sisters and one brother. He will be missed by the El Paso community and his family.



James "Jim" Gerhardt (*track and field, 1952*)

James "Jim" Gerhardt died on Nov. 29, 2021, at the age of 92.

Jim led an amazing adventure of a life highlighted early on by his achievement of making the U.S. Olympic team in 1952 as a triple jumper and his ongoing pursuits in the National Senior Games, where he competed in a variety of events into his mid-80s. His passions did not cease there, as he also had a love of the arts, and frequented many performances over the years. Perhaps his largest passion revolved around his beloved Rice University, where he was an ardent supporter over many years. He was a routine basketball and football season ticket holder, an alumni member of multiple organizations and had never ending stories of the friends and experiences from Rice. A crowning personal achievement was realized in

1986 when Jim was inducted into the Rice Athletic Hall of Fame.

Born in San Antonio in 1929, "Jimmy", as he was known early on, spent most of his childhood in San Antonio where he graduated from Brackenridge High School in 1947. Jim attended Rice University and joined both the track and basketball squads. He excelled in both, and his track pursuits lead him to qualify for the Olympic Games Helsinki 1952. Jim graduated from Rice in 1951 and went on to pursue a master's degree at the University of Texas in Austin. Soon thereafter he joined the Navy as an Officer in 1953 and served 3.5 years.

He accepted a job with Gulf Oil in 1956, where he spent the next 30 years. He eventually moved into the role of Executive Director of the Information Services Division. A big highlight for him was managing many of the first computers ever brought into the company. While predominantly stationed in Houston, he did spend considerable stints of time in the 1960s in both Venezuela and Kuwait and then later in Pennsylvania in the mid-1970's.

In 1957, Jim married the love of his life, Jo Lynn Smith. They met on the best blind date of his life and spent 55 years together until her death in 2012. They raised three amazing children, and they were integrally involved in each of the children's lives. They loved to travel together, and both enjoyed their Thornwood neighborhood friends immensely.

2020 and 2022 U.S. Olympians and Paralympians, first lady Jill Biden, U.S. President Joe Biden, U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris and second gentleman Douglas Emhoff pose for a photo on the South Lawn at the White House on May 4, 2022. Members of Team USA visited the White House to celebrate their participation in the Tokyo 2020 and Beijing 2022 Games.

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Jim took a retirement job in 1987 with Tal Smith Enterprises and spent the next 22 years “retired” by working with Tal and his incredible team as they represented major league baseball teams in the arbitration process. The entire experience was a definite highlight in his life.

Jim was an incredibly caring and humble man who rarely met a stranger. His laughter and smile were things of legend, and he had the ability to disarm the most armed of people by his gentle nature. He will be remembered fondly by so many.

His legacy will be his family, who he loved and supported tirelessly, graciously, and ferociously.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Manfred and Eloise Gerhardt; wife, Jo Lynn Smith Gerhardt; brother, Manfred William Gerhardt.

Survivors: daughter, Allison Elliott, spouse Skip Elliott; daughter, Carole Blanton, spouse Daryl Blanton; son, Thomas Gerhardt, spouse Rachel Gerhardt; Grandchildren, Curt Blanton, spouse Jenn Blanton; Ashley Blanton; Casper Koterak; Tanner Gerhardt; Clara Gerhardt; great-grandchildren, Rex Blanton; Luke Blanton.



Carie Graves (rowing, 1976, 1980, 1984)

Carie Graves died on Dec. 19, 2021, at the age of 68.

Carie Graves was a loving mother, daughter, sister, aunt, coach, mentor, and friend. She was also a legend in women’s rowing, and a two-time Olympic medalist in the sport.

Tall and powerful, Carie was driven to work hard, do the right thing and lead by example. She was aware that she could be intimidating walking into a room, so she would always break the ice with her warmth and boisterous laugh. In tributes written by friends, teammates, and the athletes she coached, Carie is remembered as a thoughtful, kind, caring and fun person who gave 100 percent in every endeavor. Whether it was training, competing, cooking, baking bread, knitting, gardening, dancing, singing, reading or her love for her son, family and friends, Carie was all in.

Born to Robert (deceased) and Derry Graves on June 27, 1953, in Madison, Wisconsin, Carie was the first of five children. Her work ethic and competitive

nature developed early, bailing hay, and doing chores on the family farm, where she was known by her siblings as “big bossy.” She is survived by her mother Derry, son Ben, sisters Leslie (Eric), Tia (Greg), Alison (Bill), brother Ross (Ann) and many beloved cousins, nieces, nephews, friends, coaches, teammates, and the athletes she coached.

After graduating from high school, working odd jobs and spending a summer hitchhiking around Europe, Carie went to the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she joined the women’s rowing team in the fall of 1973. In the spring of 1975, the team won the first-ever national championship for a U.W. women’s team. That summer she stroked the remarkable U.S. women’s eight crew that earned a silver medal at the 1975 World Championships in England — the event that secured U.S. women’s rowing a place on the world stage and was immortalized in Daniel Boyne’s book, “The Red Rose Crew.” For the next 40 years, the farm girl from Spring Green, Wisconsin built a legacy in the sport like few others.

Carie’s athletic highlights include 11 years as an international competitor, culminating in her selection to three U.S. Olympic Rowing Teams and four U.S. National Teams. As a member of the U.S. women’s eight, she captured a bronze medal at the Olympic Games Montreal 1976 and a gold medal at the Olympic Games Los Angeles 1984. The U.S. Olympic Committee honored her as Rowing Female Athlete of the Year in both 1981 and 1984. She was a two-

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time inductee into the National Rowing Foundation Hall of Fame and the first female athlete inducted in the Wisconsin Athletics Hall of Fame.

She was named by the American Rowers Almanac as “One of the Century’s 10 Most Notable People in American Rowing.” The almanac noted: “She was the first to show that women could be, and were, really tough competitors. The men had their awesome role models. With Carie Graves, the women had their own awesome competitor.”

After her rowing career, Carie served as the head coach at Harvard/Radcliffe. She completed her master’s degree in education at Harvard University in 1985. She then spent 10 years as the head coach of women’s rowing at Northeastern University in Boston. In 1998 she moved to Austin and launched the women’s rowing program at the University of Texas, where she remained head coach for 16 years.

For those she coached, she is remembered for not just wanting her athletes to be the best rowers they could be, but for wanting them to be the best people they could be.

When she retired from Texas in 2014, Carie came home to live in Wisconsin, just five miles from her childhood home.



Charles “Charlie” Greene (*track and field, 1968*)

Charles “Charlie” Greene died on Mar. 14, 2022, at the age of 77.

For most Charlie’s early life, he grew up and lived in Seattle. He graduated from O’Dea High School, a Catholic all boys school where he played football and ran track. It was there where his abilities as a sprinter were first showcased. In his junior year, he won the Washington State High School Championship in the 100-yard dash and captured both the state titles in the 100 and 220 in his senior year. His triumph in the 100 at the Golden West Invitational in Sacramento, California helped him garner the accolade as the number one high school sprinter in the nation in 1963.

Charlie accepted an athletic scholarship to the University of Nebraska and came to Lincoln in the fall of 1963. Although freshmen, at that time, were not permitted to compete on their varsity teams, he quickly gained the attention of his fellow athletes during an intramural competition. He also pushed super-star Bob Hayes to a world record performance in the 60- yard dash in New York City at the

Madison Square Garden’s indoor meet in January 1964. Missing out on qualifying for the Olympic Games Tokyo 1964 after battling an injury served to motivate his competitive drive and determination to another level. Over the next three years, Charlie became the nation’s leading collegiate sprinter capturing three consecutive NCAA titles in the 60-yard indoors from 1965 to 1967 and three consecutive NCAA titles in the 100-yard dash outdoors.

While at Nebraska, he was active in both Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and ROTC. He earned his degree in 1967 and after attending ROTC summer camp, returned to Lincoln to begin work on a graduate degree and continue to train for the Olympic Games Mexico City 1968. At the 1968 AAU outdoor national championships, Charlie’s win in the 100-meter final capped off a remarkable evening of competition sports historians have referred to as “The Night of Speed”. Charlie earned two medals at those Games, garnering the bronze in the 100-meter final despite suffering an injury in the last 30 meters of the race.

What seemed perhaps somewhat remarkable to some, was that only a couple of days later, Charlie would run the lead “leg” on the U.S. men’s 4x100-meter. His team won gold and set a new world record. That sprint relay team (Charlie Greene, Mel Pender, Ronnie Ray Smith, and Jimmie Hines) were trained and coached by the late great Stan Wright. Three members of that same team had qualified and competed against one

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another in the 100-meter final only days before.

But as Charlie often liked to brag and share, his greatest achievement was in meeting his future wife, Linda Arnone, on a blind date in Mexico City. Linda, a Penn State graduate, was working on assignment for the Philadelphia Inquirer as a journalist. They married in Lincoln on January 18, 1969.

Charlie's career in the U.S. Army would keep him busy over the next 20 years taking him to several different duty assignments and posts including West Berlin, South Korea, West Point, Fort Meade, and Fort Lewis. With the birth of his two daughters, Mercedes and Sybil, Charlie would gain a new understanding of the phrase "and other duties as assigned". Charlie came to appreciate that those two, are his greatest legacies, and he was never prouder of seeing them achieve success in their respective careers.

After retiring from the U.S. Army with the rank of Major, Charlie served as an executive for Special Olympics International and traveled around the world. Linda and Charlie returned to Lincoln in the late 1990s and Charlie worked for the University of Nebraska in student affairs before finally retiring. He continued to volunteer and be a resource for student athletes in the UNL Life Skills program and be an advocate for encouraging others to get involved in their communities and giving back to others of "the next generation up ". And

yes, he could generally be visible and commonly found cheering for his alma mater, The University of Nebraska-GBR!

Charlie demonstrated through his own example and experiences, that you don't have to have been born in Nebraska to become truly a Nebraskan. In recent years, even after experiencing some challenging health setbacks, he continued to contribute his talents and expertise in helping to create and teach an OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) course of study on the History and Impact of the Olympic Games. Charlie was inducted into the USA Track and Field Hall of Fame in 1992 as well as the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Hall of Fame and most recently the University of Nebraska Athletic Hall of Fame as part of its inaugural class of 2015.



Robin Greiner (*figure skating, 1956*)

Robin Greiner died on Nov. 7, 2021, at the age of 89.

Robin was a lifetime resident of Fresno having moved there at the age of six. He attended John Muir Elementary, Hamilton Junior High and graduated from Fresno

High School in 1950. While at Fresno High, he was active in student government and was an athletic cheerleader for sporting events. It was during these early years that he became interested in ice skating and began taking lessons with Bill and Julie Barrett, ice dance champions who had relocated to Fresno from London, England. He and his partner, Carol Ormaca Butler, went on to win the United States Pairs Championships four times and competed in the Olympic Games Corina 1956 and two World Ice Skating Championships in Oslo, Norway and Garmisch, Germany.

While skating in world competitions, he and Carol had the opportunity to skate exhibitions in Vienna, Berlin, Munich, Paris, and Prague. Following his retirement from competitive skating, Robin was very active in judging young skaters in the Fresno and Pacific District competitions. In 1965 he was inducted into the Fresno County Athletic Hall of Fame and in the Fresno High School Hall of Fame in 2014.

Robin studied at California State University, Berkeley, and was a graduate of Fresno State University. He later went to mortuary school and got his license as a funeral director in the Los Angeles area and returned to Fresno where he served many families dealing with the loss of loved ones while working at Yost and Webb in Fresno and the Fowler Funeral Home in Fowler.

He spent the last 20 years of his professional career working for the

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California Employment Development Department in Fresno and retired in 1994. Following retirement, Robin was active in many service and social justice activities including the Fresno Interfaith Alliance, Planned Parenthood Miramonte, the Fresno Women's Democratic Club, and the Central California Alliance. He was also a devoted member of the Wesley United Methodist Church and the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fresno. Many will remember his winning smile and sense of humor and his willingness to always help his neighbors and friends no matter what the task. His life was truly a devoted life of service to others.

Robin is survived by his brother, Lee Greiner, of Cincinnati, Ohio; his lifetime partner of 55 years, Ellis Vance of Fresno; daughter, Sandra Kay Gugel (Scott), of Tenmile, Oregon; son, Steven Craig Vance (Amy) of San Anselmo, California; and daughter, Laura Lynn Vance of Antioch, California. He is also survived by five granddaughters, three grandsons, two great granddaughters, four great grandsons, one niece, a nephew, two great nephews and his two beloved four-legged companions, Chacho and Panela.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Gladys Geraldine Greiner, father Robin L. Greiner Sr., grandparents, and sister-in-law, Normalee Tostenson Greiner and niece Robin Lee Greiner Schonberg.



Rudolph "Rudy" Haluza (*track and field, 1960, 1968*)

Rudolph "Rudy" Haluza died on Sept. 27, 2021, at the age of 90.

Rudy grew up in Bayside, New York where he attended PS 41 and Bayside High School. He attended Queen's College and was active in track and field events, including racewalking. In 1953, Rudy joined the U.S. Air Force, assigned as a Navigation Instructor at Harlingen Air Force Base in Harlingen, Texas. He completed his degree and graduated from the University of Nebraska Omaha in 1956. During his time in Texas, Rudy met his future wife, Elizabeth A. Schendel. The two were married in Elizabeth's hometown of Brownsville, Texas, on December 26, 1956. Together, they had three children, Rudy John II in 1958, Elizabeth in 1960, and Michael in 1962.

After graduating from Air Force Pilot training and attaining the rank of Captain and C-47 Pilot, Rudy was assigned to Oxnard Air Force Base in California and eventually transferred to London for a three-year assignment flying C-47s to many parts of Europe. Upon completing his assignment, Rudy and his family

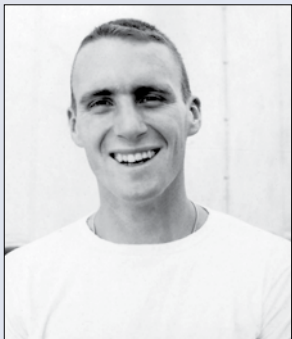
returned to the states and settled in Riverside, California, at March Air Force Base. Rudy joined United Airlines in 1967 as a Flight Officer for a 25-year career flying B727s, DC-8s, and DC-10s.

Rudy race walked competitively and won his first of 10 national race walking titles in 1957. Rudy qualified and competed in the 20-kilometer race walk at the Olympic Games Rome 1960. He again qualified and competed in the 20KM race walk at the Olympic Games Mexico City 1968, where he finished in fourth place.

In 1970, the Haluza Family moved to Villa Park, California. Rudy was active in the California Rare Fruit Growers, specializing in cherimoyas. As a master grafter, he introduced a new variety of cherimoya, the El Bumpo. Upon his retirement from United Air Lines in 1998, Rudy devoted much of his time to the care and maintenance of a mixed grove of avocado, various citrus, cherimoya, and other subtropical fruits in Temecula, California.

He was preceded in death by his wife Elizabeth in 2015. He is survived by his brother Theodore R. Haluza, his three children, six grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

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Duvall Hecht (*rowing, 1952, 1956*)

Duvall Hecht died on Feb. 10, 2022, at the age of 91.

In the early 1970s, Hecht was working at a brokerage firm in Los Angeles and commuting to his office each day from Newport Beach. Bored with music and news on the car radio, he rigged up a reel-to-reel tape player on the passenger seat and listened to recordings of books that had been created for the blind. He enjoyed this aural pastime so much that he came up with the idea to create unabridged recordings of books on cassette—the emerging portable technology of the day.

Hecht used money from the sale of his 1965 Porsche to launch Books on Tape in 1975 initially as a tape-rental business that he ran with his wife Sigrid out of their home. The proliferation of in-dash cassette players in the 1970s and the advent of the Sony Walkman in 1980 helped the company take off as part of a growing audiobook industry. Random House acquired Books on Tape and its then-6,000-title catalog in 2001 for an estimated \$20 million. BoT remains a Penguin Random House Audio's imprint serving the school and library market.

While at Stanford University, he took up rowing, and he rowed in the Olympic Games Helsinki 1952, the same year he graduated from college. Hecht made the U.S. rowing team again in the Olympic Games Melbourne 1956 and took home a gold medal in the two-man crew event.

After his Olympic triumph, Hecht earned a master's degree in journalism at Stanford and taught English at Menlo College in Atherton, California., where he started a rowing club. He served in the Marines as a fighter pilot and later became a commercial pilot. He maintained ties to rowing throughout his life, launching the crew program at UC Irvine in 1965, and later coaching the team there following a coaching stint at UCLA. In more recent years, Hecht pursued a longtime dream of becoming a long-haul trucker, a career allowing him ample time on the job to listen to audiobooks.



Iris Davis Hicks (*track and field, 1968, 1972*)

Iris Davis Hicks died on Sept. 18, 2021, at the age of 71.

Davis Hicks competed collegiately for

legendary coach Ed Temple at Tennessee State and started her international career in 1969 when she was on U.S. teams that took on West Germany, Great Britain, and the Soviet Union. Against West Germany, Davis Hicks helped the team to a win in the 4x100-meter and she won the 100 and 4x100 against Britain. She ran second leg on the victorious U.S. 4x100 team against the Soviets.

She was a double winner in the 100 and 4x100 in 1970 against Germany and followed up with Pan American Games gold in the 100 and 4x100 in 1971. That year she and her Tennessee State TC set a world record in the 4x110-yard relay with a 44.7 at the AAU Championships in Bakersfield.

After a second-place finish in the 100-meter at the 1972 Olympic Trials in Frederick, Maryland, she represented the U.S. at the Olympic Games Munich 1972, where she narrowly missed out on a medal. The U.S. foursome in the 4x100 ran 43.39 with Davis Hicks on the anchor and missed bronze by .03 behind Cuba.

Davis Hicks won four AAU titles, two in the 100 in 1971 & 1973, and two in the indoor 60-yard in 1972-73. She had a lifetime best of 11.27 in the 100-meter.

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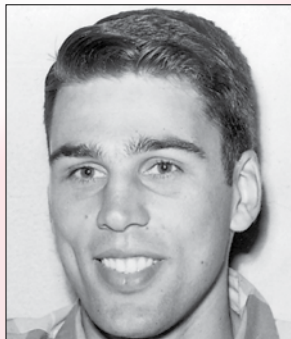


Ralph Lindeman (track and field, coach 2004)

Ralph Lindeman died on Mar. 6, 2022, at the age of 70.

Ralph was a dedicated Christ-follower, a devoted husband, proud father, doting grandfather, and passionate coach. His faith was only matched by his character and desire to serve others. His path in life allowed him to trust more and to fear less. He constantly challenged and inspired those around him to be success driven and goal oriented and will continue to do so through his legacy.

Born in Chicago, he grew up in Arizona and spent the last 33 years in Colorado Springs where he enjoyed fly-fishing, golfing, and exploring great BBQ during his travels. Yet his true love, and where his heart remained focused, was on his family. He is survived by his wife Cindy, son Brian, daughter Jennifer and six grandchildren.



William "Bill" Lienhard (basketball, 1952)

William "Bill" Lienhard died on Feb. 8, 2022, at the age of 92.

Bill was born in Slaton Texas with his twin brother James Albert Lienhard to Leon Victor Lienhard and Ruth Barner Lienhard. His father was with the Santa Fe railroad, and they lived in several different towns before settling in Newton, Kansas. He graduated from Newton High School in 1948 where he had straight A's and his basketball team went undefeated until they lost to Lawrence High School in the state finals. He was the leading scorer in the state and a member of the all-state team. Upon graduation he went to the University of Kansas to play for Phog Allen. He joined the Phi Delta Theta fraternity where he lived for four years. He had an academic scholarship and majored in finance in the business school. He was a member of Schem, the National Honor Society. He started for three years on the KU basketball team. His 1952 basketball team won the national championship in Seattle, Washington, where he was a second team All-American. He competed at the Olympic Games Helsinki 1952 and took

home the gold medal. After graduation he served two years in the Air Force as a training officer and was discharged as a first Lieutenant. Having majored in finance he went to work for the Fourth National Bank in Wichita, Kansas where he became vice president in charge of the correspondent bank department.

In Wichita he met his wife Jeanine Joseph who was homecoming queen at Wichita State University. He married Jeanine Joseph on August 27, 1955, at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Wichita. They lived in Wichita for 10 years before moving to Lawrence, Kansas in 1965 where Bill went to work for what is currently US Bank. He was very active in numerous civic projects throughout his life. To name a few, he was Drive Chairman for the United Way, President of the United Way Board of Directors, President of the Kansas Advocates for Better Care, President of the Kansas Head Injury Association, President of the Lawrence Country Club, President of the Lawrence Kiwanis Club, Treasurer of Independence Inc, Treasurer of the Lawrence Memorial Hospital Endowment Association, and President of the KU Letterman's Club.

In 1990 Bill was senior vice president in charge of the commercial loan department and a member of the bank's board of directors where he remained until he retired when he turned 70.

He was inducted into the Newton High School Basketball Hall of Fame and had the basketball court named after him. He was also inducted into the University

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of Kansas Sports Hall of Fame where his Olympic medal can be seen in Allen Fieldhouse. He is a member of the Kansas Athletics Hall of Fame, where he was described as having the finest one-handed set shot in Kansas basketball history at that time.

Bill accomplished so much in life, but one of the greatest accomplishments was his devotion to his family. He cared for his son, Eric, after a tragic car accident. He brought Eric to church, KU football and basketball games and numerous outings. His three girls greatly admired his devotion to his wife, Jeanine, who was limited to a wheelchair the last ten years of her life. He became her loving caregiver, full time, until 89 years old. He did the grocery shopping, laundry, cooking, and he became proficient at all of them.

Bill is preceded in death by his wife Jeanine Lienhard, son Eric Lienhard and grandchildren Kelsey Kivisto, Kyle Scott, and his twin brother Jim Lienhard (Evelyn). He is survived by daughters Julie Kivisto, Kansas City Missouri; Betsy Scott (Bruce), Hurricane, Utah; Amy Lienhard (Jack Smithback) Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany. He is also survived by his grandchildren Blake & Lissa Kivisto, Jessica (Tim) Joyce, Ryan & Cody Scott, Sebastian & Chelsea Smithback and great-grandchildren Landon and Piper Joyce.



Judson "Jud" Logan (*track and field, 1984, 1988, 1992, 2000*)

Judson "Jud" Logan died on Jan. 3, 2022, at the age of 62.

Jud achieved countless achievements throughout his life. He served 28 years as a track and field coach at Ashland University, including 17 years as head coach, leading the Eagles to three consecutive national championship titles. He was an American record holder in the hammer throw, is the current master's world record holder, and competed at the Olympic Games Los Angeles 1984, Olympic Games Seoul 1988, Olympic Games Barcelona 1992, and Olympic Games Sydney 2000. His greatest achievements though were not those of world records or championships, but how he impacted people and influenced people's lives in such a positive way. He was larger than life and would make you feel like you were the only person in the room. He had the respect and admiration of so many. He believed in finding and then becoming a "Light Giver", mentoring and instilling belief in those around you. Being a Light Giver is the torch of his legacy he would want all to continue passing on.

He is survived by his loving wife, Jill (Stuffel) Logan; his son Nathan and Cheryl Logan and their children Mason, Declan, and Lofton; his daughter Jenna and Winston Ally and their children Peyton, Eloise, and Charlotte; and his daughter Kirsten Logan, who he would tell you any chance he got how proud he was of them. His mother, Gloria Logan and siblings Amy Logan Walther, Jeffrey Logan (Dena), Whitney Logan (Karen), and Andrew "Andy" Logan (Deidre). Countless athletes, friends, family, and benefactors of his light-giving.

He is preceded in death by his father, Richard Logan, and his brother-in-law Carl Walther.



Alex Orban (*fencing, 1972, 1976, 1980*)

Alex Orban died on Dec. 2, 2021, at the age of 82.

Alex was born in Budapest, Hungary. As a teenager he moved to the United States and joined the military.

After his military service, Alex went on to be a five-time national fencing champion

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and competed at the Olympic Games Mexico City 1968, Olympic Games Munich 1972, Olympic Games Montreal 1976. He qualified to compete at the Olympic Games Moscow 1980.

Alex began a 40-year career at Mercedes-Benz of Fairfield after his competition days were done. He was very passionate about his profession and continued working well into retirement age. He was adored by all his colleagues.



Frank "Bill" Reichart (ice hockey, 1964)

Frank "Bill" Reichart died on Nov. 13, 2021, at the age of 85.

Bill was born in Canada, where he grew up playing a variety of sports but excelled at hockey. A junior star in Canada, he played major junior hockey with the Winnipeg Black Hawks and Winnipeg Barons from 1949-53. After coming to the U.S., Bill played for four years at the University of North Dakota. In one game in 1954 against the University of Minnesota, Duluth, Bill scored seven goals, and had nine points. He played for most of the 1960s in minor leagues, including with the

Denver Mavericks, Minneapolis Millers, St. Paul Saints and Rochester Mustangs.

Bill was asked to play in the Olympic Games, and after becoming a U.S. citizen, he joined Team USA in the Olympic Games Innsbruck 1964. After his first game with the team, his teammates selected him as captain.

The Western Collegiate Hockey Association recognized Bill as one of the overall top 50 players in the league. The University of North Dakota also recognized Bill as one of their legends and inducted him into their Hall of Fame. Bill previously lived in Rochester, Minnesota, where he worked for IBM for 30 years. He and his wife, Betty, retired to the Sandhills area in 1992 and made their home at Forest Creek Golf Club for more than 20 years. Bill was an avid and talented golfer and played in the 1994 PGA U.S. Senior Open in Pinehurst.

Bill will be missed by his friends and family, but his quick wit and personality will live on in the many fond stories shared by those who met and loved him.

Bill is survived by his wife, Betty; his three children, Renee Falzone (husband Michael), Wendy Caldwell (husband John) and Ron (wife Tracey); as well as his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Gerald "Click" Schreck (sailing, 1968)

Gerald "Click" Schreck died on Apr. 2, 2022, at the age of 83.

Born into a family of sailors and sailmakers, Click was very well known for his sailing abilities and accomplishments. He produced world class racing sails and still holds the world record in Southern Ocean Racing Circuit (S.O.R.C.). He won the world cup sailing in Denmark and in Cork Kingston, Canada, and winning a gold medal for sailing in the Olympic Games Mexico City 1968. Some would say his biggest accomplishment was his children. Click loved his family and loved to hunt, fish, airboat, travel, and hang out with friends.

Click is survived by his daughters, Linda Schreck, Carla (William) Villar, Paula (Les) Burchfield, Ramona (Harvey) Johnson, and his son Click (Annelie) Schreck Jr. He is also survived by several grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Click is predeceased by his first wife, Judith Ann Kavan. Click will be missed by all.

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Lusia "Lucy" Harris Stewart

(basketball, 1972)

Lusia "Lucy" Harris Stewart died on Jan. 18, 2022, at the age of 66.

Harris played high school basketball before joining the newly established women's team at Delta State University in 1973. She was a standout on a team that won three consecutive national championships. While she was in college, Harris was selected for the U.S. team, which won gold at the Pan American Games Mexico City 1975. The team went to the Olympic Games Montreal 1972, the first-time women's basketball was included in the Games. Harris scored the first-ever points in women's Olympic basketball, and her team won silver.

After Harris' 1977 college graduation, she was selected by the New Orleans Jazz, the first and only woman ever drafted by an NBA team. She declined to try out, as she was pregnant at the time. Harris spent a season playing for the Houston Angels in the Women's Professional Basketball League, and she later worked as a coach and teacher. She was the first Black woman inducted into the Naismith

Basketball Hall of Fame as well as a member of the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame. She was the subject of the 2021 documentary "The Queen of Basketball."



Ralph Warburton *(ice hockey, 1948)*

Ralph Warburton died on Dec. 25, 2021, at the age of 97.

Ralph was one of eight children of the late William R. and Mary C. (Appleton) Warburton. He was raised in Edgewood and graduated in 1941 from LaSalle Academy, where he was an all-state hockey player. After graduating high school, he served in the Navy during World War II.

In 1947, Warburton graduated from Dartmouth College, where he was captain of a powerhouse hockey team. As right wing on the team, he helped Dartmouth achieve a 46-game unbeaten streak. In his last semester at Dartmouth, the team won the Ivy League championship and as Warburton would recount, "we were the unofficial national champions that year as well. We beat Michigan, Colorado, and California and played the University

of Toronto from the Thompson Trophy in Rhode Island Auditorium in Providence for the championship of North America. The game was tied 2-2 but it couldn't be completed because the ice became too soft."

At Dartmouth, Warburton also played varsity baseball, was elected to the Dragon Society and to the Green Key Student Government. He was also a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. After getting his bachelor's degree, he would go on to attend Tuck School of Business. Warburton was captain of the U.S. hockey team at the Olympic Games St. Moritz 1948, one of four Dartmouth players to play on that team. The U.S. team was upset by Switzerland 5-4 in the opening game, but Warburton scored a hat trick in a heroic attempt to win the game -- scoring three goals in the third period. He was the first hockey player from Rhode Island to compete at an Olympic Games. He went on to play professional hockey for the next three years in Milwaukee, where he met his wife of 58 years, the former Rosemary A. Humer who died in 2009.

Warburton turned in his skates for a job in the investment business in Providence. He worked for 25 years at Merrill Lynch and would finish his 47-year career as a vice president at PaineWebber. Warburton kept hockey close to his heart long after he stopped playing the sport. He loved coaching youth hockey at Meehan Auditorium and over the years, refereed many collegiate hockey games.

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He served as president of the National Ice Hockey Officials Association from 1965-67 and was also president of the local chapter. In 1967, he was inducted into the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame.

Warburton was a past president of the Dartmouth Club of Rhode Island, served on the board of trustees of Vocational Resources and was a past member of Ocean Tides. He did investment assignments for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence and served on budget committees for the United Way. He was a member of Point Judith Country Club, former longtime member of the Dunes Club and a member of St. Francis Assisi Church in Wakefield.

Warburton is survived by his daughter, Martha W. Brough, of Exeter, and two grandchildren, Kyle J. Brough and Jacquelyn A. Cavaco and her husband, Matthew and a great grandson, Callan. In addition to his wife, he was predeceased by his son, Paul R. Warburton, and his brothers, William, James and Leo Warburton, and four sisters, Ruth McEntee, Rita Veech, Anna Reynolds and Hope Warburton, a sister of Mercy.



Mary Louise Stephan Wehman
(swimming, 1952)

Marilee Stepan Wehman died on Dec. 15, 2021, at the age of 86.

Marilee was born in Chicago, the first of seven children, to Alfred C. Stepan, Jr. and Mary Louise Quinn Stepan. She was christened "Mary Louise" but always known by her nickname, Marilee. Her mother, and namesake was a U.S. national champion freestyle swimmer and Marilee quickly followed in her footsteps.

At the age of 17, as a junior at Woodlands Academy of the Sacred Heart in Lake Forest, Marilee became the U.S. national champion and recordholder in the 220-yard freestyle. Between her junior and senior year at Woodlands, she swam at the U.S. Olympic trials and earned a place at the Olympic Games Helsinki 1952. In those Games, Marilee was a finalist in the 100-meter freestyle event and won a bronze medal as a member of the 4x100-meter freestyle relay team.

Later in life, when interviewed about her early training as a swimmer, she remarked, "I was a student at Woodlands

Academy. We had no pool, no coach, and no team. So, I trained with the boys at the Lake Shore Club in Chicago." She would later become one of the first women and one of the first Olympic athletes to serve as a board member on the U.S. Olympic Committee.

After the Olympic Games and finishing at Woodlands, Marilee attended Barat College of the Sacred Heart in Lake Forest before marrying Richard Halley Wehman on June 18, 1956. After a few years in Texas, Marilee and Dick moved to Winnetka in 1958 where they lived in the same house for 63 years. They also kept a winter residence in Palm Beach, Florida.

While raising a family of four in Winnetka, Marilee worked as an executive producer at WTTW Channel 11, the area's PBS affiliate, on a show titled "Profile Chicago". She was also involved in launching the annual WTTW auction for which she was honored by the Junior League of Chicago as one of their "People Making a Difference."

Marilee's father, Alfred C. Stepan, Jr., was a founding member of the Lyric Opera Board of Directors and, as she followed her mother's footsteps in swimming, she followed in her father's footsteps as a pioneer of the Lyric Opera Women's Board on which she served for over 50 years. When the current Lyric Opera Director Anthony Freud first joined the company, he was welcomed to Chicago at an event at the Wehman's home where a cast from the Lyric Ryan Opera Center

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performed. Marilee was a keen and close collaborator with the Lyric Opera's director of development, Mary Selander, and was instrumental in bringing her to the company more than 22 years ago.

Marilee also served as a Life Trustee of Lyric Ryan Opera Center for more than 35 years, and was a Trustee of the Ravinia Festival in Highland Park, all positions that might appear incongruous for a woman who was an inductee of the Chicagoland Sports Hall of Fame, but were equally and genuinely embraced by Marilee as perfectly compatible dimensions of a rich, well-lived life.

Marilee further served on the Women's Board at Northwestern University and endowed the Marilee Prize, a scholarship for underprivileged female athletes, at the University of Chicago. But in the category of supporting education, she was most proud of being the Founding Trustee of the Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Pilsen-Little Village Chicago. The 1996 brainchild of Marilee and her childhood friend, Rev. John P. Foley, S.J., (who, after 20 years in Peru was returning to Chicago to open a new chapter in his career and relearn his then forgotten native tongue

of English), the Cristo Rey High School – which integrates four years of rigorous college preparatory academics with four years of professional work experience – now comprises a network of 38 schools across the country serving over 12,300 students of limited academic means.

Interviewed about Cristo Rey in 2009, Marilee gushed, "It is a brilliant concept. The students go to school four days a week, and on the fifth they work in a Chicago business and earn money for their tuition... Many of the young people are the first in their families to graduate from high school. Father Foley and I invited all the college presidents in the area for lunch, one on one, and asked them to give our students scholarships, partial or otherwise. They all said yes. Cristo Rey is the best thing I have accomplished."

In addition to her beloved Richard, Marilee leaves behind four children, Richard, Jr. (Maria) Wehman, Mary Louise (Robert) Kiernan, Karen Kennedy and Alison (Drew) McNally; ten grandchildren, Molly, Richard, III and Lilly Wehman, Marilee Kiernan, M.D. (Jordan Sauer), Erin Kiernan (Jack Walsh), Stratford and Robert Kennedy, Tatum, Margaret, and Wellesley

McNally; three great grandchildren, Cormac and Mary Louise "Quinn" Sauer, and Theodore "Teddy" Walsh; siblings Quinn (the late Snowy) Stepan, Stratford (Judy) Stepan, Charlotte (James) Shea, John (Bonnie) Stepan, the late Alfred (Nancy) Stepan, the late Paul (the late Ann) Stepan; and a speed boat named "Fabo," in honor her most frequently used exclamation, a contraction of the word that expressed her relentless joy for life: "FABULOUS!."



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1. The LA84 Foundation and the Southern California Chapter honored Olympic and Paralympic athletes from Southern California who competed in the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games at the Riviera Country Club. The event brought together civic leaders, athletes, colleagues and friends.

2. Left to right: Patrick Mader (author of two books on Minnesota athletes, mainly Olympians and Paralympians), Dan Chandler (wrestling, 1976, 1980, 1984), Trina Radke (swimming, 1988), Janet Gerhauser Carpenter (holding book; figure skating, 1952), Jan Ertle (track and field alternate, 1984), Val Chelgren Rogosheske, one of first group of eight women to run the Boston Marathon who won the first City of Lakes Marathon- (now Twin Cities Marathon), Tim McIntosh (former Major League Baseball player), Pat Marcy (wrestling, 1976) and Jason Hedstrand (speedskating, 2002).

3. Minnesota Chapter members show the diversity and uniqueness of their commemorative ring bling!

4. Katrina Radke, the president of the Minnesota Chapter, and Janet Gerhauser Carpenter (figure skating, 1952) sign "Minnesota Gold" books.

5. Katrina Radke signing Minnesota Gold books for some special contributors.

6. 1980 United States Olympic rowers Sue Tuttle, Anita DeFrantz and Jan Palchikoff at 40th Reunion.

7. 40th Reunion (delayed a year) of 1980 United States Olympic Rowing Team at Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston.

8. "Minnesota Gold" book honoring the Olympians and Paralympians from Minnesota brought out a lot of support.

9. Katrina Radke giving a presentation to guests explaining how the "Minnesota Gold" book was developed and created.

10. Everyone in this photo fenced on, coached at and/or served as a referee on at least one United States Olympic Team, from 1972 to 2016. Every team within that span is represented by at least one person in this picture. This was taken at a Peter Westbrook Foundation celebration.



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