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A Letter From Richard Fosbury

U.S. Olympians & Paralympians Association President



Dear U.S. Olympians and Paralympians,

Happy New Year! It's been a very good year for the United States Olympians and Paralympians Association. I can't wait for 2020: may it be even better!

Our association has been recognized by the leadership of the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee and the USOPC board has approved giving us two new positions on its board which will raise the percentage of athlete positions. We have been collaborating with the Athletes Advisory Council on how we will select the new USOPC board members, called the "USOPA/AAC" representatives. The recommendation from the Borders Commission Report was to add representation from "10 Year Plus" athletes, who have been retired from competition 10 years or more. This allows for a broader skillset and experience to bring to the board. We are working well with the AAC leadership and I would like to thank Vice President Carol Brown for her efforts to make this collaboration a success.

The holidays and end of the year are always a time of reflection and a time to count our blessings. I'm having a sad day as a very close personal friend of mine, Stephen Crisman, passed away. This is relevant because he was an award-winning documentary film-maker, and directed the film, "Munich '72 and Beyond." He was a true fan of sports and the Olympic Games; we were discussing making a Paralympic Games film next. He had survived cancer three times, but chemotherapy was too difficult this round. He knows I loved him. This lesson is a great one: share a hug, love and respect our family and friends, let them know how you feel as often as you can.

In November, we had the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Hall of Fame, the class of 2019, in Colorado Springs, Colorado, at the Olympic and Paralympic Training Center. I was pleased that the USOPC board and leadership decided to restart the hall of fame again. The same weekend, we held our USOPA Reunion 2019 for all years and all teams at The Broadmoor

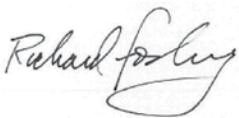
hotel in Colorado Springs. It was a terrific success. The highlight was our visit to the new U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Museum and Hall of Fame currently under construction, to be opened this May or June. Many of us signed our names to structures which will be covered up, but we know we are a part of this beautiful building in Olympic City USA, Colorado Springs. As always it was wonderful to spend time with old friends and make some new ones.

We have new staff in athlete services to support our activities and I want to recognize Cindy Stinger and Christine Taylor for all their efforts and accomplishments over the years. Our executive committee on USOPA, including past presidents Willie Banks and John Naber and vice presidents Charles Altekruise, Allison Baver, Carol Brown, Candace Cable, Anne Cribbs, Carol Lewis and Iris Zimmermann are working hard to serve you. We have added quarterly calls with our chapter presidents to keep open communications and help them with their activities.

Next year, we'll be watching the trials, celebrating Olympic Day and celebrating the Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020. Stay active, stay strong!

Here we go, 2020!

In Olympic Spirit,



Richard Fosbury



Sharrieffa Barksdale, Dick Fosbury and Beth Riccardi enjoy the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Hall of Fame ceremony.

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The U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Museum will be a timeless institution that reflects Team USA pride and helps visitors experience the thrill of the Games. As future generations of champions realize their dreams, the museum will grow and evolve alongside them, providing an ever-fresh experience with each visit. PHOTO BY: Tom Kimmel

UNITED STATES OLYMPIANS & PARALYMPIANS ASSOCIATION REUNION 2019



top: United States Olympic & Paralympic Training Center

By: LAUREL BRASSEY IVERSEN (*Volleyball, 1980, 1988*)

This quadrennial event was held in Olympic City USA, Colorado Springs the weekend of Nov. 1st at The Broadmoor hotel.

Having attended the event four years ago in Las Vegas, I knew this was a great opportunity to catch up with teammates and other Olympians and Paralympians. My 1980 teammates decided early last year that we should make every effort to make it to Colorado Springs.

Our team is tightly connected. We were the first team to go into year-round, full-time training in order to qualify for the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow, and the first residents of the Olympic & Paralympic Training Center (USOPTC) in Colorado Springs when it opened in 1978. It was a bleak place in those early days. Colorado Springs, already by then a center for figure skating, offered use of the former 34-acre air force base for rent at \$1 a year (the whole property was eventually deeded to the USOPC in the 1990s).

There were chain link fences all around the perimeter with barbed wire on the top. We did qualify in April of '79 but due to the boycott, we did not attend the Olympics. We all believe that living and training together and enduring the disappointment of the boycott, molded our characters and made us very close to one another.

The USOPTC is now a beautiful place for athletes training in many sports and employs the latest sports science and sports medicine technology.

As a sister city of Ancient Olympic, Colorado Springs has a lot of ties to the Olympic world. Officially branded Olympic City USA. Not only is it home to the USOPTC Training Center, U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Museum and Hall of Fame, but also the USOPC headquarters and many National Governing Bodies.

The reunion weekend was full of many opportunities



left: Pictured here: Members of the 1980 Women's Olympic Volleyball Team with Misty May Treanor -3X Gold Medalist in Beach Volleyball (Left front in a black dress), her dad Butch May 1968 Volleyball Olympian, Danielle Scott-Arruda - 5 x Volleyball Olympian, and Bobbi Perry 1968 Volleyball Olympian. She was my teammate on my first national team. Bobbi is from Hawai'i.

to connect with fellow athletes. Friday night was the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Hall of Fame induction dinner. Inductees included Lisa Leslie - basketball; Apolo Anton Ohno - speedskating; Tommie Smith and John Carlos - track and field; Nastia Liukin gymnastics; Candace Cable - Para skiing and track and field and our own Misty May Treanor - beach volleyball, and others! The addresses by these men and women, the best of the best of all of us were so heartfelt and inspiring. Surely, they have all had many speaking engagements, but to speak in front of 500 of your peers had to be a bit unnerving! They were excellent. Many of my teammates had photos with their heroes and sheroes!

Saturday, we were guests of the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Museum and Hall of Fame which is currently under construction and slated to open in the spring of 2020. Colorado Springs was successful in procuring the land for the future U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Museum and Hall of Fame. This beautiful museum overlooks America the Beautiful Park with

views of Pikes Peak and the front range.

We were welcomed by the mayor, John Suthers and museum curator, Chris Leidel and invited to sign a steel beam that will be part of the museum structure. I raced to the top of the museum which will house the history of Ancient Olympia and a collection of Olympic torches. Imagine my delight to meet volunteers from Greece! Kalimera Tikanete and Harris Kalofonos were thrilled to meet so many Olympians and Paralympians.

Tours were conducted by Young Champion Ambassadors who are part of a youth leadership program available to all high school students in the region.

2019 Young Champion Ambassador, Atharva Vispute, a local high school student, will represent Colorado Springs, during the Tokyo 2020 Olympic torch relay in Ancient Olympia, Greece, in March 2020. "The Young Champion Ambassador program

comes to life through an online essay competition to select two student representatives per high school to participate in a one-of-a-kind youth leadership curriculum that concludes with an international trip to the origins of the Olympic and Paralympic movement.

YCA participants venture into a journey of personal growth as they master skills such as design thinking, public speaking, networking, branding and more.

Saturday evening was the gala dinner, a fabulous affair hosted by the USOPA Reunion 2019 committee members John Naber – swimming; Willie Banks – track and field and our own USOPA manager, Cindy Stinger – team handball. The entire group of attendees were invited on stage to introduce themselves. In attendance were Olympians from 1953 to 2016 and Paralympians from 1980 to 2012. Sport is a powerful bond and whether an athlete attended these reunion events as an individual or



left: The Olympic & Paralympic Museum

right: The Broadmoor Resort

Participants also learn all about the Olympic and Paralympic movement.” Olympic Education is thriving in Colorado Springs!

I’m very proud of this new building and the great ideas they have for interacting with visitors. I look forward to returning to see the completed museum and all of its exhibits.

Saturday afternoon we had time to be with friends, enjoy the magnificent surroundings of the Broadmoor Resort by its lake. A fascinating Olympic documentary called “The Last Gold” was shown. It’s about the East German doping of female swimmers in 1976. After that: time with teammates.

with teammates, they were able to jump right in and connect with their peers.

After the dinner, my teammates and I found a cozy sitting area in the hotel near a fireplace and talked and laughed into the late hours. You think you have heard all of the stories, but someone has a different take on the same story and its funnier than before. These are cherished moments.

The Sunday morning farewell breakfast included a preview of Tokyo preparations, and an opportunity to select USA apparel made available from previous Games.



top left: "The Last Gold" - Reunion Feature Film

top right: 1980 U.S. Women's Olympic Volleyball Team

middle left: John Naber addressing members of the U.S. Olympians & Paralympians Association

middle right: Flo Hyman Memorial

bottom: USOPTC Sculpture Garden, "Olympic Strength"

Later Sunday afternoon, the 1980 teammates made a visit to the USOPTC to lay flowers at the memorial of our deceased teammate, Flo Hyman. Flo died from a congenital heart defect in 1986 while playing for her club team in Japan. She was a 1980 team member and a 1984 silver medalist.

We capped off the weekend with a barbecue at one of the teammate's home with more stories and plans for the next reunion. I am privileged to be a teammate of these incredible and humble women and an Olympian – never former, never past.





West Point Olympians Honored

By: ELLIOTT DENMAN
(Track and Field, 1956)

WEST POINT, N.Y. – General Douglas MacArthur’s 23 words says it all: “On the fields of friendly strife are sown the seeds that upon other fields, on other days will bear the fruits of victory.”

Inscribed high on the wall above the original foyer entrance to the old United States Military Academy gymnasium, they can be seen by keen-eyed visitors to the historic site at West Point, New York.

For over 90 years, they have succeeded in their designated mission of total inspiration to every cadet who has ever entered that building.

Yes, inspiration urging West Pointers on to success in every one of the sports – varsity and club - that comprise one of the nation’s most inclusive undergraduate athletic programs. Yes, the same inspiration vital to West Point graduate

officers guiding their nation’s military forces in the higher-stakes actions that have followed.

They have played varsity football at The Point since 1891 and gridiron success has always been primary. After several “down” seasons, the three most recent Army teams have gone 11-2, 10-3 and 8-5, respectively, and won the Armed Forces Bowl. Heisman Trophy winners Doc Blanchard (1945), Glenn Davis (1946) and Pete Dawkins (1958) have dotted West Point rosters and they count Dwight David Eisenhower (class of 1915) as one of their illustrious football-trained predecessors.

Inclusiveness and versatility have been key to the West Point success story, and “the long grey line” has stretched out to all cadets, giving them the opportunity to excel in athletic endeavors of their choice.

It is a list that includes virtually all Olympic sports.

History surrounds every inch of the campus – which is a National Historic Landmark, located on the western bank of the Hudson River some 50 miles north of New York City – West Point has never had a proper place to salute the Olympic deeds of its alumni.

Until this summer.

A small corps of Olympic sport devotees – West Point graduates, their families, and Olympic enthusiasts and historians gathered at the campus’s Thayer Hotel on July 19 to take part in ceremonies marking the official dedication of the Thayer Olympic Suite.

The Thayer Hotel – named for Gen. Sylvanus Thayer, the early 19th-century superintendent who helped usher the Academy into the modern era of military education – consists of 151 luxurious guest rooms and 23 executive suites. Room 202 is now officially designated as the Olympic Suite, complete with photo montages, Olympic memorabilia,



Top L-R: This is the plaque that was dedicated to the West Point Olympians and will reside in the Thayer Olympic Suite on the campus of West Point.

West Point Olympians USMA 1898 – 2011

Left: Craig Gilbert, Elexa Diana Wills-Orange and Tom Lough are present for The Olympic Suite dedication, Room 202.

hand was Tom Lough, West Point class of 1964 and 1968 modern pentathlete.

Lough did so much as a cadet, to include competing on the intramural triathlon team. He used this background as a springboard to the Olympic Games Mexico City 1968. His 10-year active duty military role – as he rose to the rank of major – transcended sports.

After being shot down in a Huey helicopter over Vietnam’s infamous Hamburger Hill in 1969, he managed to clear a landing zone for his unit; he earned a Bronze Star and Purple Heart for his heroism. In the years since, Lough has been instrumental in coordinating a number of 1968 Olympic Team reunions which have had resounding success.

At last, his alma mater staged an Olympic reunion of its own and the smile on his



Olympic art of assorted varieties, and five-ringed inspiration of every kind.

The Olympic Suite – a project years in the making – was completed as a cooperative venture involving Thayer Hotel management, the dedicated work of West Point grad, 1984 U.S. team handball Olympian Craig Gilbert; his wife, Gretchen Braunschweiger; the USOPA manager Cindy Stinger, and a small team of dedicated donors.

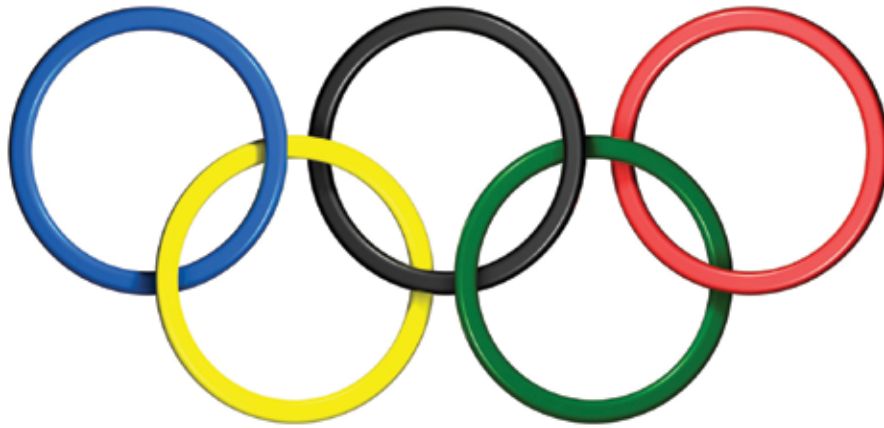
Years of research, design and enterprise went into the project.

“The plan, all along,” said Gilbert, who is the president of the N.Y.-N.J.-CT. Olympians and Paralympians Chapter, “was to make this worldclass, and we hope we did just that.”

For Gilbert and Braunschweiger, it became “a shared family mission.”

USOPA manager Stinger’s message from Colorado Springs reminded the gathering “how fitting it is to have this at West Point.”

One of the proudest of the Olympians on



WEST POINT OLYMPIANS

USMA CLASSES 1898 - 2011
OLYMPIC GAMES 1912 - 2008

- Anita F. Allen (USMA 2000, OLY 2004)
Terry de la Mesa Allen (USMA ex 1911, OLY 1920)
Joseph B. Amlong (USMA 1961, OLY 1964)
Charles H. Anderson (USMA 1938, OLY 1948)
Edwin Y. Argo (USMA ex June 1918, OLY 1932)
C. Stanton Babcock, Jr. (USMA 1925, OLY 1932)
Edward Bagdonas (USMA 1959, OLY 1960)
George H. Bare (USMA 1920, OLY 1924)
Charles J. Barrett, Jr. (USMA 1922, OLY 1928)
John A. Barry (USMA ex 1902, OLY 1920, 1924)
Hale Baugh (USMA 1946, OLY 1948)
Brookner W. Brady (USMA 1926, OLY 1932)
Scott D. Breckinridge (USMA ex 1904, OLY 1912)
Daniel J. Browne (USMA 1997, OLY 2004)
Frank L. Carr (USMA Aug 1917, OLY 1928)
Lawrence V. Castner (USMA 1923, OLY 1924)
Harry D. Chamberlin (USMA 1909, OLY 1920, 1928, 1932)
John Tupper Cole (USMA 1917 Apr, OLY 1932)
Chan F. Coulter (USMA ex 1925, OLY 1924)
Joseph A. Cranston (USMA 1919, OLY 1920)
Edward F. Crowley (USMA 1946, OLY 1948)
Raymond W. Curtis (USMA 1927, OLY 1932, 1936)
Frederick L. Denman (USMA 1951, OLY 1952)
Thomas R. Denny (USMA 1918 Nov, OLY 1920)
Sloan Doak (USMA 1907, OLY 1920, 1924, 1928)
John W. Donaldson (USMA 1944, OLY 1948)
Robert S. Dow (USMA ex 1966, OLY 1972)
Brian A. Farlow (USMA 1987, OLY 1980, 1984)
Andrew A. Frierson (USMA 1924, OLY 1948)
Craig T. Gilbert (USMA 1978, OLY 1984)
Stewart M. Glenister (USMA 2011, OLY 2008)
Ephraim M. Graham (USMA 1903, OLY 1912)
Karl C. Greenwald (USMA 1912, OLY 1920)
John V. Grombach (USMA 1923, OLY 1924)
Richard L. Gruenther (USMA 1946, OLY 1948)
Peter C. Hains III (USMA 1924, OLY 1928)
Ernest N. Harmon (USMA June 1917, OLY 1924)
Arthur R. Harris (USMA 1914, OLY 1920)
Lawrence T. Hart (USMA 1968, OLY 1976)
Gustave M. Heiss (USMA 1931, OLY 1932)
Frank S. Henry (USMA 1933, OLY 1948)
Guy V. Henry, Jr. (USMA 1898, OLY 1912)
Sidney R. Hinds (USMA 1920, OLY 1924)
Francis W. Honeycutt (USMA 1904, OLY 1920)
Dean Hudnutt (USMA 1916, OLY 1936)
Cornelius C. Jadwin (USMA June 1918, OLY 1936)
Harlan W. Johnson (USMA 1951, OLY 1952)
Peter W. Lash, Jr. (USMA 1981, OLY 1984, 1988)
Charles F. Leonard, Jr. (USMA 1935, OLY 1936)
George W. Lermond (USMA 1930, OLY 1924)
Robert Greg Losey (USMA 1972, OLY 1984)
Maurice Thomas Lough (USMA 1964, OLY 1968)
Clayton J. Mansfield (USMA 1928, OLY 1932)
Milo H. Matteson (USMA 1925, OLY 1936)
Richard W. Mayo (USMA 1926, OLY 1928, 1932)
Berkeley T. Merchant (USMA 1905, OLY 1920)
John C. Montgomery (USMA 1903, OLY 1912, 1920)
George B. Moore (USMA 1941, OLY 1948)
Lyle B. Nelson (USMA 1971, OLY 1976, 1980, 1984, 1988)
Aubrey S. Newman (USMA 1925, OLY 1928)
Garland D. O'Quinn, Jr. (USMA 1958, OLY 1960)
Laurence J. Palmer (USMA 1959, OLY 1960)
George S. Patton, Jr. (USMA 1909, OLY 1912)
Frederick R. Pitts (USMA 1920, OLY 1924)
Carl W. A. Raguse (USMA 1924, OLY 1936)
Harold M. Rayner (USMA 1912, OLY 1912, 1920, 1928)
Thomas J. Sands (USMA 1929, OLY 1936)
Stephen I. Scherer (USMA ex 2011, OLY 2008)
Robert W. Sears (USMA 1909, OLY 1920)
Michael B. Silliman (USMA 1966, OLY 1968)
Lorenzo R. Smith III (USMA 2000, OLY 2006)
Alfred D. Starbird (USMA 1933, OLY 1936)
Leroy J. Stewart (USMA 1922, OLY 1932)
Charles A. Symroski (USMA 1935, OLY 1948)
Henry I. Szymanski (USMA 1919, OLY 1920)
Edward W. Taulbee (USMA 1910, OLY 1924)
Earl F. Thomson (USMA 1922, OLY 1932, 1936, 1948)
Michael G. Thornberry (USMA 1994, OLY 1996)
Guy K. Troy (USMA 1946, OLY 1952)
Eugene L. Vidal (USMA Nov 1918, OLY 1920)
Frederick R. Weber (USMA 1930, OLY 1936)
William W. West, Jr. (USMA 1905, OLY 1920)
Alexander M. Weyand (USMA 1916, OLY 1920)
John M. Willems (USMA 1925, OLY 1936)
E. Diana Wills-Orrange (USMA 1990, OLY 1996)
Franklin F. Wing, Jr. (USMA 1930, OLY 1948)
John E. B. Wofford (USMA ex 1953, OLY 1952)
John W. Wofford (USMA 1920, OLY 1932)
Ronald L. Zinn (USMA 1962, OLY 1960, 1964)

face through it all was golden.

It was General MacArthur, West Point class of 1903, who played such an important role in keeping the American Olympic movement on track in the critical period leading up to the 1928 Winter Olympic Games at St. Moritz, Switzerland, and the Summer Olympic Games at Amsterdam, Netherlands.

West Point superintendent from 1919-22, he'd taken leave of the Army in 1927 to assume the reins of the American Olympic Association predecessor of the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) and U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee.

In his superintendent role, he instituted changes that required all cadets to have sports participation. As AOA chief, he led the nation's 1928 teams to a world-leading 24 gold medal performance, complete with seven world and 17 Olympic records.

As MacArthur later wrote to President Calvin Coolidge, "nothing has been more characteristic of the American people than their genius for athletics."

With many thanks to Gilbert, Braunschweiger and famed Olympic historian Bill Mallon, the records of West Point's Olympians and their performances are complete.

Among their findings:

(a) A total of 89 West Point students have been Olympians; (b) 28 have competed in equestrian, 23 in modern pentathlon, one in basketball, biathlon, bobsled, gymnastics and rowing; (c) the class of 1925 alone produced five Olympians; (d) equestrian Earl "Tommy" Thomson, with five Olympic medals, in the 1932, 1936 and 1948 Olympic Games, is the most successful West Point Olympian; (e) 12 West Pointers have qualified for more than one Olympic Games, led by four-time (1976 '80,

(2004, modern pentathlon).

Wills-Orrange, competed in the triple jump at the Atlanta Olympic Games, and was happy to be there for the dedication. "Good to be remembered for what we did," she said.

The question often asked is this: Who was the most famous West Point Olympian of all time?

The answer: Then-lieutenant (later general) George S. Patton, fifth-place finisher in the 1912 modern pentathlon. "And, ironically, shooting was his weakest event - even though he disputed the results - possibly costing him a medal," said Mallon.

The Olympic Suite dedication occasion wasn't all gold medals and glory at the Olympic Games.

A somber reminder of every West Pointer's solemn mission was driven home in an earlier afternoon tour: 13 Olympians are interred in the West Point cemetery (alphabetically George Bare (1924 modern pentathlon) to Ronald Zinn (1960, '64 track and field's 20-kilometer racewalk).

They are joined in their final resting places by: Major General George Armstrong Custer, Lieutenant Colonel Ed White, the West Point track team hurdler who was the first American to walk in space; General George Goethals, builder of the Panama Canal; football coach Earl "Red" Blaik, football/track star Glenn Davis and many more.



Olympic memorabilia sits under glass in the suite for all to admire and reflect.

With many salutes to MacArthur, the U.S. Olympic movement has been on very firm ground ever since.

'84, '88) biathlete Lyle B. Nelson; (f) there have been two female West Point Olympians – Elexa Diana Wills-Orrange (1996, track and field) and Anita F. Allen

UPDATES FROM THE LA84 FOUNDATION

The LA84 Foundation hosted its Eighth Annual Youth Sports Summit titled “Play Equity: Elevating the Game for Our Kids.” The summit focused on the critical, positive role that sports and organized physical activity play in youth development, the need for greater public understanding and support, and the inequities that prevent all children from enjoying the benefits of sports. (pictures 1-3 are from the 2019 LA84 Foundation Summit)



1. LA84 President Renata Simril and soccer great Olympic gold medalist Mia Hamm met with the South Los Angeles Legends, an all African American girls’ youth soccer team who won the 12U AYSO national games championship in early July 2019.



3. Adrian Gonzalez, former Dodger and three-time All Star, Golden Glove winner and co-founder of the Adrian and Betsy Gonzalez Foundation spoke on the importance of service through sport, “It is important to invest in the future of youth because they are the next generation of leaders...with our help they can do something powerful.” Some of the members in attendance included Olympians John Naber, John Moffet and Cliff Meidl.



a.



b.



2. Rudy Garcia-Tolson, four-time Paralympic medalist spoke at the 2019 LA84 Foundation Summit in a session titled “Negativity is the Biggest Disability”: “There are kids in high school, elementary school even, who are being told they can’t. With this group, with everyone in this room, we need to say, ‘Yes, we can.’”



4. Rafer Johnson – LA84 Foundation celebrated the 35th anniversary of the moment that started a movement, the lighting of the torch at the 1984 Olympics by the great Rafer Johnson. Friends and

Olympians gathered at the exhibit “Rafer Johnson. His Life. His Impact.” curated in collaboration with Rafer and the entire Johnson family, on display through December 2019.

5. Thuzio and LA84 Foundation Lisa Leslie Event - a. four-time Olympic gold medal winner Lisa Leslie and LA84 Foundation President Renata Simril at the Thuzio and LA84 Foundation event, b. A group of excited professionals enjoyed a selfie with Lisa Leslie, c. Lisa Leslie addressed the group in the LA84 Foundation Olympians Lounge, encouraging girls to play sports and play hard.



Olympians: OLY House is on for Tokyo 2020



World Olympians Association is delighted to announce we will be delivering our flagship hospitality house – OLY House – during Tokyo 2020. OLY House will be located in the Nations Village right by the new Tokyo fish market and will be open throughout the Games for all Olympians.

OLY House will be right in the heart of Tokyo's thriving Odaiba district and close to the Olympic Village and many Olympic venues. It will serve as an exclusive oasis for Olympians of all ages, nations, and sports and will be your home away from home: the ideal place for you to meet fellow Olympians, relax, take part in activities and watch the Games.

Situated across the water from the Olympic Village and with great views of the Tokyo skyline – OLY House will offer the opportunity to immerse yourself in the local community and enjoy truly authentic local experiences.

WOA president, Joël Bouzou OLY, said: "We are delighted to announce

the launch of OLY House. OLY House will be an event and hospitality space exclusively for Olympians at Tokyo 2020 and will be the centrepiece of our wider Games-time program. We look forward to working on a wonderful program of events and experiences, and welcoming Olympians from all over the world to OLY House".

Haruka Tachimoto OLY, said: "As an Olympian from Tokyo, I am excited to welcome other Olympians of all different generations to my home Games, to connect with and share experiences under one roof. It doesn't matter what age you are, where you are from or what sport you competed in, we are all united as Olympians, and OLY House will provide the ideal space for us to come together."

If you're planning to go to Tokyo, make sure to register at: olympians.org/tokyo-2020

We are looking forward to creating unforgettable memories together!



6. Golf for All Initiative – The Golf for All Initiative, presented by the Rivera Country Club in partnership with the LA84 Foundation and the Los Angeles Sports and Entertainment Commission, is a nine-year initiative leading up to the 2028 Olympic Games, where Olympic golfers will compete on the world's stage at Rivera Country Club. In partnership with Southern California PGA Junior Golf and the YMCA of Greater Long Beach, over 40 kids new to the game of golf gathered at El Dorado Park Golf Course for the kickoff event.



TEAM USA THRIVING AND INVESTING IN THE ACE COMMUNITY

Here at ACE, our goal is to empower Team USA and provide them the tools and resources to achieve their goals in life. Individually, that journey manifests differently in all ways except one: community. Many athletes may know ACE for awarding \$525,000 in tuition grants, hosting the Pivot Program for retiring athletes, coaches to help Team USA find and secure jobs, a tool for tax preparation and advising, or even the program that annoyingly ends up in your inbox every month with new and sometimes interesting opportunities. What most don't know, is at the heart of ACE, is a community of athletes, employers, mentors, and so much more that inspires confidence, self-discovery and personal growth.

Though ACE wants to humbly brag about our programs and why every athlete should join our community the moment they begin their Team USA journey; we will let our customers speak for themselves.

"I am party to a cohort of people who share with me similarly daunting transitions, a cohort that gives me the

confidence to proceed – for none of us are doing it alone."

"This program has created a network of people that will always have a special place in my heart, and I know will always have my back."

"It was an incredible time of learning, networking, self-discovery, and personal growth, and I am so grateful to have had the experience."

"I felt I could truly be myself with everyone, which led to real connections and a transformation in myself and my professional goals."

As you reflect on 2019 and determine your 2020 goals, don't forget to tap into your unique Team USA community and leverage ACE to help you achieve your goals.

For more inspiration and reasons to join the ACE community, keep reading and visit TeamUSA.org/ACE.

ATHLETES LEVERAGING ACE



TYLER WALKER
2006, 2010, 2014, 2018 Paralympian, Alpine Skiing

This December, Tyler Walker graduated from General Assembly's full-time Software Engineering Immersive Program, a three-month, in-person, 500-hour program in full-stack software engineering using the latest fonts and programming languages. Walker unknowingly began his ACE journey receiving annual complimentary tax preparation services; however, he really embraced and leaned in to this new ACE community on the ground in South Korea as he began navigating his life beyond sport. With the guidance of ACE coaches and USOPC sponsor, Adecco, Walker furthered his education and received scholarships to GreenFig and General Assembly and gained some tools to navigate life beyond sport at the ACE Summit and Pivot Workshop.



PATRICIA CISNEROS PREVO
2000, 2004, 2008 Paralympian,
Wheelchair Basketball

Patty Cisneros Prevo, an elementary teacher and author turned assistant director of inclusion and engagement, pivoted her career by leveraging the ACE Mentor Network and connecting with an ACE career coach. Her ACE coach helped her navigate, prepare and negotiate her new salary at the University of Wisconsin—Whitewater.



JAIME KOMER
2008 Olympian, Water Polo

Jaime Komer, conscious jewelry business owner of Happy Vibes, coach and speaker, began her ACE journey as a tuition grant recipient. In over a two-year span her ACE community and opportunity - Business Startup Workshop, Entrepreneurship Networking, speaker training and one-on-one coaching - has helped her expand her business. Today, she still leverages her ACE community managing entrepreneurship while also giving back to Pivot Program cohorts with Happy Vibes bracelets.



LAURYN WILLIAMS
2004, 2008, 2012, 2014 Olympian,
Track and Field, Bobsled

Financial planner and Worth Winning business owner, Lauryn Williams taps into the ACE community by investing in it. She serves as an athlete mentor and go-to financial adviser to dozens of Team USA and ACE athletes. Additionally, she leverages her USOPC ACE community as she navigates expanding her business and speaking engagement opportunities.



SEAN BOYLE
2016 Paralympian, 7-a-side soccer

A products and innovation associate analyst for Mastercard, Sean Boyle connected with ACE this summer at the Parapan American Games in Lima,

Peru. With a goal of entering a career in financial inclusion, he worked one-on-one with several career coaches and tapped into an additional member of the ACE community, Disability:IN, to prepare for and ultimately secure his new role.





USOPC ARCHIVES & ARCHIVIST NEWS

TERESA HEDGPETH, USOPC ARCHIVIST & HISTORICAL STEWARD

We reserve this time of year for reflecting upon the archive's accomplishments. We are taking a longer look back this year and noting our achievements from mid-2012 to present. As many of you know, the archives began in the basement of the USA Shooting building at the Colorado Springs Olympic & Paralympic Training Center. In August 2014, we moved from that basement to our newly created state-of-the-art archives in our headquarters building. Over the years, we have grown rapidly, extended our services to include historic exhibits and loans of our artifacts and gave hundreds of tours of the archives to our stakeholders. Now, let's take a moment to reflect on how this happened.

The only means that we receive memorabilia is through donations and those donations have increased significantly since 2012. Up to mid-2012, the archives received approximately 100 donations from athletes and the public. When I came on board in mid-2012, we began tracking each donation and since then, we have had over 450 donations.

These donations range from one item to hundreds of items; depending upon the type of artifact donated or the donor. One donation in 2014 consisted of primarily Olympic Games Atlanta 1996 pins from Norm and Jackie Drews, two volunteers who met at the Games and later married. Today, we continue to process this collection due to the enormous number of pins collected and donated. Thus far, we have catalogued 342 artifacts in this collection with 295 of those collector's pins. We estimate we have at least another 150-200 pins yet to catalogued from their collection.

Another type of donation that usually has multiple artifacts are uniforms. The main source of our uniforms come from our alumni athletes. During the recent alumni reunion, we received three full suitcases consisting mostly of uniforms from Jack Mathias and Andy Toro. Due to the size of these donations, it will take some time to process completely. When a donation contains fewer items, such as Kim Pollock's donation of his Paralympic Games Tel

Aviv 1968 memorabilia, which included his wheelchair basketball jersey, we can process the entire collection more quickly.

The wonderful amount of donations received translates directly into a phenomenal rate of growth of the archives. Most archives grow 3-4% per year; however, our collections have tripled in size. There were 3,762 three-dimensional artifacts in our collection when I completed the first inventory in 2012. At the end of 2019, we have over 11,500 artifacts in our collection. This does not include donations yet to be processed and added to the archives. This unprecedented growth is due to the entire Team USA family and one way this occurs is through repeat donors. It is gratifying when our alumni athletes continue to support the archives throughout the years with multiple donations. Tina Noyes was one of the first. Her first donation of memorabilia came in 2013, with others following in 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2019. These range from her uniforms to the history



Olympic Games Atlanta 1996 baseball pin. Norm and Jackie Drews Collection



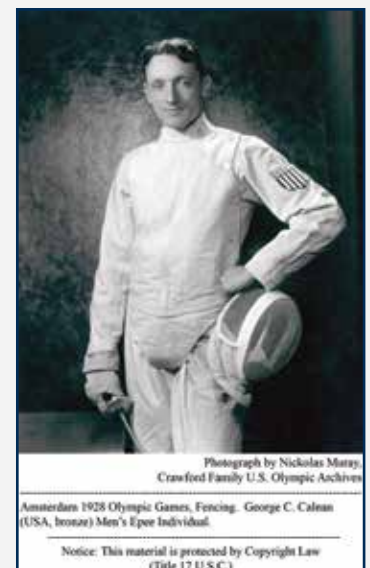
Letter to the Philadelphia Chapter of Olympic Athletes inviting them to the annual meeting of the group, on Jan. 16, 1948



A bound copy of the history of the USOPA donated by figure skating Olympian and historian, Tina Noyes



Tel Aviv 1968 U.S. Paralympic wheelchair basketball jersey. Kim Pollock Collection



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Amsterdam 1928 Olympic Games, Fencing, George C. Calnan (USA, bronze) Men's Epee Individual.
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of the U.S. Olympians & Paralympians Association founded in 1946 compiled by Alice Lord Landon, Hilary and Paul Smart, Dorothy Franey Langkop and Noyes herself.

One of the accomplishments I am most proud of concerning our archives is the number of images digitized in the last 7 years. We have digitized over 24,500 historic photographs in our photograph collection, with tens of thousands yet to be touched. Prior to my arrival, departments went to the library and selected images they wished to use. Many of these were never returned to the collection. One of the first services I instituted was to provide digital images for requested photographs. This preserves the original image in an easily accessible digital format that can be sent to multiple requestors without risking damage due to repeatedly pulling the original image. Currently, we are in the midst of a major project to digitize all of the official headshots of all our Olympic and Paralympic athletes for use in the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Museum.

Finally, I have enjoyed seeing the archives mature and flourish these last seven years. Not only has the archives grown tremendously; we also launched our first virtual exhibit of Olympic medals this past fall with the second exhibit of Olympic torches appearing early next year. Furthermore, we continue to support the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Museum by providing images as well as artifacts for their upcoming exhibits.

I have truly enjoyed getting to know our athletes and am always excited when you entrust us to safeguard your history. I want to take this opportunity to list all athletes who have donated throughout the years. Each athlete listed has given to the archives; either once or multiple times. Thank you all; you are the reason we have grown and will continue to grow in the years to come.

The Crawford Family
U.S. Olympic &
Paralympic Archives by
the numbers

Donations - number of
collections donated, not
artifacts

Prior to 2012: 99

2012-2019: 455

Artifacts in the collection
2013: 3762

2019: 1,544 – archives
tripled in size

Olympian and
Paralympian donations
from 2012-2019

This list represents
those athletes, or their
families, who donated to
the archives. Many have
donated multiple times; if
so, only the first donation
year is listed.

2013

Tina Noyes
John Naber
Michael Phelps

2014

Janet Stone
Susan Beth Scott
Josh Pauls
Ernie Cunliffe
Greta Neimanas
Jon Lujan

2015

Cindy Stinger
Derek Parra
Ryan Boyle
Hannah Kearney
Greg Louganis

Chris Coleman
Dartanyon Crocket
Carissa Gump
Al Oerter
Leslie Klein
Erin Popovich
Steve Fraser
Steve Lopez

2016

Greg Morava
Cheryl Kalanoc
Kim Rhode
Craig Gilbert
Jeremy Abbott
Jack Elder
Michelle Dusserre-Farrell
Rachel Flatt
Robert Sapp
Janet Gerhauser
Carpenter
John Stillings
Charles Rutherford
Gene Kotlarek
Joe Arcese
Phil Reilly
Tharon Drake
Connor Fields
Jan Svendsen
Carol Brown

2017

John Register
Caspar Oimoen
Jack Elder
John Orozco
Dragomir Cioroslan
Paul Chelimo
Leonard Korir
Steven Holcomb
Greg Billington

2018

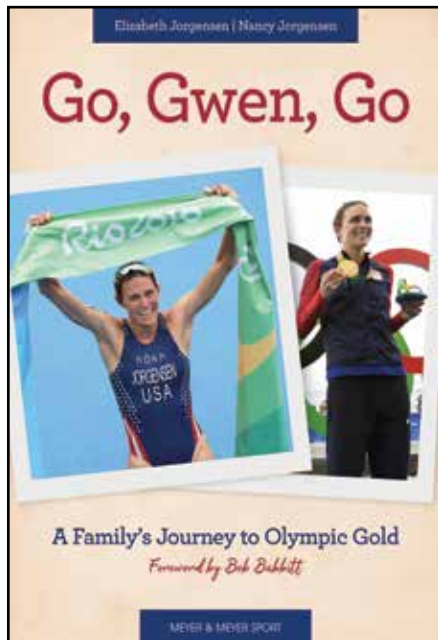
Franklin Farrel, III
Suzy Jones Roy
Kathy Thomas Young

Steve Serio
Jared Arambula
George Hague
Jim Henry
Rita Lienhard
Raymond Martin
Terry Auda-Frederick
Alfred Jones
Jane Ward
Madeline Manning Mims
Tom Lough

2019

Randy Dean
Robert Dean
Ollan Cassell
Tony Azevedo
Patty Caretto Brown
Lou Sara Clark-
McWilliams
Lones Wigger
Dottie Morkis
Peggy Fleming
Rich Feltes
Becca Meyers
Lia Coryell
Kim Pollock
Stephen Emt
John Everett
Dean Willeford
Carolyn Pingatore
Holmes
Sarah Will
Bob Szyman
Diana Gee
Kathy McMillan
Kim Clarke
Bill Smoke
Marjorie Gestring
Andy Toro
Sammy Lee
Saul and Christa Welger
Jack Mathias

BOOK REVIEW



“GO, GWEN, GO: A FAMILY’S JOURNEY TO OLYMPIC GOLD”

By: NANCY JORGENSEN AND ELIZABETH JORGENSEN

CPG News and Information, the book publishing marketing arm of Cardinal Publishers Group and Meyer and Meyer Sport, one of the world’s largest sports book publishers based in Germany, has announced their latest book “Go, Gwen, Go: A Family’s Journey to Olympic Gold” is an inspiring story about Olympian Gwen Jorgensen and her family and which is narrated in alternating voices by mother Nancy and sister Elizabeth. This memoir introduces readers to a young woman of modest athletic achievements who uses desire

and discipline to attain the ultimate in sport — the Olympic gold. Readers will enter the secret world of Olympic training, professional coaching, international travel, sponsor funding, anti-doping requirements, athlete nutrition and sports physiotherapy. This book will take them inside the personal life of a professional athlete, complete with family crises and holiday celebrations. In this inspiring story, Gwen Jorgensen and her family grow together, from average to Olympian.

The book can be ordered wherever books are sold — so please check your local bookstores and also check for local listings for author signings and appearances of the authors in 2019 and 2020.

About the Authors:

Elizabeth Jorgensen is a Wisconsin high school English teacher published in *Azalea* (Harvard University), *The Wisconsin English Journal* and *The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. Named Carroll University’s Graduate of the Last Decade, she presents at conferences including National Council of Teachers of English, Wisconsin State Reading Association, and National Consortium for Teaching about Asia. When she’s not teaching or writing, she can be

found working out, watching Bravo with her dog, or playing violin.

Nancy Jorgensen has co-written two choral education books, “Things They Never Taught You In Choral Methods” and “From The Trenches: Real Insights From Real Choral Educators.” She recently retired after 35 years teaching choral music in Wisconsin and now writes, pursues collaborative piano opportunities, and spends time with daughters Elizabeth and Gwen and grandson Stanley. Her writing appears or is forthcoming in *Prime Number Magazine*, *Smith Magazine*, *Cagibi*, and *Coffin Bell*.

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Learn More About the Sport Situational Prevention Approach

The Center is currently offering a free athlete safety program: the Sport Situational

Prevention Approach. This program works directly with individual sports teams to create tailored approaches that improve athlete safety in sustainable ways.

The SSPA helps organizations understand and address their own unique safety risks when they are small and manageable and before they result in athlete harm.

The SSPA was designed with busy teams and clubs in mind! For more information on how clubs can get involved with SSPA, contact the Center’s SSPA Program Coordinator (Erin.McConnell@safesport.org).

Facts and Figures

See the latest reporting and training numbers from the Center at uscenterforsafesport.org/about/news.

New Training and Tools for Adult Athletes

The Center has a new training course geared towards adult athletes. The Adult Athlete Training modules include conversations on consent, peer-to-peer interactions, power imbalances and more. Go to www.athletesafety.org to get started.



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ALUMNI IN MEMORIAM



Arthur "Art" G. Bragg

(track and field, 1952)

Arthur G. Bragg Sr. died on Aug. 25, 2018 at the age 87.

Arthur G. Bragg Sr. was born in Baltimore, Maryland, on Dec. 3, 1930. His parents were Clara M. Coates-Bragg and Arthur Milton Bragg. The family household also included his paternal grandparents Reverend George F. Bragg Jr. and Nellie Hill-Bragg. His grandfather was an Episcopal priest at St. James Episcopal Church in Baltimore, Maryland, for over 40 years, 1891 to 1940.

Art graduated from Frederick Douglass High School in 1950, and matriculated to Morgan State College, (now Morgan State University) both located in Baltimore. According to his Douglass High School yearbook, he was one of the best athletes.

While at Morgan State, 1950-1955, Art had an outstanding and distinguished track career. Art was rated one of the top-10 athletes in the world in 1950. In 1954 he was recommended for the Sullivan Award, given to the top amateur athlete in the country. Art won 29 indoor championships and was undefeated during the entire 1953 indoor season. He won national Amateur Athletic Union; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; and National Collegiate Athletic Association and Olympic trial races on the outdoor circuit. Art also won the 100-yard dash at the Penn Relays. Art competed in the Olympic Games Helsinki 1952 and was honored by the President of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower. His sportsmanship was recognized, appreciated and duly honored by President Eisenhower.

Art was inducted into the Morgan State Athletic Hall of Fame in 1974 and the Maryland State Athletic Hall of Fame in 1975.

As a world-class athlete, Art had the opportunity to both experience and learn about other cultures while traveling to international events. He competed in Europe (England, Scotland, Ireland and Finland), South America (the first Pan American Team in Argentina) and New Zealand.

As fate would have it, Art became injured during one of the preliminary Olympic heats. Running with a pulled muscle, he finished "a miserable last" in his race. Art was once considered the favorite for the title having won the U.S. Olympic Trials.

Despite this devastating and unfortunate episode, Art lived and attained an "American dream" that few can fulfill; that of being selected for the United States Olympic team and being considered a strong contender for an Olympic gold medal.

After completing studies at Morgan State University and experiencing life in international settings, Art realized that there were opportunities to be lived outside Baltimore, Maryland. Art was strongly encouraged by his cousins, Frances' and Esther, to pursue opportunities in Los Angeles, California. Frances and Esther's brother, Dr. Roy Johnson a successful Los Angeles dentist was also in favor of Art's relocation to Los Angeles.

As fate would have it, Art met and married a Baltimore native, Marie Handy, in November 1970, and they were blessed with a son, Arthur G. Bragg Jr.

Art retired from the Los Angeles County Probation Department after over 35 years of service. In 1975, Art was awarded a Valor Award by the probation department for "courage above and beyond the call of duty" Art and a fellow deputy probation officer saved the life of one of their peers from a fatal knife attack by a criminal offender, who was under the supervision of the probation department.

Art was an avid connoisseur of news and current events and National Public Radio and was a devoted follower of sports. He enjoyed watching sporting events and was an aficionado of jazz.

He had several other diverse interests that

included real estate and racehorses.

After his Olympic career, Art enjoyed being physically fit. He was dedicated to living a healthy lifestyle, was a faithful walker and he enjoyed square dancing as a form of exercise. Travel was a source of pleasure too as well as his friendships with several athletes and many other deep bonded relationships that dated back to elementary, high school, college and his family's church relationships at St. James Episcopal Church. These relationships brought Christmas cards every year from many states across the U.S. As the "Home Chef," Art enjoyed demonstrating his culinary skills.

Art was blessed with an incredible and amazing encyclopedic memory. He was able to reference the year and state the facts, which will be missed.

Art leaves many cherished memories for his loved ones, his wife, Marie Handy Bragg and son, Arthur Bragg, Jr.; relatives and a host of loyal friends by whom he will be forever loved and missed.



Joseph "Joey" Brinson

(Paralympic fencing, 2012, 2016)

Joseph "Joey" Brinson died on Oct. 4, 2019 at the age of 43.

Joey was born in Florence, Miss. where he lived all his life. He was a 1994 graduate of Florence High School where he played football. That same year, at the age of 17, he was involved in an auto accident leaving him paralyzed. He stayed active after his accident, playing sled hockey and snow skiing in Colorado followed by wheelchair fencing. He traveled the world competing at the Paralympic Games London 2012 and Rio 2016. He visited the White House following London 2012. In his own words, "I wouldn't change anything, look what all I've

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been able to see and do.” Joey never met a stranger and he loved to fish and shoot guns.

Joey is preceded in death by his father, Joseph C. Brinson; grandfathers, Pleaz Tucker and Joseph A. Brinson; and his grandmother, Betty Therrell Brinson. He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Betty and James Clanto; sister, Rebecca Brinson; nephew, Vintrell Gailliard; step siblings, Daniel (Miles) Clanton and Shandi Butler; grandmother, Louise Tucker; step grandmother, Lo Eva Clanton; a number of aunts, uncles and a host of friends worldwide.



Deborah “Debbie” Thompson Brown

(track and field, 1964)

Deborah “Debbie” Thompson Brown died on Nov. 17, 2019 at the age of 72.

Debbie, daughter of the late Ethel and Leroy Thompson Sr. ran her final race and crossed the finish line on Nov. 17, 2019. For 54 years, she was the loving wife of Charles Brown.

Debbie began her track and field career at the age of 11 when her natural speed was brought to the attention of Coach Jack Griffin, and thus began her journey into the record books. Despite not having a girl’s track program at Frederick High School, Debbie continued to excel, setting a world record in the 50-yard dash during her freshman year at FHS and continuing on to win numerous local and international medals at all levels of competition during her FHS career.

In 1961, Debbie, Tammy Davis, Alfreda Bowie, and Marlene Snowden were named the national junior Olympic relay champions. They ran the 220-yard relay in 26 seconds

and broke the old record, set in 1947 by two seconds.

Debbie’s training and dedication were ultimately rewarded when she made history, earning a spot on the 1964 U.S. Olympic Team in Tokyo, Japan. She competed in the 200-meter and finished fifth. She was a member of the 220-yard relay team that set a world record. Debbie was also the first black woman from Maryland to compete in the Olympic Games, which occurred a few months after President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act in 1964.

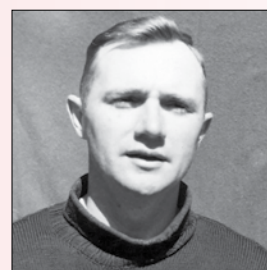
In April 1965, the Frederick Track and Field Club set five Mexico City Stadium records in a weekend meet. Debbie was named the outstanding U.S. women’s athlete. She sprinted to records in the 100- and 200-meter dashes and anchored the winning 400-meter relay team. Her time in the 100 was 11.5 seconds and in the 200, 24.2 seconds. The relay team of Davis, Phyllis Swann, Kay Johnson and Debbie won the 400-meter event in 47.3 seconds, a stadium record. Winning five of the events plus picking up points in all but one event gave the Frederick team a total of 79 points and the women’s championship. In July 1965, after graduating from FHS, Debbie set a record for the U.S. girls with a 10.7 second effort in the 100-yard dash held in Columbus, Ohio.

She was inducted into the Alvin G. Quinn Sports Hall of Fame in 1979 and, in 1990, was the first black woman from Frederick inducted into the Maryland State Athletic Hall of Fame. Debbie continued to be active in the track and field community. She coached the Frederick Striders Track Club, which she founded in 1989. Her coaching and mentorship were an inspiration to all her athletes, leading her recognition as a five-time AAU Coach of the Year award winner.

Debbie was also a member of the African American Resource and Cultural Heritage non-profit organization. She and her teammates were featured in a March 2011 newsletter denoting all their accomplishments in track and field. The newsletter notes that the group traveled all over the U.S. and to different parts of the

world to run in different meets. They vied for national titles in both the girls and woman’s divisions.

Left to cherish her memory are her devoted husband, Charles Brown; two loving daughters, Lisa Brown Lucas (Chris) and Nicole Brown; two granddaughters, Tierra and Alexis; four great grand-children, Kahleel, Ezra, Solomon, and Sa’Mone; brother, Leroy Thompson Jr.; godson, Lewis “Jay” Weedon; nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of other relatives and friends. She will also be remembered by her dedicated friend/sister, Phyllis Weedon, and two loyal sisters-in-law, Theresa Brown and Jennifer Thompson. She was preceded in death by her brother, Charles Robert Thompson.



Maj. Gen. Jonathan “Jack” Burton

(equestrian, 1948, 1956)

Jonathan “Jack” Burton died on May 29, 2019 at the age of 99.

Jack, always a horse lover, was born in 1919 and began his equestrian career galloping racehorses as a young boy. He enrolled in the ROTC Horse Cavalry Division while at Michigan State University and upon graduation headed to Fort Riley, Kansas, headquarters of the U.S. Cavalry School. Enrolled as a second lieutenant in the Ninth Basic Horsemanship Class, he studied weapons administration, riding, shoeing, veterinary procedures, conditioning, marching, planning maneuvers, pathfinding, night compass courses and stable management. When the U.S. entered World War II, Burton and his regiment were shipped to Australia to prepare to fight as infantry under General MacArthur and from there he was shipped to New Guinea.

At the close of the war, Jack headed back to

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Fort Riley to teach advanced horsemanship. For the Olympic Games London 1948 he was selected for both the show jumping and three-day eventing teams, then ultimately competed on the show jumping team. Eight years later at the Olympic Games Stockholm 1956 he rode for the U.S. Olympic Equestrian Team on the three-day eventing team. In 1953, Jack helped organize the first continuous horse trials in the U.S. along with Margaret Lindsley Warden and William Haggard. He also had the honor of writing the first rulebook for combined training.

General Burton served two and a half years in Vietnam with the 1st Cavalry Division as a brigade commander and as an assistant division commander. His decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, Legion of Merit (1st Oak Leaf Cluster), Distinguished Flying Cross (2nd OLC), Air Medal (V Device & 54 OLC), Purple Heart, and Army Commendation Ribbon.

After 33 years in the U.S. Army, Jack retired as a major general, last as commander of the 3rd Armored Division in 1975. Jack served as executive vice president for the U.S. equestrian team for 10 years and as president of the U.S. Combined Training Association (United States Eventing Association) from 1985-1987. He was inducted into the USEA Hall of Fame and the U.S. Dressage Federation Hall of Fame. He was also a member of the group that established the North American Young Rider Championships in the 1980s. He worked as a Federation Equestrian International judge, technical delegate, and steward until the age of 92.

A lifetime commitment not only to eventing but to other equestrian disciplines as well, has resulted in a sport that is strong and viable and substantially better because of Jack's guardianship.

Jack is predeceased by his wife, Joan. He is survived by his son, Jonathan "Jock" Rowell Burton, Jr. (Pace), and daughter Judith "Judy" Lewis (Don).



William "Harrison" Dillard

(track and field, 1948, 1952)

William "Harrison" Dillard died on Nov. 15, 2019 at the age of 96.

Harrison was born on July 8, 1923 in Cleveland, Ohio, to Terah and William Dillard.

Harrison was inspired to take up athletics by Jesse Owens, another Cleveland-born track star. Harrison is a four-time track and field gold medalist in sprinting and hurdling events. He is the only male runner in history to win Olympic gold in both the 100-meter dash and the 110-meter high hurdles.

Between June 1947 and June 1948 Harrison, then 25, laid claim to be the world's outstanding competitor in track and field events with an unprecedented streak of 82 consecutive victories in sprints, low hurdles and high hurdles. Though light of build – hence his nickname "Bones", he had sublime technique and ferocious pace, especially off the mark, and his record would stand until the 1980s.

In the 1948 U.S. Olympic Trials in Evanston, Illinois, he finished third in the 100-meter dash final and made the Olympic team. But the next day, in the 110-meter hurdles trials, his foot hit four of the first seven hurdles, and his rhythm was destroyed. He stopped running before the eighth hurdle.

"I was supposed to be a shoo-in," he said, "but I learned that day that nothing's ever a sure thing. It was the worst race I ever ran. It was the only time in my life that I didn't finish a race."

In the final of the 100-meter dash at the Olympic Games London 1948 he was expected to finish no higher than fifth. Instead, he won, leading his college coach,

Eddie Finnegan, to say: "Fate is strange and wonderful. I'm going out to find a church somewhere."

In the Olympic Games Helsinki 1952, he won the 110-meter high hurdles. He also won gold in the 400-meter relay in both 1948 and 1952, and his total of four gold medals equaled the four won in 1936 by Jesse Owens, his hometown hero.

When Harrison was 13, he and other neighborhood children watched a parade honoring Owens for his Olympic triumphs.

As Harrison told it: "Jesse looked down from an open car and said, 'Hi, boys.' I ran home. I said, 'Mama, Mama, I just saw Jesse Owens, and I'm going to be just like him.' She said, 'Of course you are, son.' She didn't take it seriously then, but later, when she saw how much it meant to me, she went out and cleaned other people's houses and did their laundry and cooked for them so she could buy a little more food to build me up."

Five years after Owens had graduated from East Technical High School in Cleveland, Harrison enrolled there. That year, Owens gave him a new pair of running shoes. When Harrison failed to make the high school team as a sprinter, Owens urged him to become a hurdler.

After high school came 32 months in the army during World War II. When the war had ended, he ran in an army track meet and won four events. Gen. George S. Patton Jr., a fascinated spectator, called him "the best goddamn athlete I've ever seen."

Harrison proudly served as a sharpshooter for the famed Buffalo Soldiers, the all-black U.S. Army 92nd Division that fought in Italy during World War II. He enjoyed gardening, crossword puzzles, watching sports and listening to jazz. Harrison was a member of the Friends of Jazz Club, City of Cleveland Boxing and Wrestling Commission and the Cleveland Sports Commission. He was also on the board of directors for the American Lung Association and the Cedar Avenue YMCA.

Harrison received the 1955 Sullivan Award as America's outstanding amateur athlete. He was elected to the National Track and Field

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Hall of Fame in 1974 and became a charter member of the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Hall of Fame in 1983.

He retired in 1993 after working 26 years for the Cleveland Board of Education, mostly as business director. He was a track adviser and spokesman for Mobil, which sponsored the United States outdoor and indoor championships, and once served as a spring training coach for the Yankees and the Cleveland Indians, teaching baseball players how to run.

Harrison enjoyed being a role model.

"I have always felt that you present yourself in public as one to be respected and remembered," he said, "someone people can say about, 'Here is a human being, a great guy.'"

Harrison was a devoted husband to his late wife Joy Dillard, a beloved father of Terri Dillard, Warren Anthony Minor and Greg Morton and a cherished grandfather of Izmailia Sougoufara, Said Dillard and Nailah Dillard. His memory will be cherished all over the world.



Patricia Anne "Patty" Elsener
(diving, 1948)

Patricia Anne "Patty" Elsener died on Sept. 29, 2019 at the age of 89.

Elsener won the silver medal on platform in the Olympic Games London 1948, also winning the bronze medal on the 3-meter board. She is an honoree at the International Swimming Hall of Fame.

In the summer of 1947, after graduation from high school, Elsener went to Santa Barbara, California, to train with hall of fame coach Fred Cady. During the week she lived in a rented room over a garage. But from

September to almost February of 1948, she became very ill, moved back home and hardly did any diving.

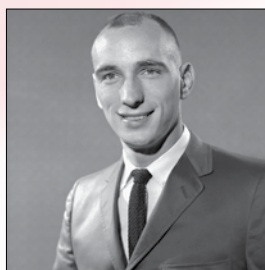
It was coach Jimmy Hughes who helped her rebuild her diving. He introduced her to platform diving which was difficult for her because she had acrophobia, a fear of heights. It was very difficult for Patty to climb the 33 feet of stairs. She had to learn tower diving in a very short time. Not having the proper build-up, she kept hitting her left wrist into her head on entries causing a lump on her head and a badly damaged wrist. Consequently, the U.S. Olympic Trials in Detroit, Michigan, of 1948 were tough for Patty. Although she dove with a bandaged wrist, she made the U.S. Olympic Team in the two events.

At the Games in London, Fred Cady didn't want Patty to further injure her wrist, so he banned any platform practice until after the 3-meter springboard was over. On the springboard, she won the bronze medal, narrowly defeated by Vicki Draves and Zoe Ann Olson, creating an American sweep.

After receiving the bronze medal, Cady asked if she wanted to drop out of the tower event. Her answer, an emphatic "no." She was not going to give up a spot on the team that someone else could have had. She felt it was her duty and obligation to dive. She dove to a silver medal for the 10-meter platform just behind Draves and ahead of Birte Christofferse of Denmark.

She went on to dive on a scholarship at Purdue.

Elsener, who married Earl Homan, was a mother of three as well as a grandmother and great-grandmother to four.



Harold "Blaine" Lindgren
(track and field, 1964)

Harold "Blaine" Lindgren died on Oct. 5, 2019 at the age of 80.

Lindgren was Utah's second Olympian. He began playing sports to honor his twin brother who was killed when they were nine. Lindgren attended Cyprus High School where he was an all-state football player and undefeated in the high and low hurdles with four state titles.

After graduating in 1957, Lindgren attended the University of Utah where he joined the Phi Delta Theta fraternity and earned All-American honors before graduating in 1962. Following college, Lindgren continued competing for the United States as a 110-meter-high hurdler before winning the gold medal at the Pan American Games in 1963 with a new record. After placing third in the Olympic trials, at age 25 Lindgren competed in the Olympic Games Tokyo 1964 where he won the silver medal in a photo finish.

After retiring from the banking industry, Lindgren resided in Salem, Utah. He remained a member or board member of local and national sports committees and organizations throughout his life, including the Utah Sports Hall of Fame Foundation. With a passion for sport, Lindgren refereed high school and college football for over 35 years and influenced thousands of young athletes during his career.

Lindgren received many accolades and was inducted into several halls of fame including those at Cyprus High School, West Valley City (1990), Utah Summer Games (1991), U of U Crimson Club (1986), Utah Sports Hall of Fame (1972) and the National High School Hall of Fame (2006). In December of 1999, Sports Illustrated listed him as being #10 in the 50 Greatest Sports Figures from Utah.

Lindgren is survived by his wife Maiva, Five children: Daris (Kim), Lex (Marrena), Maquel (Mike) Houlihan, Kaice (Eric) Jeffs, Kimberly Dobson, eight grandchildren, seven step grandchildren and two step great-grandchildren.

ALUMNI IN MEMORIAM (continued)



Jarred Rome

(track and field, 2004, 2012)

Jarred Rome died on Sept. 21, 2019 at the age of 42.

He graduated from Marysville Pilchuck High School in 1995. He excelled in athletics, track and field and won a scholarship to Boise State University, home of his beloved blue turf. Jarred went All-American six times in the discus and shotput at Boise State and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in business administration in 2000 and an MBA in 2003.

Rome went on to become a U.S. Olympian. He competed for Team USA at the Olympic Games Athens 2004 and the Olympic Games London 2012. A four-time world championship team member (2005, 2007, 2009, 2011), he won a silver medal in the 2011 Pan American Games.

As a coach and mentor, he impacted the lives of countless athletes in the sport of track and field. Most recently Rome was the assistant track and field coach at Boston University after his five-year stint as the associate head coach at Concordia University in Portland, Oregon. He coached numerous all-time record holders, all-Americans and national champions while also mentoring post-collegiate and Olympic hopeful athletes as the founder of Ironwood Track Club.

Rome was the director of the largest track and field camp in the nation, Iron Wood Thrower Development Camp, and was constantly helping others by giving back to the sport he truly loved. He was recently inducted into the Snohomish County Athletic Hall of Fame and is also a member of the Boise State Athletic Hall of Fame.

Those fortunate enough to have met Rome knew how his infectious laugh lit up every

room he ever entered and will never forget his numerous “Jarredisms.” He had a fantastic memory and often brought those around him to hysterical laughter by dramatic recitals of entire scenes from his favorite movies. He loved the Seattle Seahawks and University of Washington and was a true super fan. Rome loved adventure and traveled the world as an athlete and lover of life. From the mountains of the Pacific Northwest, to the lakes of New Hampshire, Rome could always be found trying great food and trying new IPAs exclaiming that everything was “the best I ever had.”

Rome’s love for life lives on through his wife, Pamela Spuehler; mother, Jane Blackwell; father, Daniel Rome; sisters, Monica Rome and Marisa Jury; two brother-like cousins, and numerous aunts, uncles and friends.



George Long Jr.

(Olympic photographer)

George Long Jr. died on September 12, 2019 at the age of 96.

You may remember getting your Olympic and Paralympic headshot taken while going through team processing. Yes, that was George of Long Photography behind the camera. Capturing an all-important memory of your Games experience. May he rest in peace.

When he was 17, Long joined the Navy to fight in World War II and, at the start of his 60-year career as a photographer, captured images of the 1944 invasion of Normandy on D-Day from the bomber’s seat in a B-26. After his years in the service as a Photographer’s Mate Third Class, he returned to civilian life to work as a news, sports and commercial photographer. Through his lens he photographed world-class athletes, movie and television stars, and world leaders, including eight U.S. presidents. His impressive list of clients

included Sports Illustrated, The Motion Picture Academy, the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee, and the Tournament of Roses. Although he was constantly in the company of the egos and eccentricities of his subjects, he remained modest, unassuming, and genuine, as anyone who knew him will attest.

On May 9, 1947, Long married Marjorie Carper, the love of his life, in Hartville, Ohio. They eventually made a home in Downey, California, where they raised their four children. Long loved his family vacations, and exposed his children to camping, fishing, boating, skiing and tennis.

After 40 years of Southern California living, he and Carper moved to Tahoe Donner. An active and devoted member of the Truckee community, Long was a faithful parishioner of the Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian church, and volunteered his time feeding the needy through Project MANA.

George Long’s remarkable photographs remind us of some of the most powerful influences in the 20th century. The stories he told of his experiences behind the lens reflected the character of a remarkable man who loved his job, and his family even more, and always said, “I had the best life.” Towards the end of his life, Long wrote a book chronicling his experiences as a photographer titled, “My Best Shot: 60 Years of History Through the Lens of George Long,” which was well illustrated with his photographs. The book was privately published and distributed to friends, colleagues and family members.

Long is predeceased by his wife Marjorie, sons Steve and Bob, and daughter Joan Kelly. He is survived by son Tim (Lynn), grandchildren Tommy Kelly (Sydney), Kyle Kelly, Scott Kelly, Anbrit Cook (John), and George Long IV. He leaves behind six great-grandchildren.

ALUMNI IN MEMORIAM (continued)



Findley "Fin" Meislahn

(rowing coach, 1980)

Findley "Fin" Meislahn died on March 13, 2019 at the age of 77.

Meislahn started rowing as a freshman at Princeton University and by his senior year he was captain and stroke. After graduation, he rowed in the U.S. Olympic Trials.

By the time he graduated from college, Meislahn knew he wanted to be a rowing coach. He served in several coaching positions where he produced devoted rowers and effortlessly generated friends and admirers at every stop. He was a friend—not a wily mentor—to his athletes, but at the same time he was an extremely knowledgeable and intense coach and teacher.

After serving as the freshman rowing coach at Rutgers University, he coached the Princeton lightweight varsity for four years. It was initially controversial for a former heavyweight to coach lightweights in what then was a bitterly divided Princeton boathouse, but Meislahn soon won over the lightweights by demonstrating his respect for them and his dedication to their success. He made an enormous contribution to Princeton rowing that has endured to this day: he insisted on a unified, cooperative and collaborative boathouse for all the crews.

Meislahn served as the heavyweight freshman coach at Cornell University for five years and was then named the Cornell heavyweight varsity coach in 1976. He went on to coach three Intercollegiate Rowing Association heavyweight varsity champions. He also served as a coach in 1976 at the Olympic trials and was a coach of the 1980 Olympic squad, which was the year that the U.S. withdrew from the Olympic Games. While coaching on the water in the fall

of 1988 at Cornell University Meislahn suffered a massive stroke that would end his official career as a coach. The lessons of perseverance and courage he learned as a rower brought back his speech and some mobility through enduring months of rehabilitation, but he permanently lost the use of most of his right side.

For a few years after his stroke, he was able to travel with the Cornell team and serve as a guest coach at practices, and he never lost his eye for the rowing stroke. The eastern rowing coaches elected him as their president after his stroke.

Despite his undeserved physical struggles, he was brave, strong and positive, and he never felt sorry for himself.

The Princeton crews he coached, who became his close friends for 50 years, were fortunate to have had the opportunity to thank him at a gala dinner in his honor at the boathouse in 2016. In typical fashion, he remarked that it was a rare opportunity to hear all those good things about a person while he was alive.

In addition to his wife, Nancy, Meislahn is survived by a brother Harry P. Meislahn of Virginia and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a sister, Marjorie M. Prentke.



Louie Ákos Nady

(sailing, 1972)

Louie Ákos Nady died on July 29, 2019 at the age of 77.

Nady had an interesting and full life. He was born in Hungary and near the end of WWII, at the age of 4, he and his family fled Hungary. His father, who had been in the Hungarian Parliament and spoke six languages worked as a translator in displaced persons camps in

Austria. The family waited six years for a new country to accept them. In 1951, when he was 9 years old, Louie and his family arrived in San Francisco as stateless refugees and settled in the Mission District.

Nady attended St. James School and St. Ignatius College Preparatory in San Francisco, California. He attended UC Berkeley where he earned a Bachelor of Science in chemistry in 1963, then a Master of Science in 1965 and a doctorate in 1969 in Chemical Engineering. While studying at Berkeley he took sailing as a physical education course, thus igniting his lifelong passion in the sport. While in graduate school he participated in the 1967 Pre-Olympics in Acapulco where a photo of him racing was put on the cover of Yachting magazine. The following year he became a U.S. citizen. In 1972 he was named the alternate on the U.S. Olympic yachting team for the Olympic Games Munich 1972.

Nady started his 32-year professional career with Stauffer Chemical Company in Richmond, California. For much of his career his responsibilities were process technology for North America. He retired in 2002 from Syngenta where his last position was global chemical development strategist. His professional career was as accomplished as his passion for sailing.

Nady raced Finns, an Olympic class sailboat, internationally for more than 50 years. He participated in his last international regatta at age 69. When he died, he still spoke three of the six languages he had learned, raced his Finn 3 days a week, and followed both politics and world affairs passionately. Always active in mind and body!

Many have commented that Nady was a mentor, a teacher, a friend and a great sailor. He was all those things, but most of all he was loved by his family and will be missed.

He leaves behind his wife of 43 years Kären, son András, three grandchildren, sister Elizabeth, brother John and six nieces and nephews.

ALUMNI IN MEMORIAM

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Theodore John "Ted" Vogel

(track and field, 1948)

Theodore John "Ted" Vogel died on Sept. 27, 2019 at the age of 94.

Vogel grew up in Watertown, Massachusetts, and graduated Tufts College; during his life, he lived in Franklin, New Hampshire, Binghamton, New York, Mamaroneck, New York, Kingston, New Hampshire and Dover, New Hampshire.

He served in the U.S. Navy on the USS Straub in the North Pacific during WWII, Vogel and his second wife Jean enjoyed attending annual reunions with his shipmates and their families.

Vogel was the U.S. National Championship winner in the men's 10,000-meter run in 1945. He ran for Tufts and the Boston AA. He placed third and second in the Boston Marathon in 1947 and 1948 respectively and first in the 1947 Yonkers AAU Marathon. In 1947 he was ranked third in the world at 22 years old. He was the first American to finish the marathon at the Olympic Games London 1948, placing 14th. He was the Master's Mile winner in the over-40 age group in the 1960s at Boston Gardens.

Vogel had a full career in sales with Hallmark Cards and later as the manager of the Hallmark Gallery on 5th Avenue in NYC. In retirement, he opened his own store with his first wife Ruth and his son Art in the Fox Run Mall "Vogel's Hallmark Shop" in Newington, New Hampshire.

Vogel completed the "Susquehanna River to Chesapeake Bay Challenge" established by John F. Kennedy in the 1950s swimming laps at the Binghamton, New York YMCA.

He was an avid outdoor sportsman and

traveler, loved running, biking, hiking, cross-country skiing and hiking. He ran and biked into his 80s. He loved reading, theater, opera and the ballet. He loved life.

Vogel's activities included leading bicycle tours of New England, volunteering at the Wentworth Douglas Hospital in Dover, New Hampshire and serving on the Farmwood Village Association Board.

He was a member of the Rotary Club and Lions Club at different times. He and Jean were loyal fans of the University of New Hampshire girls' basketball team in Durham, New Hampshire. He was actively involved in the Roman Catholic, Methodist and Congregational Churches during his lifetime, returning to his Catholic faith in his later years.

Ted Vogel known as Ted, Dad, Papa, Papa Ted, and Uncle Ted was beloved by his family and all those who knew him. He will be missed and remembered always.

Vogel is predeceased by his first wife of 45 years, Ruth Ann Leman Vogel, sister, Jane Vogel Smith and brother, Oscar Vogel. He is survived by his wife, Jean A. Pottle Vogel; brother Joe Vogel; son Arthur Vogel and his wife Kathy and daughter Sally Jean and her husband, Richard MacDonald. He is the grandfather of: Amy MacDonald, Richard MacDonald, John Bonaldi, James Vogel, Mark Vogel and Joseph Vogel, and great-grandfather of Abby Buck, Ted Buck, Hugo MacDonald, Sulas MacDonald and Wystan MacDonald.

Vogel's wife Jean of 23 years, extended his family to include four sons: Billy Pottle, Michael Pottle, Charles Pottle, and Mark Pottle, now deceased, plus their spouses, children, grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



1. John Naber, served as the host of the TEAMS '19 Conference & Expo, Nov. 12, 2019, in Anaheim, California, by announcing a dynamic array of Olympic and Paralympic talent at their convention.

2. Olympians, Paralympians and hopefuls were introduced at the TEAMS '19 event on Nov.12 and all were recognized and honored on stage.

3. In recognition of United States Olympian, Elliott Denman (track and field, 1956), Olympians gather to honor his 85th birthday and the Shore AC's 85th Anniversary. This celebration was held on Sunday, Nov. 24, 2019 at McLoone's Pier House in Long Branch, New Jersey.

From L to R: Ron Laird, Norm Tate, Aliann Pompey, Fred Samara, Marcia Jones-Smoke, Barbara Friedrich Parcinski, Elliott Denman, Augie Wolf, Joetta Clark-Diggs, Milton Goode, Ajee Wilson, Curt Clausen, and Renaldo Nehemiah. *Photo credit: Wayne Baker*

4. The picture was taken at US Rowing Convention at session led by Anita De Frantz on the early days of women's rowing.

Back left – Ann Jonik, Carol Brown, Karen Mc Closkey Keehn, Lisa Hansen Stone, Laura Staines, Sue Morgan Hooten
Front left – Marie Jonik, Diane Braceland Vreugdenhil Anita De Frantz, Pam Behrens Golding, Joanne Wright Iverson, Manager

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5. Herbert P. Douglas Jr. an Olympic bronze medalist from the Olympic Games London 1948 in the long jump has received the 2019 Louis Zamperini Lifetime Achievement Award. With this lifetime award the USOPA honors his achievements and character, his perseverance and work ethic, both on and off the track. "The award arrived and I find words inadequate to express my sincere thanks but want to thank the USOPA from the bottom of "my heart," Douglas said. "This award will be displayed in the Douglas home for generations. Please thank the committee who bestowed this tremendous honor to me."



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6. The USOPA Northern California Chapter recently participated in United Airlines Fantasy Flight to the North Pole for families and kids dealing with serious medical issues

(L-R) Michael P. Voudouris (Greece, skeleton), Charles Altekruise (U.S., rowing), Anne Cribbs (U.S., swimming), Starr Hurley (U.S., skiing), Melinda Franklin (United Airlines SFO), Julian Munoz (Costa Rica, skiing)



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7. Olympian, Andras Istvan Toro (canoe/kayak, 1960-Hungary, 1964, 1972, 1976-United States) presents to the Matthew Maury Elementary in Virginia, where an Olympic Day activity was scheduled. Toro was the guest speaker and brought picture posters of his Olympic experience. It was very well received by all, students, parents, volunteers and staff.



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