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A Letter From Gary Hall, Sr.

U.S. Olympians Association President



In 2006, at the very first USOA Officer's meeting I attended as a newly elected VP, I sat at the table with fellow Officers wondering how we could help grow our Chapters. How could we build the USOA into a stronger organization? A suggestion from Anne Cribbs, Dick Fosbury and me was that if we were to adopt a good cause, one that all Olympians (and Paralympians) could get behind, it could help unite us as an organization.

On that day, the Officers unanimously agreed that trying to promote exercise, sport and a healthy lifestyle, in an attempt to help reverse the trend of childhood obesity in America, was the right cause for us to get behind. After all, who would be better to promote exercise for children than an Olympian or Paralympian? That day, we set in motion an effort that has resulted in the World Fit Walk, the school-based fitness initiative that the USOA founded.

After two years of initial planning and strategy, the first World Fit Walk began in Miami in 2009 with students from two Middle schools logging in 120,000 miles in the six-week program. Since 2009, World Fit has grown with many volunteers to reach 81 schools and nearly 33,000 students this year. At the completion of the World Fit Walk on May 31, those students logged in nearly 2 million miles, making a commitment with the inspiration of their school's Olympian to live a healthier life. Those miles bring the total to over 7 million walking miles that we Olympians have inspired since 2009.

After seven years, we are just getting started. Over 300 Olympians, Paralympians and National Team members of our Olympic sports programs have registered as athletes on the World Fit website and have offered to speak to students at a participating World Fit Elementary or Middle School. Thank you all for your support of this important mission. Many of you are waiting patiently for us to get you a school. More athletes are registering every month. We promise to be in your state soon.

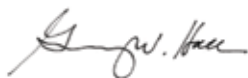
We are currently developing a strategic plan with key partnerships that will enable World Fit to grow faster, more effectively and reach many more children. I sincerely hope that someday we will have a

school for all of us. My heart goes out to all of the Olympians, Paralympians and National Team members that have already given their time, their passion and their influence to the World Fit students. Together, united as one team, we Olympians and Paralympians can do more to help reverse this childhood obesity trend than anyone else can.

Finally, I hope most of you volunteered to participate in an Olympic Day event. Olympic Day (officially June 23) commemorates the founding of the Modern Olympic games and is a wonderful opportunity for us to teach the Olympic values to America's youth and to encourage their participation in our Olympic sports programs. Thanks go to Keith Bryant, Adam Adrasko and the entire Olympic Day Team at the USOC, along with the Multi sport organizations that are hosting most of these events across America.

Whether it is Olympic Day or the World Fit Walk or the many other programs that Olympians and Paralympians contribute to, we can all be proud of our organization for caring and for volunteering to help make America a better place.

Sincerely,



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*Cover image: Navy Lt. and U.S. Paralympian Bradley Snyder, with assistance from U.S. Olympian Missy Franklin and Prince Harry, holds the torch after lighting the cauldron to signify the official start of the Warrior Games Opening Ceremony.
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Army, Marine Corps and Air Force athletes celebrate their wins atop the medals podium during the swimming competition.

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A GOLD MEDAL FOR COLORADO SPRINGS AND THE 2013 WARRIOR GAMES!



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The Marines were the winners in the medal tally and total points during the fourth Warrior Games in Colorado Springs, but the real winners were the 260 wounded, ill or damaged service men and women who competed in the United States Olympic Committee's marvelous competition.

And so was the city of Colorado Springs, America's Olympic City, once again.

Our city is well known for its big heart and passion for the Armed Services, but what took place at the U.S. Olympic Training Center and the United States Air Force Academy showed the world that the city cares not only about those who have served and sacrificed their lives for America, but as well those who have

sacrificed limbs, sight and worse and who have at long last, come home.

News media from around the world covered the events and the stories of these wounded warrior athletes, their supportive families, and the intense and inspirational competition among these young men and women, who have found, through sport, their own inspiration, courage and the ability to set aside their terrible losses and move on with their lives.

More than 400 media, including the major U.S. television networks, a load of press and television from Great Britain, and scores of military media spread the pictures and stories across the world. This massive media horde and its

significant needs were handled in world-class fashion by Beth Bourgeois, the Associate Director of Public Relations for the USOC and her team from U.S. Paralympics, who went the distance and exhausted themselves on behalf of the athletes.

Marine camaraderie and spirit, including a refusal to accept defeat or one's own limitations, physical or mental, carried them to victory, said Col. Willard Buhl, commanding officer of the Wounded Warrior Regiment for active duty Marines in recovery.

"That's how we live every day and that's how these athletes trained and how they came together as a family, as a unit. They performed like Marines. We think we are

the best in the world, and we are!” Buhl told the newspaper in San Diego in a phone interview after the ceremony, his voice ebullient with pride.

The Opening Ceremony at the Olympic Training Center, attended by Britain’s Prince Harry, was a moving and memorable tribute to the special pride and spirit that are the foundation of the Warrior Games, and the torch lighting was as moving as any at the Olympic or Paralympic Games.

The cauldron was lit by Prince Harry, U.S. Olympic Swimming Star Missy Franklin of Denver and Navy Lieutenant Brad Snyder, who was blinded by an explosion of an improvised explosive device in Afghanistan in 2011.

“I was humbled by the opportunity to still be a part of something very near and dear to my heart,” he said. “The Warrior Games have already had an impact on so many lives, and I am truly honored to represent the U.S. Navy in broadening the event.”

While serving in Afghanistan in 2011, Snyder lost his vision when an improvised explosive device detonated. He competed in the 2012 Warrior Games. Later that year, he went on to qualify in swimming for the London 2012 Paralympic Games, where he won two gold medals and one silver medal. Snyder won the men’s 400-meter freestyle on the one-year anniversary of his injury.



Colorado Springs Mayor Bach at the Opening Ceremony for the 2013 Warrior Games presented by Deloitte. Photo credit: ©Ford McClave 2013/Courtesy U.S. Paralympics

Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Navy Adm. James A. Winnefeld Jr. spoke during the event’s opening ceremonies and his words moved the hundreds who attended.

“You warriors are here because of your willingness to overcome great challenges, the challenges of illness and injury, both seen and unseen, coupled with the challenges that any superior athlete must overcome in achieving greatness,” he said.

Charlie Huebner, chief of Paralympics for the U.S. Olympic Committee congratulated all of the 2013 Warrior Games competitors during the closing ceremony and said, “While we celebrate medals, this competition is really an example of how sport can change lives. We hope these service members and veterans don’t stop here. The goal is for

them to return home and get involved in sport programs in their communities.”

“For some of these guys, maybe two years ago they were lying in a hospital bed, told they would never walk again or never be active and in a wheelchair the rest of their life and never do anything,” says Army Sgt. J.R. Salzman, who competed on the winning team in the 4x100 race this year. “And now they’re swimming laps in a pool or they’re on a cycle barreling down hills at forty miles-per-hour.”

I think it sort of reaffirms where we all come from. We all have different stories,” says Sgt. Salzman. “You are surrounded by your own in that people know the sacrifice you’ve given and know where you’ve come from and what you’ve had to go through to get here,” he said to MSNBC.



A Marine Corps wheelchair racer competes in the track & field competition at the U.S. Air Force Academy. Photo credit: ©Ford McClave 2013/Courtesy U.S. Paralympics

Colorado Springs did itself proud again this time, having hosted the event since its inception in 2010, but this time, the crowds were bigger at the venues and the athletes saw it.

On the first day of competition the bleachers at the Olympic Training Center were filled for the opening wheelchair basketball games and sitting volleyball matches. And the big crowd waved banners, towels and signs like it was the Final Four.

This was the case everywhere as the fans turned out to cheer on these special athletes, who have found new lives, goals and purpose through adaptive sports.

The hundreds of family members who journeyed to Colorado Springs to see their sons and daughters compete were also big winners.

Imagine watching your son and daughter, who sacrificed who knows what in terms of their future, take to the pool, shoot hoops in a wheelchair, or run on the track at the Air Force Academy. The Warrior Games might have given these families a new sense of purpose and opened doors for them in the future where there seemed to be none before.

Many of the athletes who competed in the Warrior Games will return to their communities and lead other wounded warriors into adaptive sports programs, and many of those will be the athletes we will watch in future Warrior Games, hopefully again in Colorado Springs.

Adaptive sports and reconditioning are linked to a variety of benefits for wounded, ill, and injured service

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members across all branches of the military. Benefits include less stress, reduced dependency on pain and depression medication, fewer secondary medical conditions, higher achievement in education and employment, and increased independence, self-confidence, and mobility.

Congratulations and thanks are due to Deloitte, the presenting sponsor, as well as others that supported the six-day event, including the Department of Defense, Department of Veterans Affairs, USO, Fisher House Foundation, AT&T, BP, Budweiser and the Semper Fi Fund. But we owe a special tribute to the USOC for its willingness to bring these Games to the city that has welcomed them into its midst since 1977.

If anyone doubts the value of the USOC calling Colorado Springs its hometown, and the efforts made to keep them here for the future, the Warrior Games are a prime example of what it brings us all in return.

It was six days that will be unforgettable for the athletes, their families, the hundreds of passionate and dedicated volunteers who turned out in waves to help, the families of the athletes, and the people of our city who turned out to cheer the competitions with joy and pride.

Colorado Springs, you did yourself proud!



The Army and Marine Corps teams face off in sitting volleyball competition during the 2013 Warrior Games presented by Deloitte.

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USOC ARCHIVES

Newly Donated Items Added To The Collection

We are in the midst of our initial/preliminary inventory of USOC artifacts – this was necessary to verify the items listed in the old database exist, make sure they are in the correct boxes or can be located on loan or in displays as well as determine any holes we have in our collection that we can focus on in the future. The inventory is over 75% complete of 3782 initial items listed. This has taken eight months; however, we are positive that this inventory can be completed by the end of the year.

As we inventory items, we also add newly donated items to the collection. Over 250 new items have been processed into our collection in the last six months with more added daily. The processing includes preserving the artifacts using archival safe materials in addition to photographing, describing and measuring each item as we input it into the artifact management software. Thus far, only 22% of the collection has been processed in this manner. This includes initial database entries that contained some inaccuracies and incomplete information as well as all new items added to the USOC archives. (Total items listed in database = 4041; Total items processed = 907).

The value of the USOC Archives is increasing as we conduct research on our collection and process items.

Thus far, only 9% of our collection has an approximate value. We will hire an appraiser to come in once the inventory is completed. (Current approximate value of the collection-not sure if actual numbers should be included- is \$630,711.33)

Some of the iconic items we have in our collection include a XII Olympiad Tokyo 1940 Olympics Japanese Athletic Federation Badge. This is a rare and valuable pin from an Olympiad that was canceled due to World War II. The pin includes a lavender rosette ribbon behind the enameled image of a snow-covered Mount Fuji behind Olympic rings.

Gearing up for the Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia, other items from our collection include a complete set of gold, silver and bronze medals for Lake Placid 1932 Winter Olympics. Minted by Robbins Co. from Attleboro, MA, these medals are unique with their scalloped edge. The third Winter Olympics were held in Lake Placid, NY, a town of fewer than 4,000 people. Faced with major obstacles raising money in the midst of a depression, the president of the organizing committee, Dr. Godfrey Dewey, donated land owned by his family to be used for construction of a bobsleigh run.



1940 Olympic Games
Japanese Athletic
Federation Badge

Complete set of gold,
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Olympic Winter
Games





THE TURTLE, THE CHEETAH AND THE OLYMPIANS

“Wow, have you tried the Ready, Set, Gold! program? It helps you stay healthy and fit. I say that the best was meeting David Brinton, a champion of cycling. Another thing is the running. Before I was a running turtle, and now I’m a running cheetah!”
 - Calabash Elementary 5th Grade Student

With testimonials like this it is easy to note the difference our program has made on the lives of the students we have reached throughout the Los Angeles Unified School

District (LAUSD). As the school year comes to an end, we’d like to reflect on all of the amazing accomplishments *Ready, Set, Gold!* (RSG!) has reached this year. More important than our achievements as a program are the achievements our participating schools and students made individually during the 2012-2013 school year. Although we use the California-mandated Fitnessgram test as a benchmark for our program’s success, the 15,000 students we have impacted will have much



A group shot of a few of our Olympians from our end of the year celebration.

OLYMPIANS

- Adam Duvendek
- Althea Moses
- Amanda Freed
- Annett Davis
- Barbara Edmonson
- Becky Kim
- Cathy Marino
- Chris Duplanty
- Chris Soule
- Chuck Nelson
- Craig Lincoln
- David Brinton
- David Kimes
- Donna Mayhew
- Dwight Stones
- Gideon Massie
- Henry Tillman
- Jeanette Bolden
- Jeff Williams
- Jenny Johnson
- Jordan
- John Naber
- John Siciliano
- Johnny Gray
- Katy Sullivan
- Kelly Rickon
- Mitchell
- Kym Begel
- Lashinda Demus
- Mark Crear
- Meghan Avrett
- Michael O'Brien
- Michael O'Hara
- Moriah Van Norman
- Myra Mayberry
- Patricia Etem
- Paul Gonzales
- Peter Vidmar
- Rada Owen
- Rami Zur
- Reynaldo Brown
- Roberta Belle
- Rod Oshita
- Ron Skarin
- Rosalyn Bryant
- Clark
- Steve Lewis
- Ulis Williams

more than a “score” to take with them as they continue to grow and flourish into young adults.

The mission of our program is to inspire, motivate and educate the students about health and fitness as long-term goals. *Ready, Set, Gold!* serves as a lifelong model for students in fighting the epidemics of diabetes and obesity by teaching physical activity and healthy living habits. Our Olympians and Paralympians are creating permanent bonds with the students while helping them establish healthy habits, life-size goals and a passion for physical activity.

The correlation between fitness, good health and academic success is evident. The emphasis for the students is on setting goals, self-discipline, hard work and giving one’s best effort. The Olympians emphasize improving and promoting students’ fitness and nutrition as a long term process, thereby leaving a lasting impression and supporting the students’ overall well-being.

Ready, Set, Gold! is primarily funded by worldwide Olympic sponsor Samsung Electronics and it is the only program of its kind in the country. It operates in 50 elementary, middle and high schools

throughout the Los Angeles Unified School District. There are a combined 45 Olympians and Paralympians in the program. *Ready, Set, Gold!* is chaired by gold medalist Peter Vidmar (gymnastics, '84).

New Olympians in RSG! this year – Meghan Avrett (synchronized swimming, 2008); Paralympian Katy Sullivan (athletics, 2012); Althea Moses (athletics, 1996); Gideon Massie (cycling, 2004 & 2008; Jenny Johnson Jordan (beach volleyball, 2000); Barbara Ferrell Edmonson (athletics, 1968).



Oldest Olympian in RSG!– Michael O’Hara, born September 15, 1932 – 80 years old and going strong!! (volleyball, 1964)



Youngest Olympian in RSG! – Meghan Avrett, born July 12, 1989 – 23 years old! (synchronized swimming, 2008)



RSG! Chairman, Peter Vidmar (gymnastics, 1980, '84)

HELP DRIVE THE OLYMPIC DREAM

Have you ever wondered what you can do to help support the next generation of Olympians? Some of us become coaches or sports administrators, some become spokespersons for the Olympic movement, while others have the resources to make significant financial contributions to the USOC. However, one thing that we can all do is encourage our families, friends, and fans to support young athletes by purchasing an Olympic license plate for their motor vehicles.

Olympic license plates are currently available in 12 states, including California, Connecticut, Florida, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, and Texas. The USOC is working to expand this program across the country with the eventual goal of reaching all 50 states.

Interested motorists pay an additional fee to obtain an Olympic plate, and some of the fee is transferred to the USOC to support the Olympic movement and athlete programs. All of the plates can be seen on the USOC's web-site at <http://www.teamusa.org/OlympicPlates>. Here are samples of the new Olympic plates in Florida, Oklahoma, Maryland and New York:



So exactly what can you do to help? First and foremost, visit the web-site and purchase an Olympic plate for your own vehicle(s). You are the best advocate for the Olympic movement and people will follow your lead. Second, send an email to everyone in your address book inviting them to join you in purchasing an Olympic plate. Third, post a message on all of your social media sites encouraging your followers to show their Olympic Spirit by purchasing an Olympic license plate and help Drive the Olympic Dream. You don't need to know everything about the Olympic license plate program. Simply refer people to the Olympic plate web-site at <http://www.teamusa.org/OlympicPlates> or encourage them to contact Mr. Jeff Kleinschmidt, Manager of State Outreach Programs, by email at Jeffery.kleinschmidt@usoc.org or by telephone at 719-373-7203.

Please join me in helping to provide opportunities for the next generation of Olympians. We all had the opportunity to pursue our own Olympic Dreams, now we can each do our part to provide the same opportunity for others. Together we really can make a difference. Thanks for your consideration, and GO TEAM USA!

Yours in the Olympic Spirit,

Gary Hall, USOA President

ALUMNI IN MEMORIAM

Harold “Hal” Bateman

(track & field expert)

Harold “Hal” Bateman passed away on April 10, 2013. He was 81

“I never met anyone who knew more about the sport than Hal Bateman,” said Ollan Cassell, a 1964 Olympic gold medalist. “He was an outstanding writer, researcher, story-teller, and a great friend.”

Jim Dunaway, editor of American Track & Field Magazine, echoed Cassell’s sentiments. “Whenever someone asked me a question about the sport I couldn’t answer, I’d call Hal,” Dunaway said. “If he didn’t know the answer right away, he’d say, ‘I’ll get back to you in an hour.’ And he always did.”

Hal was a 1949 graduate of Middle Township High School in Cape May Court House, N.J. He attended Rutgers University and, following two years in the U.S. Army, earned a degree in journalism from Michigan State University. He competed in track and cross country during his high school and college years.

He was a sportswriter for the Chicago Tribune and United Press International’s Chicago Bureau before becoming the managing editor of Track & Field News in 1960. That summer he covered the Olympic Games in Rome. During three-plus years at T&FN he reorganized the magazine’s editorial side, recruiting a number of new American contributors and increasing the use of action photography.

From 1963 to 1969 Hal was the sports information director at Western Michigan University. He was the SID at the U.S. Air Force Academy from 1969 to 1984 and in 1974-1975 he served as president of

the College Sports Information Directors Association (CoSIDA).

While in Colorado Springs, Hal did volunteer work for the U.S. Olympic Committee. He served as a USOC press officer at eight National Sports Festivals and at the Olympic Games in 1984 in Los Angeles and in 1988 in Seoul.

In 1982 he began a two-decade relationship with Indianapolis-based USA Track & Field (then known as The Athletics Congress/USA), the sport’s American governing body. He was a general partner with End of the Line Race Consulting in Coronado, Calif., when Ollan Cassell hired him in 1986.

He served as USATF’s director of promotions for the inaugural World Indoor Athletics Championships, held in Indianapolis in 1987. Remaining with USATF as an associate director of media information, he served as the organization’s historian, edited media guides, and headed special statistical projects. He was in charge of field operations at numerous U.S. indoor, outdoor and collegiate championships from 1983 through 1995.

Hal served as U.S. team press officer at track events around the globe, including the 1985 USA-USSR-Japan meet in Tokyo; the 1985 World Cup in Canberra; the 1987 World Championships in Rome; the 1989 World Cup in Barcelona; and the 1994 World Cup in London.

After leaving USATF in 2002, he relocated to Corpus Christi and continued to work on track and field statistical projects. He belonged to the Association of Track and Field Statisticians (ATFS), the Federation of American Statisticians of Track (FAST), and Track and Field Writers of America

(TAFWA). He was a member of the CoSIDA Hall of Fame’s Class of 1982.

Hal is survived by his wife, Carol, and a daughter, Karen Corvington of Akron, Ohio. He was preceded in death by a son, Keith.

Jack R. Benedick

(Paralympian skier, 1984)

Jack Benedick passed away on March 19, 2013. He was 70.

Benedick was a Vietnam veteran who sustained bilateral transtibial amputations on his second tour of duty in 1969. His injuries led him to pursue skiing as part of his rehabilitation. He returned to duty in 1970 as the only bilateral amputee in active service. While stationed at Fort Carson,



Jack R. Benedick

Colo., he became active in organizations dedicated to sports for individuals with disabilities and was elected president of the Rocky Mountain Handicapped

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Sportsmen's Association in 1973.

After retiring from the service in 1978 he became president of the National Handicapped Sports and Recreation Association (now Disabled Sports USA), and during his tenure he helped advance the position of the sport. As a member of the U.S. Handicap Ski Team (now U.S. Adaptive Ski Team) from 1979 to 1986, Benedick won a silver medal in the 1984 Winter Paralympic Games in Innsbruck, Austria, and two bronze medals in the 1986 World Championships in Sälen, Sweden. In the 1990s he was instrumental in gaining acceptance of adaptive skiing by the International Ski Federation. He also was a 1996 inductee to the Disabled Ski Hall of Fame, in 2006 he was honored with the Paralympic Order award from the International Paralympic Committee for his 30 years of work for athletes with disabilities, and in 2010 he was inducted in the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame.

"Great leaders make it possible for athletes to achieve their Olympic dreams," U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association President and CEO Bill Marolt said. "As a pioneer of adaptive skiing, Jack Benedick made a difference for generations of athletes. All of us in the skiing family will miss his friendship and passionate pursuit of goals on behalf of adaptive athletes."

"He was an iconic figure and was a significant leader in the Paralympic Movement who demanded and delivered excellence. Our past Paralympic skiing achievements can be attributed to Jack's leadership and indomitable spirit," said U.S. Olympic Committee Chief of Paralympics Charlie Huebner. "His motto, 'Fourth is not good enough,' aligns with our Paralympic vision of competitive excellence and push for podium finishes. Our thoughts and prayers are with his

family and friends during this most difficult time. He will be greatly missed."

He received the 1975 Big Ten Medal of Honor, was selected in the first-round (No. 7 overall) of the 1975 NFL Draft by the New Orleans Saints and played professionally for six seasons.

Keith Eyre Carter

(swimming, 1948)

Keith Carter passed away on May 3, 2013. He was 88.

Keith graduated from Western Reserve Academy in Hudson, Ohio. He served 2 ½ years as a bombardier navigator in the Air Force during WW II. He returned and graduated with honors from Purdue



**1948 London Olympics,
Keith Carter silver medal**

University in Electrical Engineering, and was awarded the Big Ten Medal for scholarship and athletics. He won many honors as a swimmer including a world

record in swimming and a silver medal in the 1948 Olympics.

Keith worked for Reliance Electric (motors, control, automation) which was later purchased by Rockwell Automation, first as a sales engineer, then product and marketing manager of systems, and finally as a general manager of all international with seven overseas operations.

Retiring after forty years and seven moves throughout the Midwest with the same company, Keith again took up swimming at the age of 65, competing internationally in the Masters for ten years and winning a number of national events including a world record in the 100 fly.

Keith was active in many activities including chairman of Boy Scouts, baseball Little League coach, condo board president, and church and community service. He loved to play golf and considered himself a typical enthusiast duffer. Most of all, he was a loving husband and father and would often mention how thankful he was.

Keith is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Helen Andersen Carter; his sons, Frank Carter of Chicago; Keith M. Carter and daughter-in-law, Anna Chiraluce, of Perugia Italy; his daughter, Cynthia Bixby of Seattle; and nine grandchildren and their families, including two great-grandchildren.

Deliana (Delia) Dooling

(swimming, 1952)

Deliana (Delia) Dooling passed away on March 13, 2013. She was 79.

Delia waited, and rightly so, for the first blessing from Pope Francis I. The Orange of Holland is a little less bright. Delia was the daughter of Gerrit and

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Maria Meulenkamp, born in Rotterdam, The Netherlands. She grew up during



1952 Helsinki Summer Olympics, USA Olympian Deila Meulenkamp Dooley (left in cap)

WWII while Holland was under German occupation. After the war her family immigrated to the United States and settled in Marin County. She began swimming at old Crystal Plunge in North Beach and quickly became one of “Charlie’s (Sava) girls.” Soon she was breaking American records and qualified for the 1952 U.S. Swimming team, only after becoming a U.S. citizen by virtue of a special act of Congress signed into law by President Harry Truman. During the 1952 games she became a media sensation when the good looks of the “copper-haired American swimmer” attracted the attention of newspaper reporters and photographers, naming her the “Queen of the Olympics.” After her swimming career she worked for PSA Airlines and was the athletic director at the Metropolitan Club. After a 10 year courtship Delia married Jack K. Dooling, a young San Francisco attorney. She then devoted her entire being to lovingly raising her two sons, John and Matthew Dooling (“the boys”)

and caring for her Mother. She continued to swim daily up until three years ago when her health began to decline. Delia is predeceased by her parents, her husband, sister-in-law Virginia Dooling and her faithful dog Emmy. She is survived by her sons John (Eileen) Dooling and Matthew (Cathy) Dooling and her granddaughters Lily and Annie; her brother Jack Meulenkamp and nieces and nephews; her dear Dutch cousins and their families and her old swimming pals, including “her best friend Joan (Spelman).

William D. Havens, Jr.

(canoe/kayak, 1940, '44, '48)

Bill Havens, Jr. passed away on May 5, 2013. He was 94.

He married Virginia “Ginny” Brune Havens in 1946. He attended Washington-Lee High School and George Washington University where he was an outstanding athlete excelling in football, boxing, track, swimming, and wrestling. He gained national acclaim in canoeing at age 16 when he finished third in the 1936 Olympic trials to become an alternate on the U.S. Olympic Team. He went on to win many national championships in canoeing and was named to the 1940 and 1944 U.S. Olympic Teams though both the 1940 and 1944 Olympic Games were cancelled due to World War II. In 1941 Bill enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps where he served as a radio operator on C47 aircraft and rose to the rank of Sergeant. After WWII he continued competitive canoeing and was named to the 1948 U.S. Olympic Team, finishing 5th in the London Olympic Games.



1948 London Olympics, USA Canoe/Kayak Team. William Havens is 3rd from the left

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Bill resided for many years in Vienna, Virginia where he served as an Arlington County elementary school teacher and then as a school principal for Thomas Jefferson Junior High and Ashlawn Elementary. He retired to Manteo, N.C. where he enjoyed crabbing, fishing, gardening, and paddling on the Roanoke Sound. He and Ginny ultimately moved back to Virginia to a retirement community in Williamsburg. He continued to compete in Senior Olympics and World Master Games well into his 80's.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Ginny Havens of Williamsburg, Va.; brother Frank Havens of Harborton, Va.; three sons and daughters-in-law William "Dodge" Havens, III and Jo Carol (Richmond, Va.); Keith Havens and Sue (Deer Lodge, Tenn.); and Kirk Havens and Karla (Plainview, Va.); and five grandchildren, Zaak, Ben, Zane, Katie, and Kade.

Raymond Perez

(boxing, 1956)

Raymond Perez passed away on March 12, 2013. He was 74.



1956 Melbourne Summer Olympics, USA Boxing Team. Raymond Perez is in the front row 3rd from the left

Raymond competed in the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne. He was the loving father to Novena, Cindy and Raymond. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

William Smith

(swimming, 1948)

Bill passed away on February 8, 2013. He was 88.

Bill swam for the Alexander Community Association Team in Wailuku, Maui as a high school student and then attended Ohio State. At the 1942 AAU Meet Smith won the 200, 400, and 800 metre titles, breaking the world record in the 400 with a time of 4:39.6 that shattered the vaunted mark set by Johnny Weissmuller. Smith's career was interrupted by Naval service during World War II, but he won 15 AAU Championships in his career, adding seven NCAA titles by winning the 220 free in 1943, 1947-49, and the 440 free from 1947-49. Smith was nominated for the Sullivan Award six times, finishing second three times. Following his graduation from Ohio State he became captain of the surf guards at Waikiki Beach, coached

swimming at the University of Hawaii and was water safety director for the Honolulu Department of Parks and Recreation for 25 years, responsible for Oahu's lifeguard program. He also coached age group



1948 London Olympics, William Smith is 1st from the left

swimmers for many years, near the end of his career at the Kamehameha Swim Club. In 2001 Bill Smith was named Ohio State University's swimmer of the century by the Columbus Touchdown Club.

Ronnie Ray Smith

(athletics, 1968)

Ronnie Ray Smith passed away on March 31, 2013. He was 64.

Ronnie Ray is one-fourth of the 1968 Olympic Games gold medal-winning USA 4x100 meter relay team.

"He was one of the greatest sprinters in the 100 and 220 in our era," says his former San Jose State teammate Kirk Clayton, one of the many greats of the two-decade Speed City Era from the mid 1950's through the 1970's.

He could be called a "third-leg" specialist in the sprint relay, one lap around a track whether the distance is measured in meters or yards. His job would be to

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run the curve of the track with speed and power and be in the lead when the final member of a relay foursome would seamlessly accept the baton and race to the finish line for the victory. Besides Olympic Games gold medal, he has a NCAA Championship to back it up.

In 1968, Ronnie Ray was one of several men to tie the 100-meter dash world record time of 9.9 seconds. He did it in Sacramento, four months before he would etch his name into the record books again for the 4x100 meter relay world-record setting, Olympic winning time of 38.24 with USA teammates Mel Pender, Charlie Greene and Jim Hines in Mexico City.

Ronnie Ray majored in sociology and earned his bachelor's degree from San Jose State. Most of his adult professional



Ronnie Ray Smith

life was spent as an employee of the Los Angeles Park and Recreation Department. "We lost a beautiful human being. That was the kind of person he was," says Mr. Ron Davis of the San Jose State University Sports Hall of Fame member.

"He left this world satisfied with who he was, who he had become, what he

accomplished and where he was going," says Mr. Clayton, who was with Ronnie Ray when he passed away.

Donald Tonry *(gymnastics, 1960)*

Don Tonry passed May 17, 2013. He was 77 years old.

Don graduated from the High School of Industrial Arts and got his start in the sport of gymnastics in the central YMCA in Brooklyn. This led to a varsity gymnastic scholarship at the University of Illinois where he was a team member from 1956-1959. Illinois won the Big Ten Championships and Don won the All Around, Illinois was also the NCAA National Champions and Don won the NCAA individual all-around and floor exercise. He was the National AAU Champion in All Around, Parallel Bars and Floor Exercise and Vault.

He was a member of two Pan American Games: Chicago (1959) and San Paulo Brazil (1963); and member of the U.S. Olympic Team in 1960 while serving in the military. After competing in the Olympics, Tonry coached at West Point. He was the 1962 USA All-around champion who was a finalist for the Sullivan Award (most outstanding Amateur athlete) and won both the 1962 New York AAU Meritorious Award and the New York Athletic Club Veterans Award. Tonry was inducted into the USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame, served on seven different gymnastics boards including the U.S. Olympic Committee and the U.S. Gymnastic Federation while being certified as an FIG Brevet gymnastic judge. He was named a "Legend" by the World Acrobatic Society. In the 1970's he judged numerous competitions including the NCAA and World Championships. He received his BS from the University of Illinois and Master's degree from Southern

Connecticut State University and Doctor of Philosophy from Southeastern University.

Don cared for all and was loved by all. People were the most important thing in his life. He was compassionate and touched all who knew him. Many generations of peers and students considered Don as a lifelong friend. He will be missed and leaves a painful void in all our hearts. Don is survived by his devoted and beloved wife of 40 years Barbara Galleher Tonry and his devoted Pekinese Yumiko. He is



Donald Tonry

also survived by a brother Edmond Tonry and his wife Mary of Whitinsville, Mass. Sister-in-law's Brenda Carter of San Antonio, Texas and Beverly Smith of Hope Arkansas, His best friend and Olympic Teammate Abie Grossfeld. He has 8 nieces and nephews and 16 great nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a sister, Marilyn Turner and his step-sister Veronica McLaughlin.

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Hawaii Olympians presented a proclamation for Olympic Day, 2013, to the City and Council of Honolulu on June 5, 2013. In the picture are Olympians Keala Watson (diving, 1968), Bobbie Perry (volleyball 1968), Pokey Watson Richardson (swimming, 1964, '68), Kathy Hammond (athletics, 1972), Sonny Tanabe (swimming, 1956) and Brent Berk (swimming, 1968).

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After waiting for several weeks past his due date, Cruz Antonio Azevedo was finally born to ecstatic parents **Tony & Sara Azevedo** on May 20th, 2013, weighing in at 3.8 kilos and measuring 53 cm. Cruz was born in Dubrovnik, Croatia where Dad Tony was playing professional water polo, and on the day after his team won the Croatian Championships.



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1. One-on-one career consultation (resume building, networking and interviewing skills)
2. Group career-oriented seminars
3. Job placement assistance (part-time or full-time)

These services are free of charge to Olympians, Paralympians and hopefuls. Whether you are still competing as an athlete and want career services to prepare for your post-athletic career transition, or if you’re a retired athlete going through a career change, we can help! For more information, please contact the Athlete Career Program at athletecareerprogram@adecco.com or call 1-800-933-4473, ext. 1.

YOUNG PRESIDENTS ORGANIZATION MENTORING PROGRAM

Olympians from Southern California who have represented the United States at one or more of the last three Olympic Games are eligible to access a valuable opportunity to receive an exceptional career mentor who will work closely with them to determine their career path and potentially receive job interviews in the field of their choice.

The USOC is working with the Young Presidents’ Organization (YPO) – Santa Monica Chapter, an exclusive, not-for-profit, global member network of young chief executives. YPO’s members, from 110 countries, employ more than 15 million people and generate U.S. \$6 trillion in annual revenues. YPO’s mission is focused on personal growth, exchanging extraordinary access to world-class resources, top learning institutions, and is a uniquely specialized network that helps them enhance their business, community and personal leadership. Read more about YPO at: <http://www.ypo.org/>.

YPO’s passion for mentoring athletes began after the Santa Monica Chapter traveled to Colorado Springs to learn more about the Olympic Movement. After hearing about the challenges faced by Team USA athletes, YPO wanted to play an active role in assisting athletes with career mentoring, placement into their YPO Companies, and assist the USOC with development efforts.

Here is feedback from two athletes who participated in the pilot program:

First, being an athlete whose paycheck is determined by my finishes in tournaments and knowing I could be one injury away from having no income, the program has helped me feel comfortable that when or if this happens I have resources to help me transition into a career.

Second, this program, and my mentor, in particular, has challenged me to dig deep within my emotions, fears, talents, strengths and weaknesses to try and figure out what it is that I want for my future beyond volleyball. It may sound like a small feat, but for an analytical second guesser like myself, my mentor’s input and exercises have been extremely helpful in this discovery process. I have and continue to recommend this program to all athletes who are thinking about their future.

- Lauren Fendrick, Professional Beach Volleyball Athlete, US National Team Member, attorney who works for GE Aviation through the USOC’s Team USA Career Program

Professional mentoring is something I knew little about prior to a call from the USOC. What I know is that I need help to make a transition from 15+ years as an Olympic athlete to the modern professional workforce. I was seeking both support and solutions to some of life’s toughest questions.

The first moment I stepped into the office with my mentor, I was impressed not only by his accomplishments and status, but by his humanity. As his mentee, I quickly learned more than professional advice was available; personal advice was just as valuable to a successful career. I was astounded that my mentor detailed relevant life lessons through personal stories of both success and failure. In turn, through his open humility and trust, solutions presented themselves with clarity. Books were read, personal reflections made, until my confidence and knowledge grew enough that I truly believed I could make a positive difference in whatever lied ahead. Ultimately, I realize that doors would open to me if I were personally ready to push them open.

My mentor is the embodiment of courage and sacrifice. Courage to share his passion and inner secrets of success. Sacrifice to honestly present some rare learning opportunities and donate his valuable time. In many ways, I now want to make him as proud as I would my own family. My mentor is inspirational in my life.

- Gabe Gardner, 2008 Olympic Gold Medalist and 2004 Olympian in the sport of indoor volleyball, member of USOC Athlete Advisory Council Leadership Team

Southern California athletes interested in participating in the USOC-YPO mentoring program should contact the USOC’s Keith Bryant at keith.bryant@usoc.org or 719-866-2238.

How can you help?

- Please spread the word about these valuable programs to your friends, fellow athletes from your team or sport and/or athletes you may be mentoring who could use some career assistance.
- JOBS! - If you own a business or work for an organization that would be interested in employing athletes, please contact athletecareerprogram@adecco.com .
- Athletes in Southern California, please encourage recently retired athletes to consider participating in the USOC-YPO mentoring program.

Thank you!

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