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A Letter From Gary Hall, Sr.

U.S. Olympians and Paralympians Association President



Dear Olympians and Paralympians,

Congratulations to Team USA for an outstanding performance in Sochi! We are so proud of the Olympians and Paralympians who represented our country with incredible grace and composure, both in competition and otherwise.

Representing your country at the Olympic and Paralympic Games is a tremendous honor, and I'd like to commend all of our athletes, who have made countless sacrifices and dedicated themselves to the lifelong pursuit of excellence. Your achievements have played an integral role in furthering the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic movements, and we are always looking for ways to give back.

Thanks to the hard work of Lisa Baird, USOC chief marketing officer, and others, the USOC has assembled a terrific family of corporate partners. Those corporate partners provide the bulk of funding required to prepare Team USA athletes for each Olympic and Paralympic Games. What you may not realize is that some partners also offer benefits to USOPA members, which you may be eligible to receive.

A good example is Liberty Mutual Insurance. Like most of us, I thought I was getting the lowest rates possible on my auto insurance. When I called Liberty Mutual to get a quote with the Olympian discount, I was pleased to find that I could save a substantial amount of money and switched right away. They also offer home insurance.




Here are some of the other benefits you may be missing out on:

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- While in Colorado Springs, you will receive a 20 percent discount on all merchandise at the Team USA Shop – just one more good reason to visit the U.S. Olympic Training Center.

I will continue to strive for more benefits for our members from our USOC partners. It is important that you are all recognized and rewarded for your commitment and service to your country. We appreciate all that you have done.

Yours in Olympic spirit,



Gary Hall Sr.

U. S. Olympians and Paralympians Association President

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Cover image: SOCHI, RUSSIA - FEBRUARY 07: Nordic combined skier Todd Lodwick of the United States Olympic team carries his country's flag during the Opening Ceremony of the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics at Fisht Olympic Stadium on February 7, 2014 in Sochi, Russia. (Photo by Bruce Bennett/Getty Images)

SOCHI, RUSSIA - MARCH 07: Alpine skier Joe Lujan of the United States Paralympic team carries his country's flag during the Opening Ceremony of the Sochi 2014 Paralympic Winter Games at Fisht Olympic Stadium on March 7, 2014 in Sochi, Russia.

(Photo by Joe Kusumoto Photography)

Sochi Olympic Winter Games Wrapup



By Amy Rosewater

When an unknown slopestyle snowboarder named Sage Kotsenburg won the first gold medal in Sochi, Russia, it was clear that these Olympic Winter Games were not going to go as planned for the United States.

In many ways, that was a good thing.

Of the nine gold medals won by American athletes in February, five were awarded to athletes who competed in sports that made their Olympic debuts at the Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games.

Kotsenburg, a relatively unknown 20-year-old shaggy-haired snowboarder from Park City, Utah, started things off with the men's snowboard slopestyle victory, and then Jamie Anderson followed up that performance by claiming the gold medal in the women's equivalent of that event on the second day of competition.

Joss Christensen led a U.S. podium sweep in the men's slopestyle skiing event, and the U.S. won both the men's and women's halfpipe skiing events with David Wise claiming the men's gold medal and Maddie Bowman taking the gold medal in the women's competition.

With the success the U.S. had in these X Games-style, extreme sports, there was reason for U.S. Olympic Committee leaders to leave Sochi with plenty of optimism.

"I would love to see us look at new options, new opportunities," said Alan Ashley, USOC chief of sport performance and

Kotsenburg gave Team USA a glimpse at what the future of the Olympic Winter Games might look like — shoulder-length blond hair and all.

U.S. chef de mission. "They're exciting; they bring new athletes in and they really continue to evolve the Winter Games in a very positive way."

Kotsenburg gave Team USA a glimpse at what the future of the Olympic Winter Games might look like — shoulder-length blond hair and all. Kotsenburg flew into Russia well under the radar as most of the pre-Olympic hype surrounding the debut of slopestyle snowboarding in the United States focused on Shaun White.

Then White, a two-time Olympic gold medalist in halfpipe, withdrew with a wrist injury, and it appeared as if the U.S. would miss out on a podium finish in the event. Kotsenburg, after all, had won an Olympic qualifying event in January but prior to that win it had been nine years since he recorded a victory.

But Kotsenburg had a trick up his sleeve

he was about to uncork on the world. It wasn't a triple cork, which experts thought would be needed to win the gold medal. Rather it was a trick that Kotsenburg had never tried before — a backside 1620 with a Japan grab — a move he later dubbed the "Holy Crail."

After executing the move brilliantly, a self-described "stoked" Kotsenburg was blown away by winning the gold medal. "Coming here and winning, I can't even describe the feeling," he said. "It's so cool."

The following day, a more seasoned competitor, Anderson, followed suit. A four-time X Games champion, Anderson came into Sochi with high expectations and left Sochi fulfilling them.

"There was so much anticipation leading up to this event, and I just had to calm my mind and have the trust and faith that I was capable of doing what I really wanted to do," Anderson told reporters. "At the top of the course, I took a moment, took a deep breath and saw everything I wanted to see happen. I saw myself landing my run and the happiness of my family and all their love and support."

"I told myself to take it one thing at a time," she said. "It's easy to get ahead of yourself. I've been reading 'The Power of Now.' It's been a game-changer for me this season." One of the most exciting days for Team USA came when Christensen led the way



Sage Kotsenburg



Jamie Anderson



Joss Christensen

for a U.S. sweep in another new Olympic event – slopestyle skiing. Christensen was the last men’s slopestyle skier to be selected to the U.S. Olympic Team, and like Kotsenburg, he unveiled a new trick on his sport’s biggest stage to take the gold medal. The 22-year-old from Park City performed a switch triple 1140 jump to score a whopping 95.80 points for the victory.

Making the day even more emotional was that Christensen was carrying a photograph of his late father, J.D., who died in August of a heart condition, while he made his winning run at the Rosa Khutor Extreme Park.

“I hope I made my father proud,” Christensen said. “Through all the injuries I’ve had, he’s always supported me and never said stop. I hope he’s looking down and smiling. I did it for him.”

Christensen was joined on the podium by Gus Kenworthy and Nick Goepper as the three skiers earned only the third U.S. podium sweep in Olympic Winter Games history. Team USA swept the snowboard halfpipe podium in 2002 and the men’s figure skating medal stand in 1956.

“I am so stoked about an American 1-2-3,” Kenworthy told reporters.

Goepper, who was considered the favorite to win the gold medal, didn’t seem too disappointed even though he made a mistake in his second run. He seemed more excited by Team USA’s dominance in the event, saying, “I think today was the best display of skiing we have ever seen in our sport so I am so happy.”

Two other Olympic victories also came on the slopes in the new Olympic sport of halfpipe skiing. David Wise won the gold medal for the men and Maddie Bowman added a gold medal for the women.

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Wise, 23, earned a score of 92.00 on his first run and it was strong enough to hold up for the gold medal – a necklace his 2-year-old daughter, Nayeli, was likely to claim as her own when he returned home to Reno, Nev.

Bowman followed suit, winning her gold medal on her second run, which included two 900 spins and a backwards 700 for a score of 89.00. Competing with her grandmother watching in the stands, Bowman was awed by her performance saying, “I can’t believe it just happened.”

As excited as Bowman was to win the gold medal she also took time out, as many of her competitors did, to honor the memory of Sarah Burke, a Canadian skier who lobbied to get halfpipe skiing added to the Olympic Winter Games and who tragically died following a training accident in 2012.

“I think she would have been very proud of how all the girls rode tonight,” said Bowman, who hails from South Lake Tahoe, Calif. “I sure hope I and everyone else made her proud because we would not be here without her.”

Another extreme sport athlete also left Sochi with a gold medal–Kaitlyn Farrington, who came to Sochi as an underdog in women’s halfpipe snowboarding. One of her U.S. teammates, Kelly Clark, was the 2002 Olympic gold medalist and one of the sport’s legends.



David Wise



Maddie Bowman



Gus Kenworthy



Nick Goepper



Kaitlyn Farrington



Ted Ligety



Andrew Weibrecht

Farrington, whose family sold cows from their ranch to pay for her training, said her family certainly made the right choice.

“My parents have been backing me from day one,” Farrington told reporters, “and I’m sure they do not miss those cows today.”

Athletes from the extreme sports were not the only winners for Team USA, which netted 28 medals in Sochi – the most for a U.S. team at an Olympic Winter Games held outside North America. Alpine skiers and figure skaters also won gold medals, but even in those sports there were some surprises.

A heavy favorite heading into the Sochi Games, Ted Ligety won the gold medal in men’s giant slalom and became just the second U.S. skier to win two Olympic gold medals since Andrea Mead-Lawrence won two in the 1952 Winter Games. Ligety also won his first Olympic gold medal in combined in 2006.

Two other American male skiers also scored medals in the super-G. Andrew Weibrecht earned the silver medal and Bode Miller took the bronze.

In women’s alpine skiing, there was some concern that in the absence of Lindsey Vonn – who did not make the 2014 U.S. Olympic Team due to injury – that Team USA’s women might not score medals in Sochi. But Mikaela Shiffrin made certain that she kept Team USA on top as she won the gold medal in the slalom event.

The 18-year-old from Eagle-Vail, Colo., had won the world championship in the slalom the previous year, and now with an Olympic title under her belt she is already



Bode Miller

looking forward to the 2018 Games in PyeongChang, South Korea.

“I’m still young and I still have a lot of strength to gain over the next few summers of conditioning and the next few winters of skiing,” Shiffrin said. “I don’t want to push myself too far too fast and I definitely don’t want to get greedy, but at the same time, I’m a dreamer.”

“So right now I’m dreaming of the next Olympics, winning five gold medals. Which sounds really crazy. Sorry I just admitted that to you all.”

Davis and White made history by becoming the first U.S. team to win the Olympic gold medal in ice dancing.

Shiffrin wasn’t the only American woman to win a medal in alpine skiing. Julia Mancuso, the 2006 gold medalist in giant slalom, claimed her fourth Olympic skiing medal in Sochi by taking the bronze medal in the combined.

The U.S. figure skating team also saw its share of firsts at the Sochi Games, which featured the debut of the figure skating team event. Figure skaters from men’s, women’s, pairs and ice dancing combined to earn Team USA the bronze medal as Jeremy Abbott, Jason Brown, Ashley Wagner, Gracie Gold, Marissa Castelli, Simon Shnafir, Meryl Davis and Charlie White teamed up in the event.



Mikaela Shiffrin

Later in the competition, Davis and White made history by becoming the first U.S. team to win the Olympic gold medal in ice dancing. Davis and White entered the Sochi Games as two-time world champions and heavy favorites, but it wasn’t until they had completed two riveting programs that they knew their dream had been accomplished.

Davis and White, who were born in the same Michigan hospital and began skating together 17 years ago, were at each other’s side when they won the gold medal.

“We’ve grown up together in every sense of the word,” Davis said, “and I’m just so grateful that we were able to do it together.”

Although the gold-medal moments certainly take much of the spotlight during the Games, there were plenty of other memorable moments for Team USA athletes in Sochi. U.S. speedskaters had hoped for a better showing in Sochi. Although they were shut out for most of the Games, when the men’s short-track 5,000-meter relay captured the silver medal, it was cause for celebration.

The U.S. women’s hockey team also left Sochi with the silver medal, as it did four years ago in Vancouver. Although the U.S. was disappointed with its finish – it lost a hard-fought 3-2 game in overtime to Canada – it left knowing it gave maximum effort.

“We wanted to win the gold medal,” said Julie Chu, a four-time Olympic medalist who was chosen as Team USA’s flag bearer for the Closing Ceremony. “We’ve been working for that for four years. Hopefully, when people see us disappointed in the moment they don’t see that as we don’t appreciate being Olympians; that we don’t



Meryl Davis and Charlie White



Women's Hockey



Julia Mancuso



Noelle Pikus-Pace

appreciate our silver medals around our necks, because we absolutely do. But as competitors you want be the best in the world.”

One of the most impressive moments of the Games came from skeleton racer Noelle Pikus-Pace. With her husband, Janson, and two children in tow, the 31-year-old Pikus-Pace scored an emotional silver medal at the Sanki Sliding Center.

Pikus-Pace couldn't stop the flow of tears after her run in Sochi. In 2005, she fractured her right leg when a bobsled hit her at the end of track. The injury forced her to miss the 2006 Games in Turin. Four years later, she made the 2010 U.S. Olympic Team, only to miss the podium by one-tenth of a second. She retired, only to be lured back into the sport two years later.

“Many tears were shed,” she said, “but if I hadn't gone through every one of those things I would not be here today, and this is right where I want to be and to have my family is beyond words. I am beyond words.”

Pikus-Pace wasn't the only U.S. skeleton racer to earn a medal in Sochi. Matt Antoine

added a bronze medal in the men's event.

Meanwhile, Erin Hamlin made history by becoming the first U.S. singles luge slider to win an Olympic medal. The three-time Olympian and 2009 world champion, was thrilled especially since she placed 16th in 2010.

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“I'm stoked,” Hamlin said. “Who knew? I definitely pictured it. It was a big goal of mine. After (the 2010 Games) I was really disappointed, and I knew that's not how I wanted my Olympic legacy to end. It was super-motivating.”

Team USA also found success in the sport of bobsled. On the women's side, Elana Meyers teamed with Lauryn Williams – a two-time Olympic medalist in track & field who was competing at her first Olympic Winter Games. Meyers and Williams

claimed the silver medal, and Aja Evans and Jamie Greubel combined for the bronze.

The U.S. men finished with two bronze medals. Four years ago, Steven Holcomb led Team USA and his “Night Train” team to a historic gold medal at the Vancouver Games. And although he didn't pilot the Americans to gold again in Sochi, he led both the two-man and four-man teams to bronze medals – and he did so despite injuring his calf.

Holcomb and Steven Langton were the bronze medalists in the two-man and those two teamed with Chris Focht and Curt Tomasevicz for the bronze medal in the four-man on the final day of competition.

Holcomb now has three Olympic medals and is one of the best bobsled athletes Team USA has ever seen.

And he doesn't expect his success in the sport to end in Sochi.

“I love what I do,” Holcomb said, “and I don't want to get a real job, so I may stick around a few more years.”



Matt Antoine



Erin Hamlin



Elana Meyers & Lauryn Williams



Jamie Greubel & Aja Evans



Steven Holcomb & Steven Langton



Four-Man Team

SOCHI 2014 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES MEDALIST

Jamie Anderson	Snowboard	Slopestyle - Women	Gold
Maddie Bowman	Freestyle Skiing	Halfpipe - Women	Gold
Joss Christensen	Freestyle Skiing	Slopestyle - Men	Gold
Meryl Davis	Figure Skating	Ice Dance - Mixed	Gold
Kaitlyn Farrington	Snowboard	Halfpipe - Women	Gold
Sage Kotsenburg	Snowboard	Slopestyle - Men	Gold
Ted Ligety	Alpine Skiing	Giant Slalom - Men	Gold
Mikaela Shiffrin	Alpine Skiing	Slalom - Women	Gold
Charlie White	Figure Skating	Ice Dance - Mixed	Gold
David Wise	Freestyle Skiing	Halfpipe - Men	Gold
Eduardo Alvarez	Short Track	5000m Relay - Men	Silver
Kacey Bellamy	Ice Hockey	Team - Women	Silver
Megan Bozek	Ice Hockey	Team - Women	Silver
Alexandra Carpenter	Ice Hockey	Team - Women	Silver
John Celski	Short Track	5000m Relay - Men	Silver
Julie Chu	Ice Hockey	Team - Women	Silver
Kendall Coyne	Ice Hockey	Team - Women	Silver
Christopher Creveling	Short Track	5000m Relay - Men	Silver
Brianna Decker	Ice Hockey	Team - Women	Silver
Meghan Duggan	Ice Hockey	Team - Women	Silver
Lyndsey Fry	Ice Hockey	Team - Women	Silver
Gus Kenworthy	Freestyle Skiing	Slopestyle - Men	Silver
Amanda Kessel	Ice Hockey	Team - Women	Silver
Hilary Knight	Ice Hockey	Team - Women	Silver
Jocelyne Lamoureux	Ice Hockey	Team - Women	Silver
Monique Lamoureux-Kolls	Ice Hockey	Team - Women	Silver
Devin Logan	Freestyle Skiing	Slopestyle - Women	Silver
Jordan Malone	Short Track	5000m Relay - Men	Silver
Gigi Marvin	Ice Hockey	Team - Women	Silver
Brianne McLaughlin	Ice Hockey	Team - Women	Silver
Elana Meyers	Bobsleigh	2-Man Competition - Women	Silver
Michelle Picard	Ice Hockey	Team - Women	Silver
Noelle Pikus-Pace	Skeleton	Individual - Women	Silver
Josephine Pucci	Ice Hockey	Team - Women	Silver
Molly Schaus	Ice Hockey	Team - Women	Silver
Anne Schleper	Ice Hockey	Team - Women	Silver
Kelli Stack	Ice Hockey	Team - Women	Silver
Lee Stecklein	Ice Hockey	Team - Women	Silver
Jessie Vetter	Ice Hockey	Team - Women	Silver
Andrew Weibrecht	Alpine Skiing	Super G - Men	Silver
Lauryan Williams	Bobsleigh	2-Man Competition - Women	Silver
Jeremy Abbott	Figure Skating	Team - Mixed	Bronze
Matthew Antoine	Skeleton	Individual - Men	Bronze
Jason Brown	Figure Skating	Team - Mixed	Bronze
Marissa Castelli	Figure Skating	Team - Mixed	Bronze
Kelly Clark	Snowboard	Halfpipe - Women	Bronze
Meryl Davis	Figure Skating	Team - Mixed	Bronze
Alex Deibold	Snowboard	Snowboardcross - Men	Bronze
Aja Evans	Bobsleigh	2-Man Competition - Women	Bronze
Chris Fogt	Bobsleigh	4-Man Competition - Men	Bronze
Nicholas Goepper	Freestyle Skiing	Slopestyle - Men	Bronze
Gracie Gold	Figure Skating	Team - Mixed	Bronze
Jamie Greubel	Bobsleigh	2-Man Competition - Women	Bronze
Erin Hamlin	Luge	Single - Women	Bronze
Steven Holcomb	Bobsleigh	2-Man Competition - Men	Bronze
Steven Holcomb	Bobsleigh	4-Man Competition - Men	Bronze
Hannah Kearney	Freestyle Skiing	Moguls - Women	Bronze
Steve Langton	Bobsleigh	2-Man Competition - Men	Bronze
Steve Langton	Bobsleigh	4-Man Competition - Men	Bronze
Julia Mancuso	Alpine Skiing	Super Combined - Women	Bronze
Bode Miller	Alpine Skiing	Super G - Men	Bronze
Simon Shnapir	Figure Skating	Team - Mixed	Bronze
Curtis Tomasevicz	Bobsleigh	4-Man Competition - Men	Bronze
Ashley Wagner	Figure Skating	Team - Mixed	Bronze
Charlie White	Figure Skating	Team - Mixed	Bronze

GOLD



SILVER



BRONZE



Sochi Paralympic Winter Games Wrapup



By Amy Rosewater

Evan Strong grew up about as far away from snow as any American could — along the tropical shores of Hawaii.

Yet he wound up becoming the first American to claim a gold medal in the Sochi 2014 Paralympic Winter Games in the snowboard cross event.

Strong grew up skateboarding and was well on his way toward developing a career as a professional skateboarder when his life took a major U-turn. Just days before his 18th birthday, Strong was riding his motorcycle when he was hit by a drunk driver. The accident resulted in him losing part of his left leg. He moved to Lake Tahoe, Calif., and became one of the world's best snowboarders.

In Sochi, he wrote his way into the history books as the first man to win

the Paralympic snowboard cross competition, and he led an American sweep in that event. Mike Shea took the silver medal and Keith Gabel earned the bronze medal. It was the first U.S. all-male podium sweep in the Paralympic Winter Games.

Strong was one of 80 athletes representing Team USA in Sochi in five sports

“Today is a dream,” Strong told TeamUSA.org in Sochi. “I’m so ecstatic, I’m over the moon, I don’t even feel like my feet are on the ground right now. This course is super fun, you can generate a lot of speed, but it is super challenging.

To be able to pull this [sweep] off is just a testimony to the United States’ training, to our coaches and what we’ve been working on all year long. The U.S. snowboard team, we’re all best friends, we all encourage each other and we want everybody to go faster.

“We are in love with our sport,” Strong added. “This sport gave us life back after our accidents, so what we are doing is celebrating life through snowboarding, and to be able to share it with the world through the Paralympics, that is just the icing on top.”

Strong was one of 80 athletes representing Team USA in Sochi in five sports — alpine skiing (which includes snowboarding), biathlon, cross-country, sled hockey and wheelchair curling. Team USA earned 18 medals —two gold



Evan Strong



Mike Shea



Keith Gabel



Amy Purdy



Mark Bathum





Stephanie Jallen



Laurie Stephens



Alana Nichols



Oksana Masters



Andy Soule

— and as a nation the United States finished third in the medal count. The host nation of Russia finished with 80 medals and Ukraine earned 25. Strong claimed the only individual gold medal for the United States; Team USA's other gold medal came in sled hockey as the team defended its title from four years ago in Vancouver.

Team USA enjoyed several highlights throughout the Paralympic Winter Games, which featured 700 athletes representing 45 countries in Sochi from March 7-16.

Among some of the other notable results for Team USA came in the alpine events, in which the United States won 10 medals. Included in the alpine results was the men's sweep in snowboard cross but also a bronze medal won on the women's side by Amy Purdy.

Purdy entered Sochi ranked No. 2 in the world in women's snowboard cross for athletes with a lower limb impairment, tied with U.S. teammate Heidi Jo Duce. But snowboarding wasn't the only thing Purdy was concentrating on while in

Russia. She was doing double duty in Sochi as she spent some of her time on the slopes and some time rehearsing dance steps with Derek Hough.

Included in the alpine results was the men's sweep in snowboard cross

Purdy, a double amputee, received her bronze medal on a Friday and then jetted off Saturday to Los Angeles so she and Hough could compete on the hit TV show, "Dancing With The Stars" that Monday. She was impressive in her bronze-medal performance and she was on the dance floor, too.

After Purdy and Hough finished their opening Cha Cha in the show's premiere, judge Bruno Tonioli declared, "We have Wonder Woman in this room!"

Purdy wasn't the only Team USA athlete to impress, especially not in the mountains. Mark Bathum, along with guide Cade Yamamoto, earned two silver

medals (men's visually impaired super-G and super combined events), while Army veteran Heath Calhoun added a silver medal in the men's super combined sitting event.

Stephanie Jallen and Laurie Stephens each finished with two bronze medals; Laurie Stephens notched a bronze medal in the downhill and Alana Nichols earned a silver medal in the downhill sitting event. Danelle Umstead, skiing with her husband, Rob, as her guide, placed third in the women's super combined (visually impaired).

Oksana Masters, who earned a bronze medal in rowing during the London 2012 Paralympic Games, added two more medals to her collection in Sochi. She earned a silver medal in the 12-kilometer cross-country event, becoming the first American woman to medal in cross-country in the Paralympic Winter Games in 20 years, and closed her trip to Sochi by earning a bronze medal in the 5-kilometer sit ski cross-country race on the final day of Paralympic competition. "I am in complete shock and amazement," Masters told TeamUSA.org. "It has

been an amazing first Paralympic Winter Games.”

Tatyana McFadden, who was born in Russia and raised in the United States, left Sochi with her first Winter Games medal, a silver in the 1-kilometer sprint cross-country event and now has 11 Paralympic medals in her career, dating back to the 2004 Paralympic Games in Athens.

Army veteran Andy Soule, meanwhile, recorded top-five finishes in all five events in which he competed in at the Paralympic Winter Games in Sochi and shot a perfect 50-for-50 throughout all three biathlon events.

The U.S. Paralympic Nordic Skiing Team made great strides in Sochi. Four years ago, the team sent six athletes to Vancouver and earned one medal. Sixteen athletes went to Sochi and the team captured three medals. One of the most exciting moments for

Team USA came on the ice as the sled hockey team defended its Paralympic gold medal, beating host Russia, 1-0, in the gold-medal game. Team USA became the first country to win back-to-back gold medals in sled hockey and earned its third Paralympic title since 2002.

The game, which was broadcast live for American audiences on NBC, was tense as the lone goal came from U.S. Marine

Team USA became the first country to win back-to-back gold medals in sled hockey

Corps veteran Josh Sweeney 9:28 into the second period.

The team was captained by Andy Yohe, who was playing in his third Paralympic Winter Games and had also been

the team captain four years earlier in Vancouver.

“We have worked hard all year and this is a great group of guys,” Yohe told TeamUSA.org. “We’re pretty excited and so we should be.”

The game was played on a Saturday and the next day, Sunday, was the Closing Ceremony. Steve Cash, the Team USA goaltender, was named the flag bearer.

“Obviously first and foremost, it is a tremendous honor, but at the same time it’s not as much about having an individual opportunity to bear the flag, but also being able to represent my country and all of the athletes who came out and are here representing their country as well,” Cash said. “I am able to represent 80 athletes, especially my teammates who have been there for me through thick and thin ever since I started in the sport. It’s really more about a collective group than just representing myself.”

SOCHI 2014 PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES MEDALIST

Tyler Carron	Sled Hockey	Team - Men	Gold
Steve Cash	Sled Hockey	Team - Men	Gold
Taylor Chace	Sled Hockey	Team - Men	Gold
Declan Farmer	Sled Hockey	Team - Men	Gold
Nikko Landeros	Sled Hockey	Team - Men	Gold
Jen Lee	Sled Hockey	Team - Men	Gold
Taylor Lipsett	Sled Hockey	Team - Men	Gold
Dan McCoy	Sled Hockey	Team - Men	Gold
Kevin McKee	Sled Hockey	Team - Men	Gold
Adam Page	Sled Hockey	Team - Men	Gold
Josh Pauls	Sled Hockey	Team - Men	Gold
Rico Roman	Sled Hockey	Team - Men	Gold
Brody Roybal	Sled Hockey	Team - Men	Gold
Paul Schaus	Sled Hockey	Team - Men	Gold
Gregory Shaw	Sled Hockey	Team - Men	Gold
Josh Sweeney	Sled Hockey	Team - Men	Gold
Andy Yohe	Sled Hockey	Team - Men	Gold
Evan Strong	Snowboarding	Cross	Gold
Mark Bathum	Alpine Skiing	Super-G	Silver
Mark Bathum	Alpine Skiing	Super Combined	Silver
Heath Calhoun	Alpine Skiing	Super Combined	Silver
Oksana Masters	Nordic Skiing	12km	Silver
Tatyana McFadden	Nordic Skiing	1km Sprint	Silver
Alana Nichols	Alpine Skiing	Downhill	Silver
Mike Shea	Snowboarding	Cross	Silver
Keith Gabel	Snowboarding	Cross	Bronze
Stephanie Jallen	Alpine Skiing	Super-G	Bronze
Stephanie Jallen	Alpine Skiing	Super Combined	Bronze
Allison Jones	Alpine Skiing	Downhill	Bronze
Oksana Masters	Nordic Skiing	5km	Bronze
Amy Purdy	Snowboarding	Cross	Bronze
Laurie Stephens	Alpine Skiing	Downhill	Bronze
Laurie Stephens	Alpine Skiing	Super-G	Bronze
Danelle Umstead	Alpine Skiing	Super Combined	Bronze



SILVER



BRONZE



ARCHIVES & ARCHIVIST

Update from Teresa Hedgpeth, USOC Archivist & Historic Steward

The U.S. Olympic Committee sponsored four Team USA Club Houses during the Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games, beginning Opening Ceremony night on Feb. 7 in Los Angeles and continuing through the men's ice hockey gold-

medal game on February 23 in New York City. The Team USA Club Houses in Chicago, Los Angeles and New York featured displays of Olympic and Paralympic memorabilia.

The historic displays offered the opportunity to showcase items from the USOC archives and provided guests with a glimpse of artifacts that are rarely seen. An added bonus to the displays included increased awareness



1. Gordy Crawford, USOC archivist Teri Hedgpeth and Rafer Johnson with artifacts from the 1932 Olympic Games.

2. Artifacts from the 1984 Olympic Games on display at the Team USA Club House event on Feb. 7 in Los Angeles.

3. Kaitlyn Farrington, 2014 Olympic champion in women's halfpipe snowboarding, compares her gold medal with one from the Lake Placid 1980 Olympic Winter Games.

and support of the USOC archives and its mission – to preserve, protect and capture the history of the Olympic and Paralympic Games, and Team USA athletes.

The Beverly Hilton hosted the first Team USA Club House during the Opening Ceremony on Feb. 7. The displays focused on the Los Angeles 1932 and 1984 Olympic Games. Through a partnership with LA84 Foundation

and support from private collector, Gordy Crawford, two rooms of historic artifacts, uniforms, medals and video were on display for attendees. Pieces from Crawford's collection also traveled to all three host cities.



4. Chicago hosts Team USA Club House at The Wit on Feb. 20-21. Featured artifacts highlighted Team USA's history in speedskating and showcased medals from each Olympic Winter Games hosted on U.S. soil from 1932-2002.

5. The final Team USA Club House event was held February 23 at Jordan's Restaurant in New York City's Grand Central Station. The displays focused on Team USA's "Miracle on Ice" team from the Lake Placid 1980 Olympic Winter Games.

ALUMNI IN HONOR

United States Olympic Endowment honors Killian and Moses for contributions to Olympic and Paralympic movements

By Gary Anderson

The United States Olympic Endowment honored George Killian, former president of the International University Sports Federation, and Edwin Moses, a two-time Olympic champion and chairman of the United States Anti-Doping Agency in recognition of their commitment and contributions to the Olympic and Paralympic movements on December 20 in New York City.

Killian, who was head of FISU from 1999-2011 following an eight-year stint as President of the International Basketball Federation (FIBA), received the George M Steinbrenner III Sport Leadership Award.

The award is presented annually to honor outstanding members of the Olympic and Paralympic movements who have contributed to sport through management, sport organization endeavors or the enhancement of competitive opportunities, and who have displayed qualities of leadership, ethical conduct and dedicated responsibility during a longstanding commitment to sport.

A member of the International Olympic Committee from 1996-98, former basketball coach Killian has had a long career in sports administration, which also saw him serving on the USOC board of directors from 1967-2004.

A two-time 400-meter hurdles Olympic champion, Moses received the William E. Simon Award, which is given to individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the

advancement of the Olympic and Paralympic movements. Moses set four world records and was world champion in 1983 and 1987 before becoming heavily involved in the fight against substance abuse and doping in sport.

Moses has been a member of the IOC's Athletes', Medical and Ethics Commissions, and served on the USOC Athletes' Advisory and Executive Committee. He also pioneered the development of policies against the use of performance-enhancing drugs while he was chairman of the USOC Substance Abuse, Research and Education Committee. A qualified physicist, Moses was elected chairman of USADA in September 2012, and is also currently the chairman of the Laureus World Sports Academy after being elected to the position in 2000.

The USOE was established after the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles to benefit Olympic and Paralympic sport in the United States. A nonprofit organization, its objective is to support the United States Olympic Committee and its member organizations.

<http://www.insidethegames.biz/news/1017649-killian-and-moses-receive-prestigious-awards-from-united-states-olympic-endowment>

Joetta Clark Diggs joins entertainers, politicians in NJ Hall of Fame

They're entertainers, athletes, entrepreneurs and philanthropists — or some combination of all four. They've shattered records, fed the hungry, helped cure the sick and performed vital works of national service.

But for all the diversity of their backgrounds and achievements, they all share a common tie: a close association with the Garden State.

The Newark Museum hosted a star-studded gala to induct the Class of 2013 into the New Jersey Hall of Fame on January 14, 2014. The Hall of Fame was created eight years ago to honor high-achieving New Jersey natives and longtime residents.

Much Jersey 'tude and wit was on display during the event, where inductees of earlier classes introduced each new Hall of Famer or made remarks on behalf of new inductees who had passed away.

Gov. Brendan Byrne introduced his friend and fellow former Gov. Tom Kean, who earned the sobriquet "the education governor" and who later was co-chairman of the commission that investigated the September 11 attacks.

Joking about being mistaken for Kean, and about the governor's frequently mispronounced surname, Byrne also praised the Republican's knack for reaching out to Byrne and his fellow Democrats.

"We have an attitude. We're resilient," said Joetta Clark Diggs, an Olympian and East Orange native, who ranked among the top-10 sprinters in the world through much of the 1990s. During her speech, Diggs, daughter of famed Paterson educator Joe Clark, likened brash Jerseyans to salt-and-pepper shakers: "You have to shake things up to get results," she said.

In a self-deprecating turn, inductee Joe Piscopo, the comedian who rose to fame during what many consider a golden era for NBC's "Saturday Night Live," joked about no longer "being on the A-list I'm not on any list."

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But the funnyman who was once one-half of a potent comedy duo with Eddie Murphy also spoke movingly about his Italian immigrant family's Newark roots, and his father, who went from blue-collar street kid to lawyer and never forgot where he came from.

Others also emphasized the importance of humility and service during their speeches.



Photo taken at the New Jersey Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. Left to Right: JJ Clark, Joetta Clark Diggs (track & field, 1988, 1992, 1996, 2000) and Hazel Clark (track & field, 2000, 2004, 2008)

Barrington's Stone recalls Olympic glory

*By Jim Donaldson of The Providence Journal
Jan. 30, 2014*

BARRINGTON — Janet Moreau Stone still fits into the blazer she wore for the Opening Ceremony of the Helsinki 1952 Olympic Games.

That's nearly as impressive as the fact that she won a gold medal as part of Team USA's world record-setting 4x100-meter relay.

"Absolutely. No problem," Stone responded quickly and cheerily when asked if she was able to slip on the still-sharp-looking, navy-blue blazer with the classic crest of the U.S. Olympic Team as easily as she did the day she was fitted for it in Manhattan, N.Y. more than 60 years ago.

Stone and her fellow Olympians had been taken to New York for their ceremonial uniforms straight from the Olympic Trials in Harrisburg, Pa., where she had teamed with Mae Faggs, 15-year-old Barbara Jones and Catherine Hardy to win the relay.

However, "Never in the world would I have thought we were going to win in Helsinki," said Stone. The Australians, featuring Marjorie "Jet" Jackson, were the heavy favorites.

"She was the fastest girl in the world," said Stone. "The Australian relay team was excellent."

Just as the U.S. runners were getting ready to go on the track for the final, their coach said to them, "You never know what's going to happen, particularly in a relay."

It isn't enough just to run fast in a relay. The baton also has to be passed.

And the heavily favored Australians dropped theirs.

"It happened when they were right next to me," said Stone, who took the baton from Jones at the start of the third leg. "She was so young. I had the most experience, so they had her pass it to me."

When Stone passed the baton successfully for the anchor leg and saw her teammate break the tape just ahead of the second-place Germans, "I started jumping up and down. It was so exciting; absolutely incredible."

Making it even more exciting was the fact that the Americans had set a world record.

What bordered on incredible was that a girl from Pawtucket, R.I., had won a gold medal as women's sports were an athletic afterthought in those days.

But Stone — Janet Moreau, then — had a physical education teacher at what now is Tolman High School, who encouraged her to reach her athletic potential.

"I would never have gone to college if not for her," Stone said. "I remember the day I received my acceptance letter from Boston University. I couldn't believe it."

What seems unbelievable now is that as a senior in 1951, Stone qualified to compete at the Pan American Games in Buenos Aires, Argentina, but administrators at BU did not want her to go.

"I had to go to the dean to for permission and was told, while they would let me go, they disapproved and warned me that I might not be able to graduate on time if I went. But my father said I was going, no matter what. I took my books with me,

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took my exams when I came back, and passed.”

The following year, she was teaching physical education at Pawtucket West High School when she qualified for the 1952 U.S. Olympic Team.

There were political tensions at those Games because the Soviets, who had

After the Games, she returned to Rhode Island, married Ray Stone, and taught physical education at Barrington Middle School for more than 30 years.

Although she has been retired and her husband passed away many years ago, Stone remains very active.

She is “very involved” with her church,



Janet Moreau Stone

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invaded Finland in 1940, were competing. Stone does not recall how the team from the USSR was received when it entered the stadium for the Opening Ceremony, but she'll never forget the cheers for Team USA.

“When the American team marched in, everyone went crazy. It made you feel very proud.”

Officials from the USSR's National Olympic Committee would not allow its team to stay in the Olympic Village with the other athletes, but Stone said the U.S. team was taken to visit them.

“We got on a bus and spent a few hours with them where they were staying. We just sat around talking. We all were athletes.”

St. Luke's, and also works several times a week with special needs children.

She still closely follows the Olympic Games and faithfully reads *The Olympian*.

An article in a recent issue prompted her to donate her Opening Ceremony uniform to the USOC Archives in Colorado Springs, Colo.

“I read about a woman who'd sent in her uniform and thought: 'I think I'll do that!' I shipped it out a few days ago and got a call saying they'd received it. It's going to the archives.”

“My gold medal eventually will go to BU. They already have most of my other trophies.”



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MILESTONES

Dan Jansen and Bonnie Blair linked forever in Olympic history and as friends

*By Gary D'Amato of the Journal Sentinel
Jan. 29, 2014*

Speedskating legends Dan Jansen and Bonnie Blair were honored for their Olympic careers 20 years after winning gold medals at the Lillehammer 1994 Winter Games on Jan. 25, 2014 at the Pettit National Ice Center in Milwaukee.

Their friendship goes back many years since their families were close before they were born. They grew up practically as brother and sister, first toddlers on skates, then rising stars and eventually Olympic heroes.

They went out together in a blaze of Olympic Winter Games glory in 1994. Dan and Bonnie. Bonnie and Dan.

Twenty years after the Lillehammer Games, where Blair ended her incredible career with two gold medals and Jansen finally triumphed over heart-crushing adversity, they remain the closest of friends, separated by geography but united by bonds that can never be broken.

Jansen, 48, a West Allis, Wis., native, lives in Mooresville, N.C., and Blair, 49, lives in Delafield, Wis. They have their own families — Blair is married to four-time Olympian David Cruikshank and Jansen to golf professional Karen Palacios-Jansen — and each has two children, but they're always just a phone call away.

"D.J. and I have a unique relationship," Blair said. "Probably two weeks don't go by that we're not in touch with each other for one reason or another."

At the awards reception, they brought each other to tears as they recounted achievements and struggles on the ice, always framed by a mutual respect and admiration that transcended sports.

"Really, through our whole careers we did share a lot of stuff together," Blair

said. "To end it that way (in Lillehammer) was special for us."

They ended it with Blair winning gold in the 500- and 1,000-meter long track races to finish with six Olympic medals (five golds) and Jansen concluding the ultimate story of perseverance in sports



Lillehammer 1994 Olympic Winter Games. Speed skaters Dan Jansen & Bonnie Blair (USA)

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with gold in the 1,000 in his final Olympic race.

“The drama is part of the story,” Jansen said. “It certainly makes the story what it is, without a doubt. But the athlete, the competitor in me, would have liked to have done what Bonnie did.”

Blair won two medals at the 1988 Calgary Games and again in 1992 in Albertville, France. Jansen was shut out at those Games, largely due to an unfortunate combination of tragedy, bad luck and frustrating performances.

In 1988, Jansen’s sister, Jane, lost her battle with leukemia hours before he skated in the 500, a race in which he was favored to win gold. Physically, he went to the starting line as the most dominant sprinter in the world. Mentally? Well, it was asking the impossible.

He fell in the first turn.

Days later, in the 1,000, he fell again, just past the 800-meter mark.

Four years later, Jansen finished a disappointing fourth in the 500 and 26th in the 1,000, and left Albertville without a medal.

He went into the Lillehammer Games as the overwhelming favorite in the 500, having broken his own world record two weeks earlier, but a costly slip relegated him to an eighth-place finish.

Finally, there was the 1,000. Jansen, who would go on to win 46 world cup races and a national record 104 podium appearances had yet to win an Olympic medal. This was his last shot.

“I knew that I was more prepared for the 1,000 than I had ever been in my life and

I’d skated reasonably fast leading up,” he said. “However, the hard part was that my baby, the 500, was gone. And so trying to leave that behind and get ready for this one, I need to sort of stop expecting and just go out and skate.”

That he did, winning gold and setting a world record in the process. When Jansen skated his victory lap with 1-year-old daughter Jane in his arms, he unintentionally created one of the most enduring and endearing Olympic images in U.S. history.

“I mean, No. 1, I didn’t even know there was a victory lap, to tell you the truth,” Jansen said with a laugh. “I swear to God, I didn’t know. They told me, ‘You’ve got to go get your skates.’ No idea. The fact that I don’t have a medal in the 500 kills me as an athlete. But the way it happened and the story itself, would you change it? I don’t know, because you can’t.”

Blair wanted desperately to be at the rink that day to cheer on Jansen, but she was preparing for her own 500 the next day and was training at another facility. When Jansen went to the line, however, Blair and the other U.S. speedskaters gathered around a television.

“It was just such a big excitement that filled our whole team and then it was kind of like, ‘OK, now I want to go. Let’s get to the rink. Let’s race,’” Blair said. “It made me more excited for my races.”

“His race meant a lot to not just him and his family and our team, it was really a race that touched the whole world,” Blair said.

Though nothing could top that moment for Jansen, he has consistently said

over the years that his favorite Olympic memory was Blair winning her first gold medal in Calgary.

“My family knows what we went through at those Olympics,” he said. “And when Bonnie was able to win just a couple days after us losing our sister and my falls there, it did something for me that I can’t really put into words.”

Jansen and Blair have remained involved in speedskating and have given back to the sport in countless ways over the years. Both were in Sochi, Russia, for the 2014 Olympic Winter Games – Jansen as an analyst for NBC and Blair as a member of the official U.S. delegation.

The dinner in their honor raised money for a new timing system and scoreboard at the Pettit Center.

“I think tonight is more than about 20 years for Bonnie and I,” Jansen said. “We were lucky enough to be a part of the beginning of the Pettit Center and we will be here as long as there is a Pettit Center and do whatever we can for it.”

Several other former Olympians attended the dinner and praised Jansen and Blair not only for their athletic prowess but also for the quality of the lives they lead.

“They were role models, they were icons, they were people I wanted to emulate,” said Casey FitzRandolph, who won the gold medal in the 500 at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games.

“These two exemplify what people love about the Olympics,” said three-time Olympian Mike Woods. “That is, for a couple weeks people get to see what humans can achieve.”

ALUMNI IN MEMORIAM



Elmer Edes

(Team Handball, 1972)

Elmer “Ellie” Edes passed away on Feb. 7, 2014. He was 76 years old.

Ellie relocated to the United States in the mid-1950s from Hungary. He was a member of the New York Hungarian Soccer Club prior to being invited as a member of the national handball team in 1969 to begin training for the 1972 Olympic Games.

Ellie served as a vice president of the Team Handball Federation in the 1970s as well as manager of the women’s national team.



Wayne Thomas Frye

(Rowing, 1952)

Wayne T. Frye, 83, of Manchester, N.H., died Feb. 26, 2014, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center. He was born in Trinity, Ky., on Nov. 6, 1930, to the late Clive and Jane “Tully” Frye.

After graduating from Manchester High School in 1948, he joined the Marines where he was given the opportunity to attend the Naval Academy Preschool. He went on to the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. It was during that time when he became a member of the “Great Eight” 1952 Olympic gold-medal winning men’s rowing team.

After graduating in 1954, he joined the newly formed U.S. Air Force, in which he served at Niagara Falls and Andrews Air Force Base before attending the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he earned his Master of Science degree. Following graduation, he taught

at the U.S. Air Force Academy, and in 1964, he became an instructor at the Air Force Aerospace Research Pilot School. In 1968, Frye served in the Vietnam War at Cameron Bay, where commanded the 555th Squadron, better known as the Triple Nichol Squadron. During that time he flew 266 combat missions, received two Silver Stars, five Distinguished Flying Crosses, 15 Air Medals and a Purple Heart. He retired as a colonel from the U.S. Air Force in 1974 after serving 22 years.

He was a former employee of Sunstrand, Continental Airline, Leach Corp, and taught at the Maysville Community College. A distinguished member of the U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association, he was inducted into the U.S. Naval Aviation Hall of Fame in 2012.

He is survived by his wife, Glenda Frye; his children, Jeff Frye, Jon Frye, Julie Haynie and Wayne Frye, Jr.; his step-children: Michael Tracy, Julie Allen and Brad Johnson; his grandchildren, Blake Frye, Clayton Frye, Sierra Frye, Brittany Haynie, Joshua Haynie; step-grandchildren, Joseph Tracy, Benjamin Tracy, Jacob Henderson, Corey Henderson, Tyler Allen, Whitney Allen; and great-grandson Jaxon Henderson.

ALUMNI IN MEMORIAM (continued)



Kinmont Trefry Hoitsma

(Fencing, 1956)

Kinmont Trefry Hoitsma passed away on Sept. 30, 2013. He was 79 years old.

Hoitsma fenced for the U.S. at the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games, competing in both individual and team epee events.

He majored in French at Princeton University, where he also studied Greek and spent his junior year in France. As a senior in 1956, he competed in the Ivy League fencing championships. In the final thrilling match of the event against Columbia, he was defeated in sudden-death overtime. He then went on to compete at the collegiate final.

At the 1956 Games, Hoitsma made advanced to the individual quarterfinals. While the U.S. team did not advance, Hoitsma defeated three of his four opponents, including the eventual gold medalist in individual epee.

On his way back home, he stopped in San

Francisco, where he remained to study architecture at the University of California, Berkeley, and art history at San Francisco State University.

For 30 years, he taught history, literature, philosophy and religion at Chabot Community College. In 1967, he published *The Real Mask*, a dissertation on Edward Albee's play, *Tiny Alice*.

Hoitsma lived on Potero Hill, Calif., where he cultivated old-fashioned roses before retiring later in life to a home in Oakland, Calif.



Thomas Ronald Montemage

(Cycling, 1948, 1952, 1964)

Thomas Ronald Montemage passed away on Jan. 31, 2014. He was 87 years old.

Montemage came from a cycling family and his father was also a champion racer. A Kensington High School graduate, he started bicycle racing as a teenager at what is now Martin Luther King Park. He

was drafted to the U.S. Army in 1945, and at the end of World War II, he won a cycling competition representing Fort Dix at Crystal Beach, Ontario.

He represented Team USA at three Olympic Games in London (1948), Helsinki (1952) and Tokyo (1964), competing in team pursuit and long distance events. He held a half-mile flat track record of 1 minute and 4.2 seconds, which was recorded at the Connecticut Street Armory before cycling race tracks were banked.

Additionally, he won gold medals as a senior and master cyclist at the Empire State Games in the 1980s.

In July 2012, he was featured on the front page of the New York Times and The Buffalo News for feature stories on the 1948 Olympic Games.

He rode to work and then for exercise through his late 70s.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Lois Powell Montemage, his children, Mary, Thomas and Jeffrey, and seven grandchildren.

ALUMNI IN MEMORIAM (continued)



Eleanor Inez Montgomery

(Track & Field, 1964, 1968)

Eleanor Inez Montgomery passed away on Dec. 28, 2013. She was 67 years old.

She was an Olympic high jumper who competed at the 1964 and 1968 Games. She was also the member of Tennessee State University's women's track & field team under the direction of Head Coach Ed Temple.

Montgomery set her personal best of 1.80 meters on July 7, 1969, at the U.S. National Championships in Dayton, Ohio, which was an American record at that time. She also competed in the long jump and heptathlon.

Her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Lucious Montgomery, preceded her in death. She is the beloved sister of Jessie Williams, Esther Lofton (Spurgeon), Kathy Robinson (Alvin), Robert Montgomery (Gloria), William (deceased) Harriet Montgomery and Keith Montgomery (Sandra).



Ernestine Pollards

(Track & Field, 1960)

Ernestine Pollards passed away on Jan. 22, 2014. She was 72 years old.

She was born along with her twin brother, Ernest, to Henry and Daisy Bell Pollards formally of Richland, Ga, who both preceded her in death.

She was raised in Illinois with nine brothers and sisters in Chicago, where she attended Smyth Elementary School and Crane High School.

It was at Crane High School where she emerged as a track star, earning a spot on the 1960 U.S. Olympic Team alongside Wilma Rudolf and Willye White in Rome, Italy. She held the world record for the 100-yard dash during her track career. She continued coaching and mentoring adults and children throughout her life.

She married Earl Wallace and had two children, Danny and Darro Wallace.

She later met Teakel Gardner and had one

son, Willie Pollards, who preceded her in death.

She is survived by one brother, King, two sons, Danny and Darro, and eight grandchildren.



William Henry Roetzheim

(Gymnastics, 1948, 1952)

William Henry Roetzheim passed away on Feb. 6, 2014. He was 85 years old.

Roetzheim was a U.S. Army Veteran and served during the Korean War. He was a successful gymnast, winning nine national titles in AAU and NCAA competition. He was a member of two U.S. Olympic Teams and was the first American gymnast to win a gold medal at the Pan American Games in 1951.

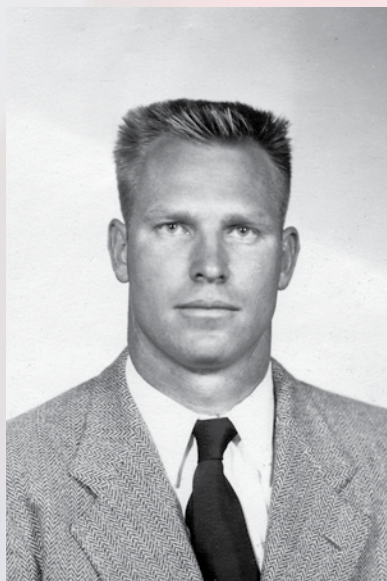
He served as a superior judge at the Olympic Games in 1984, 1988, 1992 and 1996. In 1951, while a sophomore at Florida State University, he single handedly outscored all gymnastics teams competing at the national collegiate

ALUMNI IN MEMORIAM (continued)

championships, leading the Seminoles to its first national team championship in any sport.

He was inducted into the Gymnastics Hall of Fame in 1975 followed by his induction into the inaugural FSU Hall of Fame class of 1977. He coached high school gymnastics for 14 years (1955-1968), winning three state championships. He served as a coach and athletic director at the University of Illinois at Chicago from 1968 until his retirement in 1985.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Betty Jo; children, Richard, William Jr., Marlene Olson; sister, Helen Mehler; 10 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.



Wilbur Thompson

(Track & Field, 1948)

Wilbur “Moose” Thompson passed away on Dec. 25, 2013. He was 92 years old.

Thompson grew up in Modesto, Calif., where he graduated from Modesto High School. He attended the University of Southern California and served in the U.S. Army from 1943-46.

He represented Team USA at the 1948 Olympic Games in London, where he won the gold medal in shot put with an Olympic-record throw of 56 feet and 2 inches. He stayed involved with track & field his entire life, competing into his 80s at master and senior events. He also worked with coaches, and shot put and discus throwers at California State University, Long Beach. He was an avid student of the art of throwing, especially the mental preparation needed for competition.

A longtime Long Beach, Calif., resident, he was a petroleum engineer for ARCO before serving as chief of Long Beach Operations at State Lands Commission.

He is survived by four children – Susan Browning, Patricia Thompson, Antonia Issa Labera and Christopher Thompson – 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



James Wynne

(Rowing, 1956)

James Wynne passed away on Jan. 23, 2014. He was 76 years old.

Wynne rowed competitively at St. Joseph’s Collegiate Institute and the University of Pennsylvania.

In 1956, he took a leave of absence from college and joined a five-man crew at the West Side Rowing Club, to compete at the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne, Australia. He also competed at the 1960 European Games.

In 1963, he married Judy Ryan. They moved to Boston, where he worked in personnel for UPS and spent his weekends watching rowers on the Charles River. He was appointed lightweight crew coach at Yale University in 1964.

In 1970, Wynne and his family returned to Buffalo, N.Y., where he pursued a career in hospital administration, working at Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center. There, he was instrumental in writing a major grant application and procuring federal funds for a new mental health center. He was a member and served on the board of the National Council of Mental Health.

James returned to coaching in the 1990s, first at Nichols School and then at the University at Buffalo as assistant coach for women’s rowing. He retired in 2004.

He enjoyed painting – especially charcoals and oils – and studying history, especially about the Civil War. As a cook, he was known for his pear and leek soup.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Elizabeth Killian and Molly Ehlenfield, one son, James Jr., and seven grandchildren.

OLYMPIAN & PARALYMPIAN

PHOTO Highlights



1. Members of Team USA pose during a meet in Oslo, Norway. From left to right: Oliver Jackson, ACU Coach; Earl Young track & field, 1960); Ralph Boston (track & field, 1960, 1964, 1968); Jerry Siebert (track & field, 1960, 1964); Frank Budd (track & field, 1960) and Jim Beatty (track & field, 1960).

2. Melanie Simboli (freestyle skiing, 1988) loves taking to kids in her hometown of Boise, Idaho. Her presentation titled, “We Are All Champions In The Making, Awaken The Power Of YOU” is very well received by the students she meets. That is very obvious by the smiles

3. On March 10, 2014 The International Athletic Association, Inc. hosted The 24th Anniversary Awards Gala at the Waldorf Astoria, New York, N.Y. and presented the Jesse Owens International Athlete Trophy to Usain Bolt. From left to right: Eric Heiden (speedskating,1976, 1980); Roger Kingdom (track & field, 1984, 1988); Wesley Smith,



President, Pro Art Management, Inc.; Jim Clerkin, CEO Moët Hennessy USA; Wellesley Bolt; Jennifer Bolt; Edwin Moses (track & field, 1976, 1980, 1984, 1988); Herbert Douglas (track & field, 1948); Chuck Imhof, Delta Air Lines and Chancellor Mark Nordenberg, University of Pittsburgh.

4. In the Ketchum, Idaho town center you will find a large plaque that honors the locally grown Olympians. Dick Fosbury (track & field, 1968); Willie Banks (track & field, 1980, 1984, 1988) and John Naber (swimming, 1976) point to their Olympic years.

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