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A Letter From Willie Banks

U.S. Olympians Association President



As the old saying goes, “If you want something done, give it to a busy person.” Well, the start of this Olympic year has really helped illustrate how poignant this saying truly is. For those of you not in the know...the U.S. Olympians have decided to support four separate national projects this year. These projects are varied and comprehensive in scope and execution. Although many of our chapter presidents are extremely busy, they have, as Olympians always do, dug deep to fulfill all the projects that land on their desk.

It gives me a sense of pride and honor that the United States Olympians Association board of directors voted to support a pet project of mine called “Walk to London 2012” (walktolondon2012.org). Last year, I came up with the idea to have each chapter host a walk with its community. The walk will be organized by the chapter and will celebrate the Olympic spirit in all of us as we send off another strong team to London for the Olympic Games. As people join the walks, we will tally their miles and eventually have enough to stretch from Los Angeles, host of the 1984 Olympic Games, to London, host of the 2012 Olympic Games. The last U.S. stage of the walk will be in Washington D.C., however, we hope the final leg will be in Olympic Park in London right before the Games open.

The best part of this project is that, even though the board members are super busy, they took on one more project. Let me tell you my friends, there is no bigger honor than to have the world’s best Olympians pay me such a high honor. The first kick-off took place in Los Angeles at the Olympic Stadium on April 7. We had great support in the LA area for the first leg. From LA, we move to San Francisco and then up the coast to Oregon and Washington. This will be the biggest project we have done in several years.

On the following page is a list of the dates and places where the walks will occur. Please visit TeamUSA.org to find the contact information for your chapter president to get involved.

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Saturday, April 7 – Los Angeles, Hawaii
 Sunday, April 15 – San Jose
 Sunday, April 22 – San Francisco
 Sunday, April 22 – Oregon, Washington
 Sunday, April 29 – Utah, Arizona
 Sunday, May 6 – Idaho, Texas
 Saturday, May 12– Colorado, Indiana
 Sunday, May 20 – Missouri, Illinois
 Saturday, May 26 – Milwaukee
 Sunday, May 27 – Midwest, Michigan
 Sunday, June 3 – Florida, Georgia
 Sunday, June 10 – Alabama, New York
 Saturday, June 16 – Chicago
 Sunday, June 17 – New England, Ohio
 Saturday, June 23 – Washington D.C.



In addition to the Walk to London 2012, we continue to move forward with the World Fit program. Olympians will inspire thousands of kids in more than 80 schools this year thanks to the unwavering efforts of Gary Hall Sr. He has done a fabulous job facing almost insurmountable odds to keep the program going and add more schools to the list of middle schools that have once again signed up for the program. If you haven't done so already, please sign up at worldfit.org. We need more Olympians to give a talk at a middle school to inspire kids to stay fit and exercise.

Last year, we had an introduction to the Kids4Trees program (kids4trees.org). This year, Micki King has been instrumental in connecting Olympians with kids out in the forest of our great nation. The Kids4Trees program is designed to promote the love of nature in our nation's youth. The Olympians who participate in the program plant trees with kids and talk about their story in sports. The kids are inspired by the Olympic story but are also encouraged to be outdoors and enjoy nature.

Finally, our chapters are very much involved with the Olympic Day events. Last year, Olympians participated in 350 events throughout the country. The events ranged from mayoral proclamations to community competitions. Each Olympian can create an event in his/her city. Register at TeamUSA.org to have your event be a part of the Olympic Day activities. I hope you will be a part of this program that celebrates the official Olympic Day: June 23, 2012.

Whew, this is a lot of work for a group of volunteers. The best part about having Olympians around is they know how to get things done, especially when they're busy! Thanks everyone!

Willie Banks

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Cover image: The stage lights up at the Olympic Medals Plaza during the Salt Lake City Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City.

Credit: Getty Image

Fireworks light up the sky above the stadium for the grand finale of the Opening Ceremony of the 2002 Olympic Winter Games at the Rice-Eccles Olympic Stadium in Salt Lake City.

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SALT LAKE CITY 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Reigniting the Legacy

By Doug Williams, Red Line Editorial

They were the Games of perfect snow and perfect scenery, staged in a city that seemed ideally suited to be an Olympic host.

The XIX Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City, held 10 years ago on February 8, 2002, may not have had the quaint charms of previous hosts such as Innsbruck or Lillehammer, but they were, by some measurements, the most successful.

Just five months after the terrorist attacks of 9/11 and three years after an International Olympic Committee bribery scandal threatened to put them under a cloud, the Winter Games in Utah proved to be smooth and efficient, drew a record two billion TV viewers, enlisted 22,000 volunteers and made enough money to leave a legacy of operational venues that have transformed the area into one of the country's premier winter sports destinations and training grounds.

Prior to 2002, U.S. teams had never won more than 13 medals at a Winter Games, yet Team USA blew away all expectations by winning 34 in Salt Lake City.

And, from the 1980 U.S. hockey team's surprise lighting of the cauldron at the Opening Ceremony to Sarah Hughes vaulting from fourth place to first to claim the figure skating gold medal, the Games produced a legacy of golden moments.

But perhaps the biggest legacy of the Games is the venues that remain and continue to be the launching pad for Olympic careers to come.

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Long after the chants of "U-S-A" faded alongside the bobsled run at the Olympic

Park in Park City or the speedskating oval in Kearns, the facilities are now being used by future Olympians.

"That's really a true legacy," said Derek Parra, who won gold and silver speedskating medals in 2002 and now serves as outreach director for youth sports programs for the Utah Olympic Legacy Foundation. "There aren't too many places in the world now where they've hosted Olympics and those venues are still being used for the purpose they were built for.

"In Nagano, it's a flea market. In Vancouver, it's a fitness center. Italy, I don't know what it is. It could be a



Captain Mike Eruzione and other members of the 1980 gold medal-winning U.S. men's hockey team hold up the torch before lighting the Olympic flame at the Opening Ceremony of the Salt Lake City 2002 Olympic Winter Games at the Rice-Eccles Olympic Stadium

Credit: Getty Image

race-car track or something,” he said, laughing. “But with the park here and the oval, they’re still being used for what they were built for.”

As the region prepared for several events to celebrate the 10-year anniversary, former Salt Lake City Mayor Deedee Corradini — who worked to bring the Olympic Winter Games to Utah — said it was a “joyous, fabulous time” that had a huge impact on the region.

“Everybody came together,” she said. “It didn’t matter who you were, what city you were in, this state and all of our people were just alive and electric. Everybody wanted to help.

“To this day I have people come up to me and talk about the Olympics, and this was even before we started talking about doing a 10th anniversary. People say this was the best thing we ever did.”

The Games were a mixture of competition and controversies, atmosphere, security concerns, economic success and the lasting, tangible infrastructure that remains.

Here is a look back at the 2002 Winter Games:

Competition and Controversies

Women’s bobsled made its debut, and skeleton reappeared as an Olympic sport for the first time since 1928 as 78 events — 12 more than in 1998 — were held, involving nearly 2,400 athletes.

China and Australia won their first gold medals in the Winter Games, and German luger Georg Hackl became the first athlete to medal in the same event in five consecutive Games. While Germany won the most medals (36), Norway amassed 25, including the most golds (13). The United States ranked third in overall medals and third in golds with 10.

The previous U.S. high had been 13 medals in an Olympic Winter Games (in 1994 and 1998) — and the 34 it hauled in at these Winter Games in 2002 blew away early predictions of perhaps 20 medals made by the U.S. Olympic Committee’s \$40 million Podium 2002 project designed to produce success in Salt Lake.

The Winter Games, however, had their controversies.

New, stiffer drug-testing procedures resulted in several athletes being disqualified and stripped of their medals, including Spanish cross-country skiing star Johann Muehlegg.

And when the scores of a French judge came under scrutiny following the pairs figure skating competition — in which a Russian pair was awarded the gold with a flawed routine when it appeared a Canadian couple had outskated the Russians — duplicate gold medals eventually were awarded to the Canadians and changes were introduced into the scoring procedures.

But there were many memorable events on the ice rinks and slopes that will forever be in the record books.

U.S. gold medalists from the 2002 Olympic Winter Games:

- Jill Bakken and Vonn** (bobsled)
- Sarah Hughes** (figure skating)
- Apolo Anton Ohno** (short-track speedskating)
- Casey FitzRandolph** (long-track speedskating)
- Derek Parra** (long-track speedskating)
- Chris Witty** (long-track speedskating)
- Jimmy Shea** (skeleton)
- Tristan Gale** (skeleton)
- Ross Powers** (snowboarding)
- Kelly Clark** (snowboarding)

Pictured on the right in the order listed above.

Atmosphere

Salt Lake City, the largest city to host an Olympic Winter Games, allowed for a large transportation hub, plenty of close venues within the city and easy access to nearby mountain venues.

With the spectacular, snowy Wasatch Mountains ringing the city, and good weather almost every day, the region looked spectacular to visitors and TV viewers worldwide.

When asked if the region’s layout — mountain venues so close to a metropolitan base — were one of the keys to the Games’ success, Corradini responded, “Absolutely.”



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“We have a huge advantage over just about any city that has held the Winter Games because of that,” she said. “It’s ideal.”

She said one of her lasting memories of the Games are the crowds of people in Salt Lake, Park City and the other venues.

“Just walking through downtown Salt Lake City and seeing these crowds of people from all over the world, happy and talking to each other and interacting,” she said. “I’ve never felt such joy in a place with people all over the world as I did just walking the streets of Salt Lake City and going to the medal ceremonies. ... The magnificent backdrop of the mountains. It was just magical.”

Security concerns

Parra remembers 9/11 being fresh on everyone’s minds, and the threat of a terrorist attack causing security to be an overriding element of the Winter Games.

Corradani recalls speculation shortly after 9/11 that the Winter Games might be canceled.

“But thank goodness we decided to go ahead,” she said.

Even Jacques Rogge, president of the IOC, brought up the topic at the Opening Ceremony — in the presence of President George W. Bush — saying, “Your nation is overcoming a horrific tragedy, a tragedy that has affected the whole world. We stand united with you in the promotion of our common ideals, and hope for world peace.”

As part of that Opening Ceremony at Rice-Eccles Stadium, several athletes — including Parra — carried in the tattered American flag from the World Trade Center.

Corradani called it an “overwhelming” moment.

“The Opening Ceremony was just spectacular, but it was kind of a mixed bag of relief that we’d made it, but also joy that we’d made it, and pride,” she said.

Extra military and police were provided, including aerial surveillance. Athletes, fans and media had to constantly go

through security checks. The estimated bill for security at the Games was \$300 million, about three times what was spent on the Atlanta Games in 1996.

But the Games ran smoothly and without incident.

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Lasting Success

A decade later, athletes from all across the United States and the world train at the speedskating oval (which also accommodates hockey, figure skating and curling) or use the facilities at Olympic Park in Park City for bobsled, luge and all types of skiing.

The Games made an estimated \$75 million, Corradani said, and those funds were channeled into the Utah Olympic Legacy Foundation that operates the facilities, sports programs, activities and public access.

In addition, Parra said the Games in Utah sparked a growth in interest in winter sports in the area.

“Before the Games there were three sheets of ice between Provo and Ogden,” he said. “Now there are about 16. ... That’s a lot of kids playing hockey, a lot of kids skating.”

U.S. Olympic athletes now have better training facilities than they’ve ever had before. And winter sports tourists flock to use them.

But when Parra looks back on the Games, he remembers more the spirit he felt among athletes and fans.

The number of volunteers, the setting, the post-9/11 emotions that brought people together and the perfect conditions of an ideal location created a spirit Parra hasn’t felt anywhere else.

“I’ve heard from people who went to six Olympics,” said Parra. “I have coaches and skaters who say Salt Lake was unmatched just because of the great snow, the energy, the support from the crowd. There was something special about Salt Lake. I don’t know if they can ever be duplicated.”



Members of the New York Police and Fire departments watch as American athletes hold the American flag found at ‘Ground Zero’ at the World Trade Center during the Opening Ceremony of the Salt Lake City 2002 Olympic Winter Games.

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Don't miss this opportunity for outstanding Team USA hospitality in London. Fill out the appropriate information online no later than July 27, 2012 to be sure you are included in the hottest hospitality venue in London.

See you in London.

Bob Kurland

NO REGRETS

By ELLIOTT DENMAN (athletics, 1956)



Never—ever—ever—ever did Bob Kurland have a regret.

More than six decades have flown by since he made the big big decision, the one that molded his life that followed. Basketball's first two-time Olympic gold medalist, he was the shot-blocking, game-altering standout center on the 1948 and 1952 Olympic teams. He was

offensive slouch, either. To this day, Kurland says, "Coach Iba was the finest man I ever met."

Both of A&M's NCAA championship games were played in New York's Madison Square Garden, and it was the NYC-based Knicks, of the fledgling Basketball Association of America that became the NBA were among his most ardent suitors.



1948 U.S. Olympic team

his sport's first great 7-footer, the man nicknamed "Foothills," who would shun the pros, retain his amateur and Olympic eligibility and go on to the lofty heights of his own choice. "I never looked back," Kurland said in a recent telephone interview. "It was the best decision I could have made. It guaranteed my future."

He'd been a brilliant performer for the Oklahoma A&M basketball teams that dribbled off with NCAA championships in 1945 and 1946. Those cowboy teams, coached by the famed Henry "Hank" Iba, were the absolute cream of the collegiate crop, going 27-4 in 1944-45 and beating NYU for the NCAA crown. They were even better in their 31-2 1945-46 campaign, capping it all with a title-game decision over North Carolina. A&M became Oklahoma State in 1957 and Iba went on to coach Olympic gold medal teams in 1964 and 1968. It was Iba who recruited the little-noticed Kurland out of Jennings High School in the St. Louis suburbs, and later mold him into the All-American player whose defensive skills changed the game. Kurland was no

Standing 7 feet, Kurland was the big man who had the talent, skill and athleticism beyond his obvious height advantage. It was this

combination that might have turned the Knicks — or any other pro team for that matter — into an instant powerhouse capable of winning in the pros for years and years. Instead, Bob Kurland politely told them, "No, no, no thanks."

He knew that pro ball of that era was still a shaky proposition. He saw franchises coming and going, sometimes in the dark of the night. He saw great players contracted to play for relatively minuscule salaries. He saw pro careers ending in the blink of an eye — with a single injury, a single mishap. Kurland had his own vision. He saw a much better option in the land of the National Industrial League and the world of Amateur Athletic Union basketball. He went to work with the Phillips Petroleum Co. and took a sideline assignment playing for the Phillips "66" Oilers, 11-time kings of the National AAU Tournament. Kurland thus continued his collegiate hardwood dominance in this whole new realm, for six full seasons with the Oilers.

This, of course, was the era of strict amateurism — pros would not gain

Olympic eligibility until 1992 — and thus Kurland was able to play his way to the 1948 and 1952 Olympic Games, leading Team USA to gold medals each time, and adding to the dossier that would see him elected into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 1961.

Bob Kurland celebrated his 87th birthday on December 23. He and his wife, Barbara, have been happily married for 61 years. They met in college and she was "the prettiest girl in town," he tells you. They are parents of four, grandparents of seven, and contented retirees in Sanibel Island, Fla. for many years.

Kurland, who made so many hoops headlines of his own, continues following his sport closely.

He's amazed by the talents and performances of today's players, he's astounded by the salaries the best of them now command and he's delighted with basketball's growth into a true world game. Most importantly, he knows that he was a very big part of that coming—of—age process. He did it "my way."

The 64th anniversary of that 1948 Olympic basketball triumph is just over the horizon. The Games will soon return to London, which becomes the first three-time Olympic city and for many, the build up to London provides a trip down memory lane. Basketball had made its Olympic debut at the Berlin Olympic Games of 1936, and was played in a strange setting. Games were staged in an outdoor tennis stadium. The court was clay and turned to mud by the rain that soaked the court the day of the final. No wonder dribbling the ball and putting it through the hoop proved an adventure. Final score: USA 19, Canada 8.

With World War II thankfully over, bombed-out and slowly rebuilding Britain courageously stepped forward to

host the Games and revive the Olympic Movement that had been on hold for a dozen years. Kurland and teammates seized their moments. Argentina gave the Americans a preliminary—round fright before USA rallied to win it, 59-57. The rest of the tournament proved a romp. The Americans routed France in a lopsided 65-21 final at Harringay Arena, on a court set up over an ice surface. Taking all eight games, USA outscored its opponents by a combined 524-256. Early round games were as decisive as 86-21 over Switzerland, 53-28 Czechoslovakia and 61-33 Peru.

Much of the way, USA Coach Bud Browning played his team in complete units: - five from Phillips 66 (Kurland and teammates Lew Beck, Jesse Renick, Gordon Carpenter and R.C. Pitts), then five from the collegiate champion Kentucky Wildcats (Ralph Beard, Alex Groza, Cliff Barker, Wallace “Wah Wah” Jones and Ken Rollins), backed up by four at-large choices (Vince Boryla of the

go before becoming a true international sport. I really think we played a big role in starting that process. I was very proud of all we achieved.” Don Barksdale, a UCLA graduate, became the first African-American to play Olympic basketball for the USA. “He was a phenomenal athlete, a great trackman, too,” said Kurland. I think he could have won the Olympic hop, skip and jump now called the triple jump if he’d wanted to. But he chose basketball over track.”

Four years later, the final tryouts returned to Madison Square Garden. This time, the Peoria Caterpillars, representing the AAU, edged the University of Kansas, representing the NCAA, in a 62-60 final. The Caterpillars had stunned the Oilers in a 64-50 semifinal; but Phillips would rout LaSalle College in the third-place game, 92-58.

The 1952 Olympic team would be comprised of the best of all those teams. The Caterpillars’ top players included Dan Pippin, Frank McCabe and Marcus Freiberg. Leading Kansans were Clyde Lovellette, William Houglund and William Lienhard. Kurland and Wayne Glasgow

were the Oilers’ delegates. For Kurland, it was another distinct honor; he was the lone returnee from the 1948 squad. The Caterpillars’ Warren Womble was named head coach, and Dan Pippin was named the team captain. “Helsinki is a great European city, and full of nice people,” remembers Kurland. “With the Soviet Union there at the Olympics for the first time since 1912, they knew this was going to be a historic event, and they did a great job of it. The Russians who’d had precious few opportunities to venture beyond the then-iron curtain were very interested, very curious about everything we did. They were taking photos of everything, scribbling all the time, taking notes every time we saw them.”

This was an Olympic tournament marred by excessive brawling, much of it involving Uruguayan players. Three Russian players required first aid in a semifinal win over Uruguay. USA had beaten the Soviets in an 86-58 preliminary round game, but the Soviets rebounded the rest of the way to win a rematch in the gold medal game. Knowing they couldn’t really maintain the Americans’ pace in an era long before the shot clock, the Soviets employed a slowdown style. “From the opening whistle, the Russians played the most irritating, tantalizing, ball control game possible,” team manager Howard Hobson wrote in the official USA team report. However, showing infinite patience and team discipline, the USA finally prevailed, 36-25. Not a single player in the game reached double scoring figures. Lovellette’s 9 and Kurland’s 8 represented nearly half of the U.S. team’s scoring.

And so with an 8-0 march through the Helsinki tournament, USA maintained the unbeaten Olympic basketball pace it would carry through to Munich in 1972, when a 62-game winning streak was halted in the most controversial game in Olympic history, the shock and still-argued 51-50 loss to the Soviet Union.

USA’s “Dream Team” first dribbled onto the court at the Barcelona Games of 1992 and, as the world expected, dominated play. Then again, Kurland’s 1948 and 1952 Olympic teams were earlier dominators and he’ll forever remind basketball fans that “we had some great players, too.”

Kurland hung up his shoes after the 1952 Olympics and went on to a series of executive sales, marketing and regional divisional responsibilities within the Phillips Co. before his retirement from the corporate world.

His life remains busy and rewarding. There’s no time for the coulda — woulda — shouldas.

Never has, never will.



1952 Olympic team

Denver Nuggets, Ray Lumpp of NYU, Don Barksdale of the Oakland Bittners, and Jack Robinson of Baylor). Legendary Kentucky coach Adolph Rupp was Browning’s top assistant. “Basketball had two really great big men in that era, and they were two of the best in history,” said Olympian Lumpp. “There was 7-foot Bob Kurland and there was 6-foot-10 inch George Mikan, out of DePaul. Bob, he was the toast of the town. Mikan, he turned pro after college, starring for the Minnesota Lakers so there was no Olympics for him.”

“I met a lot of great people along the way and that 1948 team had some of the best,” said Kurland. “Basketball was still in a developing stage; it had a long way to



OLYMPIC DAY 2012

CALLING ALL OLYMPIANS!

2012 Olympic Day in the United States needs you!

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Carson, Calif.: USOA President and Olympian Willie Banks and Olympians Cathy Marino and Rusty Smith at the 2010 Olympic Day Celebration at the Anschutz Southern California Sports Complex.

With the 2012 Olympic Games in London just around the corner, the U.S. Olympians Association has a busy year ahead, highlighted by the Olympic Day and Walk to London initiatives. As 2012 will be the first time Olympic Day events will be celebrated in a Summer Olympic Games year, interest in Olympic Day will be at an all-time high. Olympic Day celebrations will be held June 22-July 1, one month before the Opening Ceremony of the 2012 Olympic Games.

Since 2009, the USOA has supported Olympic Day by partnering with the United States Olympic Committee and community-based organizations (i.e.

YMCA, Boys and Girls Clubs) across the United States to have an Olympian, Paralympian, coach or hopeful attend

Olympic Day events in their local communities. Once there, the athletes talk about their Olympic experiences and the Olympic values. In 2011, 319 USOA members participated in Olympic Day celebrations in their local communities.

We have seen the positive impacts Olympians can have on our local communities and the Olympians of tomorrow. We encourage USOA members to participate by attending local Olympic Day celebrations, organizing your own Olympic Day celebration (if one does not exist in your local area) and by inviting your fellow USOA members to participate.



Pinellas Park, Fla.: 2012 Olympic Day liaison and Olympian Jim Millns and Olympian Bryant Johnson celebrate Olympic Day at the Boys & Girls Club of Pinellas Park.



Rockwall, Texas: 2012 Olympic Day liaison and Olympian Sammy Walker and local Olympians celebrate Olympic Day at the YMCA of Rockwall.



Olympic Day Spotlight: Jason Pyrah, Athletics (1996 & 2000) – Boys &

Girls Club of Joplin, Mo.

“Going to the Boys & Girls Clubs in Joplin was a great experience. I was in Joplin about two weeks prior to the Olympic Day event, volunteering with the tornado cleanup process. I have always been willing to help out with Olympic Day celebrations, but Joplin has a special place in my heart because these were essentially my neighbors who were in need. The children of the Boys & Girls Club were all affected in some way by the tornado. We talked about some of the challenges they were facing and it was fun for me to bring some much-needed excitement and a brighter outlook of celebrating sport and the spirit of the Olympic Movement to the lives of these children who had been surrounded by so much chaos and disarray.”

USOA member participation is as easy as 1, 2, 3

- 1** USOA member confirms participation in an Olympic Day celebration to Abigail Tompkins at abigail.tompkins@usoc.org or 719.866.3245.
- 2** United States Olympic Committee connects USOA member with local host (i.e. Boys & Girls Club, YMCA).
- 3** USOA member works with host to determine event specifics and share their personal Olympic experiences while inspiring participants during the Olympic Day celebration. *Note: The USOC will provide talking points as part of an athlete toolkit that will be sent to the USOA member. USOA member may be asked to participate in other Olympic Day activities beyond speaking.*

Additional information on Olympic Day can be found at:
www.teamusa.org/olympicday.

The USOC will frequently be circulating a list of participating Olympic Day hosts requesting USOA member participation to the USOA membership. We ask that you review the list to determine if you will be able to participate in any events in your local community.

To participate in or host an Olympic Day event, or for questions concerning Olympic Day, please contact Abigail Tompkins at the U.S. Olympic Committee at abigail.tompkins@usoc.org or via telephone at 719.866.3245.



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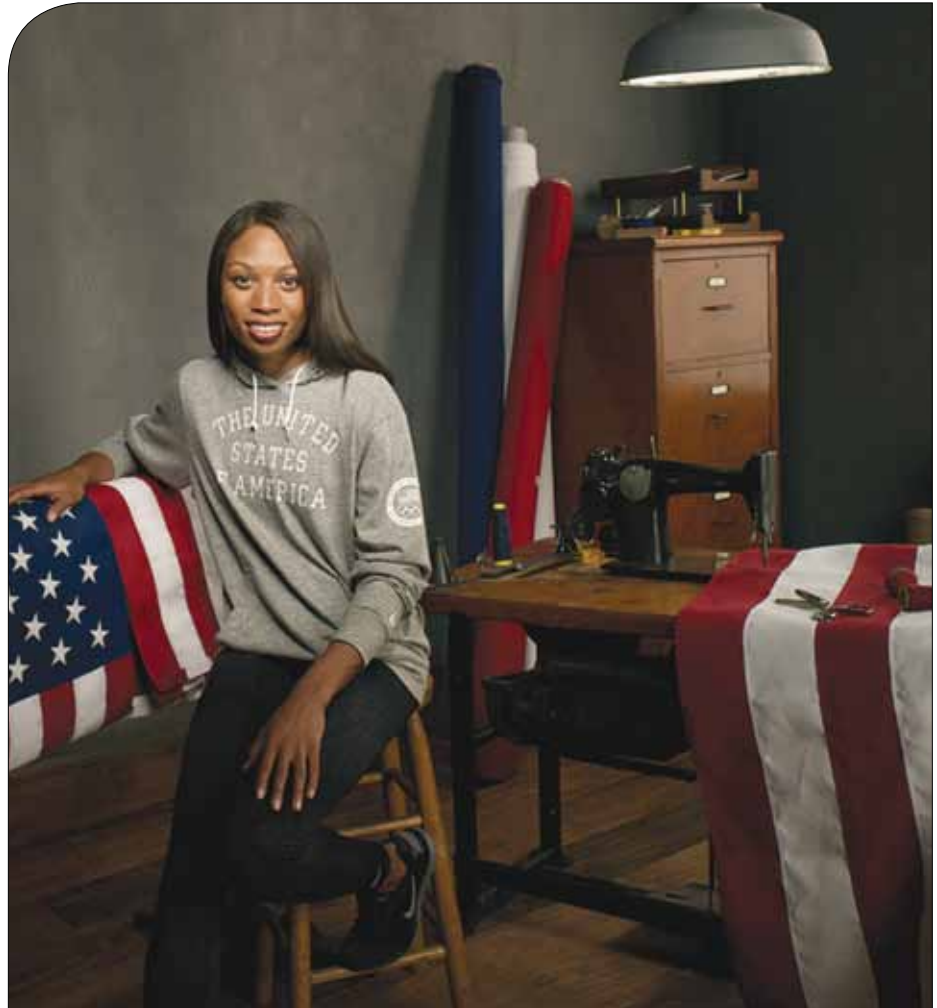
Help Raise Our Flag

This summer, the most elite athletes in America will represent our country on the biggest stage of them all: the London 2012 Olympic Games. These young men and women have been training for years to earn a spot on Team USA and walk behind our flag in the Opening Ceremony.

But they can't do it alone. Many people don't know this, but unlike most countries, the athletes on Team USA receive no government funding and instead rely 100 percent on corporate sponsorships and donations from Americans.

That means we're more than fans – we're the team behind the team.

And this year, starting April 18th, Americans can donate by purchasing a stitch in the flag that our team, Team USA, carries into the Opening Ceremony on July 27th.



Allison Felix (*athletics 2004, '08, '12 hopeful*), official Raise Our Flag spokesperson

Together, we will Raise Our Flag.

The online donation process at TeamUSA.org is simple. Each stitch is only \$12 and can be dedicated to whoever you like. We've made it just as easy to share your support for Team USA through Twitter and Facebook as well. Our goal is to involve as many Americans and fellow Olympians and Paralympians – the real team behind the team – as possible.

Here's how you can help:

- Purchase a stitch on TeamUSA.org
- Rally your friends, fellow Olympians and Paralympians, employees, fans and followers
- Tweet #RaiseOurFlag
- Post on Facebook
- Use social media to spread the word

ALUMNI NEWS

Angela Ruggiero

(ice hockey, 1998, '02, '06, '10)

The Women's Sports Foundation announced the appointment of a new president-elect and four new members to the board of trustees. Olympic gold medalist **Angela Ruggiero** has assumed the role of president-elect and will continue serving on the board of trustees



Angela Ruggiero

to provide leadership and visibility for the organization's mission. Ruggiero will succeed current WSF President Laila Ali in 2013.

Tamika Catchings

(basketball, 2004, '08)

WSF is also proud to announce that Jean Afterman, senior vice president and assistant general manager, New York Yankees, Terri D. Austin, chief diversity officer, The McGraw-Hill Companies, **Tamika Catchings**, WNBA MVP and two-time Olympic gold medalist, and Larry Scott, Commissioner, Pac-12 Conference, have been appointed to serve on the Foundation's Board of Trustees, effective immediately.

As president-elect, Ruggiero will serve a

two-year term as an official spokesperson for the foundation and will help shape strategic direction and development initiatives for the organization.



Tamika Catchings

"The Women's Sports Foundation holds a unique position in developing opportunities for girls and women of all abilities to be active, whether recreationally or competitively, and I'm excited to help lead the organization to impact even more lives," expressed Ruggiero, who joined the Women's Sports Foundation Board of Trustees in January 2010. "It is an honor to continue to build the legacy created by Billie Jean King and all of our leaders. As president-elect, I look forward to working with Laila Ali to fulfill her vision as president and to carrying the torch forward for all of our athletes who cross all abilities."

"We are absolutely thrilled to welcome such inspirational athletes and business leaders to the Women's Sports foundation Board of Trustees," said Kathryn Olson, chief executive officer of the foundation. "Their diverse expertise and leadership strengths will be a great complement to our trustees, who are among the best in their fields. And we couldn't be happier to rely on Angela's own leadership in sports and

business as she assumes her new role as president-elect."

Allyson Felix

(athletics, 2004, '08)

Olympic track and field champion **Allyson Felix** thinks this year's celebration of National Girls and Women in Sports Day holds special significance. It is, after all, the 40th anniversary of Title IX, the landmark legislation that bans sex discrimination in schools, whether in academics or athletics.

"It means a lot because I think it's just a great kind of awareness, especially this



Allyson Felix

year with the excitement about Title IX and the anniversary," she said.

NGWSD began in 1987 as a day to remember Olympic volleyball player Flo Hyman for her athletic achievements and her work to assure equality for women's sports. Hyman died of Marfan syndrome in 1986 while competing in a volleyball tournament in Japan.

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“National Girls and Women in Sports Day is a unique culmination of influential women and men working together as one team to thoughtfully discuss and address the inequalities that still exist in sports,” Women’s Sports Foundation founder Billie Jean King said. “While we have come a long way since the enactment of Title IX 40 years ago, it is important to recognize that there is still a lot of work that needs to be done to ensure there are sports, health and physical education opportunities in schools and in communities across the nation.”

Felix joined the track team during her freshman year at Los Angeles Baptist High School. At the time, she had planned to follow in her mother’s footsteps and become a teacher.

Then she discovered her special gift of speed and athleticism. It was her first foray into competitive racing, and one that would catapult her to Olympic success. Felix, now 26, won Olympic gold in the 4x400 meter relay in Beijing and silver in the 200 meters in Beijing and Athens.

As Felix’s track career has flourished and brought international acclaim, she has her sights set on her original goal: empowering children.

The key component of Felix’s work with the council is spreading the importance of physical activity through an initiative called “Let’s Move!” The concept is simple and self-explanatory at its core, but there is a quantifiable incentive, the Presidential Active Lifestyle Award. PALA is all about getting children between the ages of 6 and 17 active for at least 60 minutes a day. The activities can range from running to swimming to walking a dog. Once they achieve that goal for a

period of six out of eight weeks, they earn an official letter of recognition from the White House. There also is an adult version of PALA, with a 30-minute-a-day requirement.

The “Let’s Move!” initiative is spearheaded by first lady Michelle Obama, who is hands-on when it comes to physical fitness. Felix said Obama is “the first one to jump in, whether it’s jump roping or stretches with the kids.”

“It has been great working with someone of that stature in pushing our initiatives,” Felix said.

Anne Cribbs *(swimming, 1960)*

The Nominating and Governance Committee of USA Table Tennis recently



Anne Cribbs

announced their selection of Anne Cribbs to serve out the remainder of the term of the independent director position on the USATT board of directors. The position was vacated by the resignation of Dr. Harold Jeffcoat.

USATT is excited to welcome Cribbs to the board of directors and thanks the N&GC for their outstanding selection.

Cribb’s background as an Olympic gold medalist, a co-founder of the American Basketball League (the first women’s professional basketball league in the U.S.), the leader of the San Francisco Bay Area Sports Organizing Committee’s bid for the 2012 Olympics and a host of other leadership and executive positions is well respected within the U.S. Olympic family.

BASOC, under Cribb’s leadership, organized the 2007 World Junior Table Tennis Championships, held at Stanford University in December, 2007 featuring 196 competitors from 36 countries. She also participated in the recent 2011 Ping-Pong Diplomacy tour in China.

Jackie Joyner-Kersey *(athletics, 1984, ‘88, ‘92, ‘96)*

Four-time Olympian Jackie Joyner-Kersey is one of three new members on USA Track & Field’s board of directors.



Jackie Joyner-Kersey

Joyner-Kersey, who won three gold, one silver and two bronze medals at the Olympic Games, was named to the

board, along with sports attorney Eve Wright and network television executive Mickey Carter.

The board also elected current member Steve Miller to the position of vice chairman.

Jim Scherr

(wrestling, 1988)

The former leader of the United States Olympic Committee was introduced as commissioner of the new National Collegiate Hockey Conference.

“One of the nice things about this position is that everyone’s on the same page about where they want to take the conference,” Scherr said. “From that perspective, it’s a nice feeling.”

In moves that mirrored the seismic shifts in college football, but on a smaller level, college hockey has been realigning. Last year, the Big Ten conference decided to start a hockey conference and poached Minnesota and Wisconsin out of the 60-year-old WCHA. That left teams such as Colorado College and Denver — small schools that support large hockey programs — scrambling as they decided whether to salvage the WCHA, find a new home in an existing conference or create something completely new.

Their choice: the new NCHC, which also includes Miami (Ohio), Minnesota-Duluth, Nebraska-Omaha, North Dakota, St. Cloud State and Western Michigan. The conference begins play in the 2013-14 season.

The 50-year-old **Jim Scherr** conceded everyone in the new conference must pay attention to the changing landscape in college sports.

“Given the fact that nobody knows where the world of collegiate sports will go three



Jim Scherr

to five years from now, you always have to be cognizant of the fact that there could be potential additions or realignment,” he said. “I think we’re pretty satisfied with where we are today.”

Of course, if there’s any intrigue or maneuvering to be done — well, Scherr is well-versed in that. An Olympic wrestler who served as executive director of USA Wrestling, he has spent most of his adult life in Olympic circles.

Sarah Schleper

(skiing, 1998, '02, '06, '10)

The U.S. Ski Team announced that Vail native **Sarah Schleper** has raced in her last world cup race.

Schleper, 32, has 15 seasons of world cup racing under her belt and is the oldest member of the women’s U.S. Ski Team. She’s also a four-time Olympian. Doug Haney, spokesman for the U.S. Ski

Team, said Schleper completed her final race at the U.S. championships at Winter Park in March.

Buzz Schleper, Schleper’s father and the owner of Buzz’s Boards in Vail Village, said he thinks his daughter just feels like it’s time to retire. He wasn’t entirely sure she would retire this season, though.

“I kind of knew it was going to happen, but until she actually told the press, I wasn’t sure,” he said.



Sarah Schleper

Her father, who has always supported her and has traveled the world to watch her race, is looking at the bright side of things — he’ll get to see her more often.

“It’s not like I’m losing a ski racer,” Buzz Schleper said. “I’m gaining a daughter and a grandson because they’re going to be here in Vail.”

ALUMNI HONORS

Wes Barnett

(weightlifting, 1992, '96)

The John McLendon Minority Scholarship Foundation, in partnership with the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics is proud to announce that United States Olympic Committee Sport Performance Team



Wes Barnett

Leader **Wes Barnett** will be inducted into the John McLendon Minority Athletics Administrators Hall of Fame as the USOC's representative on June 27. The induction ceremony will be held in conjunction with the 47th Annual NACDA Convention at the Hilton Anatole Hotel in Dallas, Texas.

Barnett is a two-time Olympian ('92, '96) in the sport of weightlifting. He reigned over the U.S. heavyweight division of USA Weightlifting for 10 years, eight of those years as national champion.

Among those was a 1999 U.S. title that came just six months after returning to the sport following a bout with cancer. He finished 13th at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona and followed that with a sixth-place finish at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta. This currently stands as the highest finish for an American male athlete since 1988.

Barnett, who has always been a staunch advocate for drug-free sport, began his career at the United States Olympic Committee in 1997, as an athlete working in the USOC's Drug Control Administration. After Barnett finished competing in 2000, he was hired by the United States Olympic Committee in the sport partnership division. Working as a sport manager, he served as the point of contact between the USOC and the sport National Governing Bodies for nine Olympic and Pan American sports. His job was to develop rapport and credibility with the NGBs while negotiating and supporting customized performance agreements.

Barnett earned his bachelor's degree in media management and broadcasting from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs in 1994.

Previous USOC recipients include:
2010: Rafer Johnson – 1960 Olympic gold medalist in the decathlon and current chairman for the board of directors of the Southern California Special Olympics

2009: Anita DeFrantz – 1976 Olympic bronze medalist in rowing, and member of the 1980 Olympic team. Current member of the International Olympic Committee

Michelle Kwan

(figure skating, 1998, '02)

Michelle Kwan, the most decorated figure skater in American history, has been elected to the U.S. Figure Skating Hall of Fame Class of 2012. The induction took place at the 2012 Prudential U.S. Figure Skating Championships, Jan. 22-29, at HP Pavilion in San Jose, Calif.

"Throughout my competitive career, it was always important to me to be a worthy representative of American figure skating and to bring honor to my sport and my country," Kwan said. "There can be no greater honor than to be elected to the U.S. Figure Skating Hall of Fame. I am proud and humbled to become its newest member."



Michelle Kwan

From 1995-2005, Kwan won an unprecedented 43 championships, which include five world titles, and eight consecutive and nine overall U.S. titles. She is a two-time Olympic medalist,

winning silver in 1998 and bronze in 2002. In the nearly 100-year history of U.S. Figure Skating, no American man or woman has won more world titles, U.S. titles or Olympic medals.

In 2006, the U.S. secretary of state appointed Kwan as the first U.S. public diplomacy envoy. In 2010, President Obama appointed her to the President's Council on Fitness, Sports and Nutrition, and she was elected to the board of directors of Special Olympics International.

"Michelle Kwan is most deserving of this honor," said Larry Mondschein, U.S. Figure Skating Hall of Fame chair of nominating committee, "She is the greatest female figure skater of her generation and continues to be a role model today both on and off the ice. The induction ceremony in San Jose was a fitting tribute to Michelle's many contributions to our sport, as this was where she won her first of nine U.S. titles."

Abby Wambach

(soccer, 2004)

Abby Wambach has been named the Associated Press 2011 Female Athlete of the Year.

Wambach's inspirational leadership and goal scoring helped the Americans to the cusp of the world cup championship this past summer, capturing the hearts and minds of the American public along the way during the team's dramatic run in Germany.

The award, selected by members of The Associated Press, saw the 5-foot-11 striker receive 65 of the 214 votes cast, while teammate Hope Solo (38)

was second, and UConn basketball star Maya Moore (35) was third.

Wambach is the first individual soccer player — man or woman — to win one of the AP's annual sports awards, which

knockout games, tallying famously against Brazil in the quarterfinal, against France in the semifinal and against Japan in the final. She was also the only player to convert in both of the USA's penalty kick shootouts.



Abby Wambach

began in 1931. The entire U.S. Women's National Team won the award in 1999 when their world cup triumph at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif., transfixed the nation.

"We, as a team, did something that no team since Mia Hamm was able to do," Wambach told the AP. "Even the team that won the Olympic gold medal in 2008 wasn't able to inspire and get people excited about women's soccer. It goes to show you the impact drama can bring." Wambach scored four goals during the women's world cup this past summer, including a goal in each of the USA's

Those four scores totalled 13 women's world cup goals on her career, pushing her past the legendary Michelle Akers and into third on the all-time world cup scoring list, behind Brazil's Marta and Germany's Prinz. The 31-year-old Wambach sits third all-time on the U.S. career goal scoring list with 125 goals, trailing only Hamm (158) and Kristine Lilly (130).

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William A. Carow

(speedskating, 1956, '60)

William A. Carow passed away on Nov. 24, 2011 in Madison, Wis. He was 87.

Carow attended Madison Central High School and was all-city center in 1941. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps and was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. He completed flight training and served as both co-pilot and then pilot of a B-24 bomber after being promoted to 1st Lt. He flew missions over Germany with the 465th Bombardment Group.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jean.

Margaret Ann “Peggy” Crowe

(speedskating, 1976)

Margaret Ann “Peggy” Crowe passed away on Feb. 9, 2012 in Beaverton, Ore. She was 56.

Crowe is survived by her companion, Sammy Fowler; her daughter, Emily Crowe-Lawler; and her brothers and sisters, Joe Crowe, John Crowe, Mike Crowe, Paul Crowe, Cathy Stephens, Liz Crowe and Maureen Miller.

Richard “Dick” Davies

(basketball, 1964)

Richard “Dick” Davies passed away on Feb. 25, 2012. He was 76.

Davies was born and raised in Harrisburg, Pa. He graduated from Louisiana State University, where he was a member of the basketball and track teams. He served his country in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict.

Davies was awarded the gold medal as a member of the United States Basketball team in the 1964 Summer Olympic Games. He is a member of the Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Olympic Sports Halls of Fame. He retired from Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company after 32 years of service. Davies served as a member of the University of Tennessee Development Council. He also served as chairman of the Baptist Hospital Foundation Board and the Mercy Hospital Foundation Board and as a member of the Trinity Foundation Board, East Tennessee Foundation Board, and the Helen Ross McNabb Foundation Board.

Alice Jean Arden Hodge

(athletics, 1936)

Alice Hodge passed away peacefully and without pain on Feb. 29, 2012. She was 97.

Hodge was born in Philadelphia on July 23, 1914, to Thomas Ray and Jean Arden. Her father was a well-known inventor who held more than 400 patents. Hodge grew up on Long Island, earning ten athletic letters at Baldwin High School and winning the Amateur Athletic Union national championships in the high jump in 1933 and 1934. Along the way, she broke the American record held by Babe Didrikson. Hodge's record would stand for more than 20 years. She was also the top female long jumper in the country.

She finished second at the 1936 U.S. Olympic Team Trials in Providence, R.I., earning a place on the team and a featured photo in Bernarr McFadden's *Physical Culture* magazine over the caption “the body beautiful.” She traveled to Berlin to compete in the 1936 Olympic

Games, where she finished eighth in the high jump. Her Olympic experience enabled her to meet a wide range of international celebrities, including Jesse Owens, and in fact she became lifelong friends with Owens and his family. Upon her return to New York after the Berlin games, she was feted with a tickertape parade and a reception hosted by Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia. She handled it all with modesty.

It was while playing basketball on a semi-professional travelling team known as the Long Island Ducklings that Hodge met her soul mate, Russell V. Hodge, later in 1936. They were married the following year. The couple eventually settled above Roscoe and operated a dairy farm, a furniture store and a sand and gravel business while raising three children. The Hodges were married for 64 years, until Russ's death in 2001 at the age of 91. When her son, Russell Arden “Rusty” Hodge, competed in the decathlon in the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo, the two became the first mother-son Olympic duo in American history, a distinction they hold today. That fact was memorialized as part of the U.S. Olympians rings of fame monument, which was dedicated at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta.

Harry Keough

(soccer, 1952, '56)

Harry Keough passed away on Feb. 7, 2012. He was 84.

Keough played for the U.S. soccer team that famously upset England at the 1950 World Cup.

A defender who had one goal in 19 appearances for the U.S. from 1949-57,

Keough coached Saint Louis University to five NCAA soccer titles. He was inducted into the National Soccer Hall of Fame in 1976.

Of all his accomplishments, Keough is best remembered for what happened in Brazil. He started all three games for the Americans at the 1950 World Cup and was captain when the U.S. played Spain in its opener. The 1-0 win over England in the Americans' second game is regarded by many as the greatest upset in soccer history.

"We didn't feel we needed to beat them, but we felt if we could just play pretty good, it would be enough," Keough recalled in a 2002 interview with the Associated Press. "In our minds, if we lost 2-0, we'd feel pretty good about ourselves."

Growing up in St. Louis when it was the soccer center of the United States, Keough was a youth player for the St. Louis Schumachers. While serving in the Navy after World War II, he joined the San Francisco Barbarians. After the military, he played in St. Louis for Paul Schulte Motors and was picked for the U.S. team at the 1949 North American Football Confederation Championship, which served as qualifying for the world cup.

He was among five from the St. Louis area in the starting lineup against England, a group profiled in the 2005 movie "The Game of their Lives."

Vern Lamb

(Winter Games advocate)

The U.S. Olympic and winter sports community are remembering the legacy

of Vern Lamb, one the key members of the Lake Placid Olympic Organizing Committee, which helped bring the 1980 Olympic Winter Games to the New York mountain town. Lamb, 86, died Jan. 1, 2012 in his Lake Placid home with his family at his side.

Lamb's vision and drive helped bring the Olympic Winter Games to his lifelong hometown, and then transform it into a major international hub for elite and amateur sports.

"He is one of the last in a generation of winter sport icons," Lake Placid Convention and Visitors Bureau President Jim McKenna told the Press-Republican newspaper in Plattsburgh, N.Y. "Throughout the 1950s, '60s and through most of the '70s, business leaders in that generation went around the world on their own dimes and became officials of winter sports and learned everything they could about international competition. They were the ones that made the Olympics happen here in 1980s."

Lamb is enshrined in the U.S. Ski and Snowboard and Lake Placid Halls of Fame for his leadership and dedication. He is also fondly remembered by USA Luge, which is headquartered in Lake Placid and extensively uses the Olympic luge facilities for training and competitions.

While Vern Lamb may have left us, his spirit will never die.

Dr. E. Jay Lambert

(boxing, 1948)

Dr. E. Jay Lambert passed away on Feb. 6, 2012. He was 86.

Lambert was best known for more than 40 years of service as a ringside physician at thousands of amateur and professional boxing bouts throughout the state.

Lambert's death came just a week after his longtime friend in boxing, Don Fullmer, passed away.

Born in Helper, Utah Lambert was a standout athlete at Lehi High School before becoming a successful amateur boxer under the tutelage of longtime boxing manager Marv Jenson.

Lambert was inducted into the Utah Sports Hall of Fame in 1977.

He won the Intermountain Golden Gloves heavyweight title in 1947 and fought in the 1948 Olympic Games, losing a quarterfinal bout by split-decision.

Lambert went to medical school at the University of Utah. He became a general surgeon and volunteered as a ringside physician the next 40 years.

Lambert retired from the medical profession in 1997. He also spent thousands of hours as the team physician for Granite High football in the 1970s and '80s.

His later years were spent hunting, farming and spending time with his large family.

John Joseph Macionis

(swimming, 1936)

John Joseph Macionis passed away peacefully on Feb. 16, 2012. He was 95.

He lived in Elkins Park, Wyncote, and,

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since 2007, at The Colonnades in Charlottesville, Va. Born in Philadelphia on May 27, 1916 to Daniel and Lillian Macionis, he sold newspapers on a center-city street corner earning money to pay admission to the Germantown YMCA, where he learned to love swimming. He captained the swimming team at Central High School, and in 1933 he set a national record in the 220-yard freestyle. The following year, at Mercersburg Academy, he set two national freestyle records.

At Yale University, he held every freestyle record and, in 1936, became the first Yale swimmer to compete in the Olympic Games, where he won a silver medal. In masters swimming competition, he set several national records for his age group. He mentored dozens of young men in athletics and prepared them for college.

Macionis is survived by his wife of sixty-nine years, May Johnston Macionis, his sons, John Johnston Macionis (Amy) of Mount Vernon, Ohio, and Hague, New York, and Robert Gordon Macionis (Patricia) of Charlottesville, Va., four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

James Cameron Peckham

(wrestling, 1956)

James Peckham died Aug. 23, 2011 in Braintree, Mass. He was 81.

By the age of 11, Peckham, knew that he wanted to make an Olympic team. Not only did he make the 1956 U.S. Olympic Greco Roman Team, he went on to become the assistant coach of the 1972 freestyle team, perhaps the greatest

wrestling team ever to represent this country. He was also named head coach of the 1976 U.S. Greco Roman Team, which competed in Montreal. Peckham went on to coach more than 19 world and Olympic champions and numerous national champions.

As a competitor, he was a 14 times New



James Peckham

England champion and U.S. National champion. His wrestling career culminated in his induction into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2000. He was an inaugural member as well as the first president of the Massachusetts chapter of the Wrestling Hall of Fame.

In total, Peckham coached more than 33 national and international teams that competed in Russia, Poland, Australia, New Zealand, Germany, Turkey, Egypt and Iran. In 1975, Peckham was selected to coach at the FILA World Coaches Congress in Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia. Additionally, Peckham was a guest clinician at numerous camps and colleges

throughout the country. His expertise in coaching and wrestling enabled him to referee in the NCAA championships. Wrestling was Peckham's calling, as his father, Al, competed for the professional heavyweight championship of the world in Yankee Stadium in 1934. It was his love of wrestling that he passed on to his children.

Myron Roderick

(wrestling, 1956)

Myron Roderick died Dec. 28, 2011. He was 77.

Roderick was an elite wrestler, championship wrestling coach and landmark athletic director.

Roderick, who came to OSU in 1953 from Winfield, Kansas, won three NCAA individual titles as a wrestler (he also lettered three years in tennis; you don't see many wrestling/tennis combos anymore); coached the Cowboys to the NCAA team championship at the age of 23 (his first of seven national team champions in 13 seasons) became the first executive director of the U.S. Wrestling Federation and was the Cowboy athletic director from 1983-90.



Myron Roderick

Bruce Henry Riutta

(ice hockey, 1968)

Bruce Henry Riutta passed away on Jan. 24, 2012. He was 67.

He was born Oct. 14, 1944 in Hancock, Mich., to the late Emil and Elma (Saarela) Riutta.

Riutta was an engineer, vice president and owner of Upper Lakes Coal Company and Fox River Dock Company beginning in 1983. He received his BSME from Michigan Technological University in 1967. An accomplished athlete, Riutta was a member of the 1968 U.S. Olympic Hockey Team in Grenoble, France; a member of the 1965 MTU NCAA Hockey championship team; and a two-time All-American hockey player for MTU.

In addition to his passion for hockey, BRiutta enjoyed golf, football, engineering and spending time with his family at the cottage. He was “mr. fix it” and the “gadget-man” who liked to innovate. He was a loving, gentle spirit who loved spending time with his family and beloved pets. He enjoyed playing golf every Thursday with his friends at Oneida Golf & Country Club. Riutta also enjoyed spending time with friends at Citrus Park in Bonita Springs, Fla.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, best friend and coach, David Riutta.

Rev. Franklyn Bonn “Frank” Sanders, Jr.

(ice hockey, 1972)

Rev. Franklynn Sanders, Jr., pastor of

Spirit of Life Bible Church in Woodbury, Minn, passed away Feb. 12, 2012. He was 62.

Saunders is a former hockey standout and North St. Paul High School distinguished alumni, University of Minnesota, Minnesota Fighting Saint and U.S. Olympic hockey player. He is also a retired service manager at AmeriPride Services.

Weston Smith

(wheelchair curler, 2006)

Weston K. Smith passed away on Dec. 5, 2011. He was 71.

Smith was an independent living specialist with ALPHA One, Bangor. He was on the Paralympic curling team for the 2006 Olympic Games in Torino, Italy. He was a member of the Sawdust Engineers and Calvary Lutheran Church.

Bradley J. Updegrove

(Paralympic rugby, 1996)

Bradley J. Updegrove died on Dec. 26, 2011. He was 45.

Updegrove and his wife, Traci, made their loving home in Deer Park, Wash., since the fall of 2008. Updegrove was born and raised in Newfane, N.Y., and a graduate of Newfane Central School. He went on to NCCC and graduated magna cum laude from SUNY at Brockport and earned a bachelor of science in therapeutic recreation.

His passion for helping people was reflected throughout his career. He

impacted many people through adaptive recreation and wheelchair sports while employed at Baylor Institute for Rehabilitation in Dallas, Texas, and Warm Springs Rehabilitation in San Antonio, Texas. He later owned and managed Rehab Specialties in Dallas, Texas, and most recently, Rocky Mountain Medical Supplies in Spokane, Wash.

A member of the gold medal winning quadrugby team in the 1996 Paralympic



Bradley J. Updegrove

Games in Atlanta, Ga., Updegrove was always smiling and will be remembered as a strong, kind-hearted and exceptional man who lived life to the fullest. His adventurous spirit knew no boundaries. Although Updegrove will be greatly missed, the impact he made will live on.

OLYMPIAN & PARALYMPIAN

PHOTO Highlights of chapter and Olympian events.



1. Kristi Yamaguchi won the ladies' figure skating gold. Since, Yamaguchi has written children's books, designed her own clothing line and competed on "Dancing With the Stars."

2. Ryan Cochran-Siegle and his mom, Barbara Ann Cochran, celebrate his victory in the junior world downhill championships in Italy. She is the 1972 Olympic gold medalist in the slalom.

3. Olympic equestrian medalist Lt. Col. John Russell was be inducted into the San Antonio Sports Hall of Fame, a defining moment of triumph in his long and colorful career as both an athlete and a coach. He is pictured with his wife, Shane.

4. Team USA athletes, first lady Michelle Obama and Samantha Cameron, wife of British Prime Minister David Cameron, led a group of fifth graders through a mini-Olympic Games.

5. Elliott Denman Olympian (athletics, 1956) and a frequent writer for The Olympian newsletter stopped by the new USOC headquarters building on his way to cover the third and final event of the USA Track & Field 2011 Indoor Visa Championship Series.



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6. L to R: Frank Marshall, David Simon, Michelle Kwan, Aileen Adams, Barry Sanders, Anita DeFrantz, Jacques Rogge and Scott Blackmun pose at the LA84 Foundation.

able to meet at Betty's home in the Villages, Fla., and had fun reminiscing about old times.



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7. Olympic medalist Rochelle Stevens stands at the Pink Palace Museum exhibit, Women of Strength, Women of Color, which will be on display through Oct. 12, 2012 in Memphis, Tenn., as part of the eighth installment of the New Connections Exhibit Series. Launched in 2006, the New Connections Series examines the roles of African Americans in the rich history of the region.

9. Herb Douglas; at the 90th birthday Champagne Gala Celebration on March 10, 2012. Held at the Senator John Heinz History Center Pittsburgh, Pa.



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8. L to R: 1956 swimming Olympians Betty Mullin Brey, Mary Anne Marchino Witchger and Maureen Murphy.

First row L to R: Charles Jenkins Jr., Olympian, Roger Kingdom, Olympian, Tony Dorsett, Heisman Trophy Winner, Arnold Sowell, Olympian, Noel Hankin, Sponsor, Moet Hennessy USA



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The three teammates were

Second row L to R: Bryant Salter, Pitt.-NFL, John Carlos, Olympian, Ira Davis, Olympian, Cynthia Stinger, Olympian, Charles Jenkins Sr., Olympian, Franco Harris NFL and Immaculate Reception, Joseph Cosgrove, Pitt.-NFL and 90th birthday event sponsor, Timothy P. Schieffelin, Schieffelin & Co., Herbert Douglas 90th Birthday Honoree, Olympian, Edwin Moses, Olympian, Harrison Dillard, Olympian, David Garnet, Pitt.-NFL master of ceremonies, Randy LeTang, 90th birthday event sponsor.



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