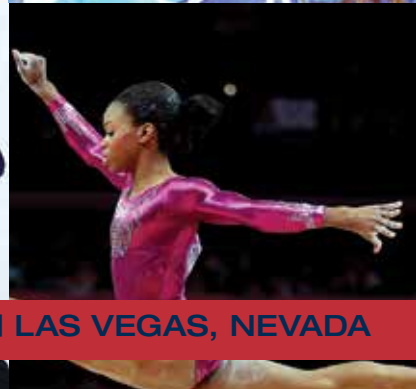




THE OLYMPIAN



U.S. OLYMPIANS AND PARALYMPICANS ASSOCIATION | REUNION 2016 | LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Spring Issue 2015



**U.S. OLYMPIANS &
PARALYMPIANS
ASSOCIATION**

**MOTTO: ONCE AN OLYMPIAN; ALWAYS AN OLYMPIAN
NEVER FORMER; NEVER PAST®**

A Letter From Gary Hall, Sr.

U.S. Olympians and Paralympians Association President



Dear Olympians and Paralympians,

Olympic fever is escalating! With just over one year to go before the Rio 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games, athletes are upping their game and getting ready for the world's greatest sporting event. We hope that many of you will attend the 2016 Games and cheer on Team USA. Our athletes will need your support.

Whether or not you go to Rio, please plan to attend the United States Olympians and Paralympians Association (USOPA) reunion in Las Vegas from February 19-22, 2016. Organized by our USOPA members Anne Cribbs and Willie Banks, the reunion promises to be a fun, entertaining weekend and a great opportunity to reconnect with teammates and friends. We are also excited to announce that Olympians Andre Agassi and his wife, Steffi Graff – a two-time Olympic medalist from Germany – will co-chair the Reunion 2016 local host committee along with former Nevada Lt. Governor Brian Krolicki. Registration is available at www.TeamUSA.org/usopa, so please register and start planning to have one of the best weekends of your life!

I am proud to announce that the USOPA has formed a Chapter Development Committee charged with helping our existing chapters and newly formed chapters with membership support and to help with their chapter start-up. To help celebrate the initiation of the new Oklahoma chapter, USOPA officers are planning a dinner in Oklahoma City as part of their annual meeting with Oklahoma Olympians and Paralympians, guests and hosts, Bart Conner, Nadia Comaneci and Joe Jacobi.

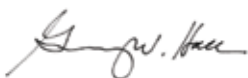
The USOPA is also forming an alliance with the National Association of Sports Commissions

(NASC). We feel there is much potential synergy between the two organizations, helping to further each other's missions. We are hoping that the NASC can help provide valuable resources for our chapters that they would otherwise not have. We will have three USOPA members attending the 2015 NASC Sports Events Symposium in Milwaukee, April 27-30, 2015 and will be selecting five of our chapters to focus on strengthening the relationship with its local sports commission.

Finally, I want to congratulate Misty Hyman (swimming, 2000), the newly elected president of our Arizona chapter. I know Misty will do an outstanding job igniting the Olympic spirit of our Arizona members. I want to commend Carrie Zimmerman (gymnastics, 1976), recently elected president of the Florida chapter, for her outstanding work in reorganizing Florida's 200 members.

See you in Vegas in February!

Yours in Olympic spirit,



Gary Hall, Sr., President

U. S. Olympians and Paralympians Association

Inside

- 2** A Letter from Gary Hall, Sr.
- 4** Vivian and Ron Joseph – Back in the IOC Record Books
- 7** Liberty Mutual
- 8** USOPA Reunion 2016
- 10** CAS – Court of Arbitration for Sport
- 11** Introducing Jan Wilson – ACE Program
- 12** Archives & Archivist
- 14** Olympic Day 2015
- 16** Alumni In The News
- 17** Alumni In Honor
- 18** Milestones
- 18** WOA Rio 2016 Olympians Reunion Center Announced
- 19** Alumni In Memoriam
- 26** Olympian & Paralympian Photo Highlights
- 28** U.S. Olympians & Paralympians Chapters

Images on cover L to R: Bob Beamon, Kristi Yamaguchi, The USA Hockey Team 1980, Bonnie Blair, Gail Devers, Greg Louganis, USA Ice Sledge Hockey Team 2010, Shaun White, USA Women's Soccer Team 1996, Meryl Davis and Charlie White and Gabrielle Douglas.

Images on pages 8-9 L to R: Four Man bobsleigh Team 2010, Gail Devers, Lindsey Vonn, Erin Popovich, Apolo Anton Ohno. Eric Heiden, Edwin Moses and Dot Richardson. (Photos by Getty)



After the 1964 Olympic Winter Games, Vivian and Ronald Joseph returned for their best and final season. They won the 1965 U.S. title and earned the silver medal at the World Championships.

VIVIAN AND RON JOSEPH

BACK IN THE IOC RECORD BOOKS

By Amy Rosewater

She had not been to a figure skating nationals in 50 years; not since she and her brother, Ron, had won the U.S. pairs skating title when the championships were held in 1965 in Lake Placid, New York. Yet here she was in Greensboro, along with her brother. The Josephs had the honor of presenting awards to the 2015 pairs skating medalists, and the recognition was not just to mark the 50 year anniversary of their skating victory.

The Josephs were at nationals as celebrated guests of U.S. Figure Skating since the International Olympic Committee rectified its official record

If anyone knows the
difference between
fourth place and third,
it's Vivian and Ron Joseph.

books in November 2014 to show that they are indeed the Olympic bronze medalists from the 1964 Olympic Winter Games in Innsbruck, Austria.

"I thought the pairs skaters here were just spectacular," said Vivian, who was

standing rinkside in Greensboro shortly after presenting the awards to the 2015 medalists. "And I think it's so nice to see that the fourth place team gets a medal here, too. I know they worked just as hard as the third place team."

If anyone knows the difference between

fourth place and third, it's Vivian and Ron Joseph.

In 1964, the Josephs finished fourth in the pairs skating event behind Liudmila Belousova and Oleg Protopopov of the Soviet Union, Marika Kilius and Hans-Jurgen Baumler of West Germany, and



On Oct. 22, 1966, U.S. Olympic Committee President Emeritus Kenneth Wilson presented the 1964 bronze medals to the Josephs during the U.S. Figure Skating Executive Board meeting in Chicago.

Debbi Wilkes and Guy Revell of Canada. The Josephs went on to win the national title and the world silver medal the following year, and promptly retired from competitive skating.

Then they received word that the West German team had to relinquish their silver medals because it was discovered the pair had signed a pro contract with Holiday on Ice prior to competing in the

“After more than two decades of confusion, we are pleased to see Vivian and Ronald Joseph as the rightful Olympic bronze medalists,” said David Raith, U.S. Figure Skating executive director

Winter Games, which at the time was a major violation of the amateur status code for the Olympic Movement.

The Josephs were elevated to bronze medalists and received their Olympic medals at a small ceremony in a Chicago hotel in 1967. The Canadians became the new silver medalists.

But two decades later, at an International Olympic Committee executive board

meeting in Istanbul, the West Germans were deemed “rehabilitated” and the IOC gave Kilius and Baumler replica silver medals. The Josephs were never asked to return their medals, nor were the Canadians, yet the official Olympic record books still had the West Germans listed as the silver medalists, the Canadians as the bronze medalists and the Josephs as finishing in fourth place.

After *The New York Times* began inquiring into the matter in 2013, the IOC reviewed the matter and now recognizes the following as the correct results:

Gold: Ludmila Belousova/Oleg Protopopov (URS)

Silver: Marika Kilius/Hans-Jurgen Baumler (EUA) and Debbi Wilkes/Guy Revell (CAN)

Bronze: Vivian Joseph/Ronald Joseph (USA)

With the addition of the Josephs’ bronze medal in the record books, the U.S. now has 48 total Olympic figure skating medals, the most of any single nation in Olympic Winter Games history.

“After more than two decades of confusion, we are pleased to see Vivian and Ronald Joseph as the rightful Olympic bronze medalists,” said David Raith, U.S. Figure Skating executive director. “We respect the way the Josephs have handled this issue,

knowing that this confusion has caused them much heartache and frustration.”

The Josephs enjoyed a weekend of festivities while in Greensboro for the national championships. They reunited with old friends from the skating world – including U.S. Olympic gold medalists Carol Heiss Jenkins and Hayes Jenkins –and received a standing ovation when they were mentioned during the annual Hall of Fame induction event.

The Josephs were especially glad to celebrate with their coach, Sonya Dunfield, the 1951 U.S. champion and wife of Peter Dunfield. Dunfield, who had tried for years to rectify the records, passed away in May 2014.

“We just wish we could have celebrated this with Peter and our parents,” said Ron.

RESERVED



EXCLUSIVE
SAVINGS
ON AUTO
INSURANCE
FOR
MEMBERS

Distinctive auto insurance—just because you belong.

Did you know that as a U.S. Olympic or Paralympic Athlete, you could **save up to \$427.96 or more** on Liberty Mutual Auto Insurance?¹ You could save even more if you also insure your home with us. Plus, you'll receive quality coverage from a partner you can trust, with features and options that can include Accident Forgiveness², New Car Replacement³, and Lifetime Repair Guarantee.⁴

CONTACT
US TODAY
TO START
SAVING

(800) 524-9400

CLIENT # 120908

LIBERTYMUTUAL.COM/USOLYMPIANS

VISIT YOUR LOCAL OFFICE



Liberty
Mutual
INSURANCE

AUTO | HOME

This organization receives financial support for allowing Liberty Mutual to offer this auto and home insurance program.

¹Discounts are available where state laws and regulations allow, and may vary by state. Figure reflects average national savings for customers who switched to Liberty Mutual's group auto and home program. Based on data collected between 9/1/12 and 8/31/13. Individual premiums and savings will vary. To the extent permitted by law, applicants are individually underwritten; not all applicants may qualify. ²For qualifying customers only. Subject to terms and conditions of Liberty Mutual's underwriting guidelines. Not available in CA and may vary by state. ³Applies to a covered total loss. Your car must be less than one year old, have fewer than 15,000 miles and have had no previous owner. Does not apply to leased vehicles or motorcycles. Subject to applicable deductible. Not available in NC or WY. ⁴Loss must be covered by your policy. Not available in AK. Coverage provided and underwritten by Liberty Mutual Insurance Company and its affiliates, 175 Berkeley Street, Boston, MA. ©2014 Liberty Mutual Insurance

Coverage provided and underwritten by Liberty Mutual

Insurance Company and its affiliates, 175 Berkeley Street, Boston, MA. ©2013 Liberty Mutual Insurance The use of Olympic Marks, Terminology and Imagery is authorized by the U.S. Olympic Committee pursuant to Title 36 U.S. Code Section 220506.



U.S. OLYMPIANS AND PARALYMPIANS ASSOCIATION

REUNION 2016 | LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

SAVE THE DATE: FEBRUARY 19-22, 2016

REUNION2016

LAS VEGAS TROPICANA HOTEL

The United States Olympians and Paralympians Association has announced plans to host the **USOPA Reunion 2016 Feb. 19-22 at the Tropicana Hotel in Las Vegas.**

The four-day event will feature a gala dinner, Olympic memorabilia presentation, youth sports clinics and a celebrity golf tournament. The reunion is designed to offer U.S. Olympians and Paralympians the chance to come together, foster new friendships and celebrate their experiences of representing the United States at the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

“We are thrilled to bring this exciting event to Las Vegas as we celebrate the camaraderie and enduring legacies of

our Olympic and Paralympic athletes,” said USOPA President Gary Hall. “The reunion will provide a great opportunity

“We are thrilled to bring this exciting event to Las Vegas as we celebrate the camaraderie and enduring legacies of our Olympic and Paralympic athletes,” said USOPA

President Gary Hall.

to share the Olympic spirit as we look forward to the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Rio.”

Olympic champion Andre Agassi and his

wife, Steffi Graff – a two-time Olympic medalist from Germany – will co-chair the Reunion 2016 local host committee along with former Nevada Lt. Governor Brian Krolicki.

“Steffi and I are excited to be part of Reunion 2016 and look forward to working with all the participating athletes and USOPA team to ensure that our hometown, Las Vegas, will be a fun and exciting venue for the celebration,” Agassi said.

“Las Vegas is famous for its ability to host special gatherings, and we are thrilled to welcome this group of extraordinary U.S. Olympians and Paralympians to our iconic city next year,” Krolicki said. “This reunion will be a golden



opportunity to treat these world-class athletes to the world-class hospitality and entertainment in Las Vegas.”

“The last reunion in San Jose in 2008 was great, but Las Vegas should be even more fun,” said Willie Banks, a three-time Olympian and chair of the 2016 Reunion Planning Committee. “We want to make sure that all U.S. Olympians and Paralympians know about Reunion 2016 and encourage them to join the festivities.”

“The USOPA reunion aims to be the largest gathering of U.S. Olympians and Paralympians outside of the Games,” said Cynthia Stinger, USOPA manager of alumni relations. “This time next year we will welcome Olympians and Paralympians from across the country

to an unforgettable celebration to honor and recognize their unique achievements of representing Team USA.”

The Reunion 2016 Planning Committee includes:

- Willie Banks** (*track & field, 1980, 1984, 1988*) *Reunion 2016 Event Chair*
- Anne Warner Cribbs** (*swimming, 1960*) *Reunion 2016 Event Producer*
- Joey Cheek** (*speedskating, 2002, 2006*)
- Micki King** (*diving, 1968, 1972*)
- Tom Lough** (*modern pentathlon, 1968*)
- Susie Paxton** (*fencing, 1996*)
- John Register** (*Paralympic swimming, 1996*) (*Paralympic track and field, 2000*)
- Cindy Stinger** (*team handball, 1984, 1988, 1992*)
- Eli Wolff** (*Paralympic soccer, 1996, 2004*)



**FOR MORE
INFORMATION
ON THE
USOPA
REUNION
2016, VISIT**

WWW.TEAMUSA.ORG/USOPA

ALL TEAMS, ALL GAMES, ALL TOGETHER!



CAS - COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT GENDER DIVERSITY



Mike Lenard



Anita De Frantz



Chris Campbell



Cameron Myler

At its most recent meeting in November in Lausanne, the governing board (ICAS) of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) welcomed 8 new members – 5 of whom are women. This means that of the 20 members of ICAS one half are women, and makes ICAS the most gender diverse organization in sport. Of additional importance is that every constituent group appointing or electing a board position included at least one woman.

U.S. Olympian, Mike Lenard (team handball, 1984) is an ICAS vice president, and has been a member since its formation in 1994. As an Athletes' Advisory Council (AAC) vice president in the 1980's, Lenard led changes to require male and female reps and alternates and has brought that same commitment and dedication to ICAS.

In addition, USOC CEO Scott Blackmun was elected to ICAS at the November meeting.

Who/What is CAS:

CAS was created by IOC President Samaranch shortly after his 1981 election, with the goal to create an arbitral jurisdiction devoted to resolving disputes of sports on an international

level in a flexible, timely, and inexpensive manner.

ICAS: 20-member governing body for CAS. Members include six former international athletes, including several Olympians. Selection is a combination of appointed and elected positions for four-year terms.

CAS Arbitrator: approximately 275 arbitrators worldwide who serve four-year terms. Currently, there is significant focus on maintaining and improving quality through increased training for arbitrators and an increased number of women.

In addition to arbitration, appeals, and mediation, one of the most important services of CAS is the ad hoc division, created initially for the Atlanta 1996 Olympic Games. This group is committed to final resolution of any time disputes within 24 hours.

U.S. Olympians Serving CAS:

Mike Lenard, Team Handball

- 1984 Olympic Games
- ICAS member since its creation in 1994
- VP and member of ICAS executive committee 2010
- President of the ad-hoc division for

numerous events, including the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympic Games and the Rio 2016 Olympic Games

Anita De Frantz, Rowing

- 1976 and 1980 Olympic Games
- CAS arbitrator, 2002 – present

Chris Campbell, Wrestling

- 1980 and 1992 Olympic Games
- CAS arbitrator 1994 – present
- Ad-hoc division member Atlanta 1996 Olympic Games

Cameron Myler, Luge

- 1988, 1992, 1996 and 1998 Olympic Games
- CAS arbitrator 2014-present

"In the last 20 years TAS/CAS has matured into a critical and respected part of international sport. This is fulfilling, but we must continue to improve and evolve in response to changes in sport and international law."

- Mike Lenard

"I am a two-time Olympian who was denied the opportunity to participate (in my prime) in the 1980 Olympic Games. It is an honor serving on CAS and being a small part of a large group of individuals seeking to uphold the Olympic ideals of fairness, integrity and inclusiveness."

- Chris Campbell

INTRODUCING THE USOC ATHLETE CAREER & EDUCATION PROGRAM



Jan Wilson

The Athlete Career and Education Program at the USOC has been established to assist, support and deliver high quality, comprehensive career and education services that enhance personal and professional development of the best athletes in the world, both current and retired. The USOC strives to develop athletes as people, and not just athletes.

Olympic and Paralympic athletes often experience a difficult transition into the work force after sport. They need a good education and quality work experience to ensure a successful transition. Their education levels and experience are as varied as the sports they play.

The USOC works with our nation's top employers and education providers to help Olympians and Paralympians achieve their dreams beyond their sports careers. We equip athletes with tools to make informed decisions about their career transition through career services, job opportunities and education.

One of our own alumni, Paralympic swimmer Jan Wilson, serves as the first athlete career coach in this newly formed USOC department. Wilson's background and extensive experience as a competitor, volunteer and skilled



professional, contribute greatly to athletes in assisting them with their education and career aspirations, as well as their overall life goals.

Prior to assuming her current position with the USOC, Wilson worked as the director of alumni relations and career services at Virginia Tech for over eight years. Wilson also worked as the director of National Paralympic Committee relations and athlete services for the 2002 Salt Lake and the 2006 Torino Organizing Committees for the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. In 1992, she served as the first manager of Disabled Sports Services at the USOC.

In addition to her work experience, Wilson has an extensive competitive background in Paralympic swimming. From 1980-1990, Wilson held all U.S. records in the 100-meter freestyle, the 100 breaststroke, the 100 butterfly, the 200 individual medley and the 400 freestyle. She also held world records in three short course and two long course Paralympic swimming events. She was selected as a member of the U.S. Paralympic teams in 1980, 1984 and 1988, earning 10 individual medals (one gold, seven silvers, two bronzes) and two bronze relay medals. She was inducted into the U.S. Amputee Athletic Association Hall of Fame in 1997 for outstanding lifetime performance achieved as an athlete.

After completion of her Paralympic swimming career, Wilson served in numerous volunteer roles within the Paralympic Movement. She served four years on the International Sports for the Disabled Swim Competition Committee,

as chef de mission (U.S. delegation leader) for the 1994 Paralympic Winter Games in Lillehammer, Norway; U.S. delegate to the International Sports Organization for the Disabled General Assemblies in Cairo, Egypt and Ottawa, Canada and as the USOC representative to the U.S. Department of Justice Architectural and Transportation Barriers Board.

By working directly with current and retired Olympians, Paralympians, teams, coaches, high performance sports programs, National Governing Bodies, U.S. Olympians and Paralympians Association, the Athlete's Advisory Council, the Multi-Sport Organizational Council and the Paralympic Advisory Council, the Athlete Career and Education Program becomes the central location for all services related to jobs, career, education and scholarships. This program of career and education services supports individuals to attain well-rounded and fulfilled lives. This program will continue to evolve as the varied needs of our athletes continue to grow and change over time. Please check future issues of *The Olympian Newsletter* for ways to access useful tools and services in the ACE program. If you wish to share your success story through the Athlete Career and Education Program, please contact Jan Wilson at jan.wilson@usoc.org.

For more information about the ACE program, contact the team via email at acep@usoc.org or call 800-933-6535 ext. 1.

TERESA HEDGPETH

USOC ARCHIVES & ARCHIVIST



Sam the Olympic Eagle mascot and Los Angeles 1984 podium on loan from The International Centre for Olympic Studies, Western University, London, Ontario, Canada. Photo by Teri Hedgpeth

As the Rio 2016 Olympic Games draw near, the Crawford Family U.S. Olympic Archives prepares to change out the historic display on the second floor of headquarters. Last year, we highlighted the 30 year anniversary of the Los Angeles 1984 Olympic Games in our inaugural display.

This space is used by all of our departments for meetings and special events, and has proven to be a destination for visitors to headquarters. Recently, the USOC hosted a reception for IOC President Thomas Bach that included a tour of the archives.

This year, a new display is in order, and

centers on summer sports, including the return of golf to the Games.

In order to create a great Olympic display, we use various aspects of our collections – from parade or competition

uniforms to sports equipment, official programs, pins, participation badges and medals, as well as Olympic memorabilia and historic photographs. This variety allows us to relate the history of the Olympic Movement and the personal histories of our Olympic athletes.

The USOC archive contains a vast array of artifacts. However, when it comes to Olympic sporting equipment and gear – and even more importantly, competition uniforms – we have some gaps, especially from sports that do not have a large U.S. following. Moreover, it is always preferable to display an actual athlete's competition uniform, field hockey stick, riding boots, or helmet than generic items not used in Olympic competition. My goal as the historic steward is to rectify that. In order to create compelling displays that relate our history, I need your assistance. For our next display, which will be installed



Historic Display Los Angeles 1984 Olympic Games. 2nd floor USOC Headquarters. Photo by Teri Hedgpeth



Teri Hedgpeth, IOC President Thomas Bach and Mark Adams, IOC Public Relations Director in the Crawford Family U.S. Olympic Archives. Photo by Megan Murphy



Historic Display Los Angeles 1984 Olympic Games. 2nd floor USOC Headquarters. Photo by Teri Hedgpeth

this fall, we are looking for your Olympic competition uniforms and gear if you competed in the Games. As always, this would become part of the USOC archive as your collection – for example, the Janet Moreau Stone Collection – and preserved for posterity, as well as used in displays to promote the history of the Olympic Movement.

Not only do we use these items in our own displays, but we also create displays for special events, and are now using artifacts and memorabilia in all of our Olympic Training Centers. Furthermore, we are very excited to loan aspects of our collection to the U.S. Olympic Museum Foundation on a

rotating basis, beginning in 2017 for the new U.S. Olympic Museum in Colorado Springs.

In order to create a great Olympic display, we use various aspects of our collections – from parade or competition uniforms to sports equipment, official programs, pins, participation badges and medals, as well as Olympic memorabilia and historic photographs.

Recently, U.S. gold medalists Meryl Davis and Charlie White stopped by and signed a figure skate for us. Won't you be the next? Please take the time to dig into the back of the closet, plunge into the basement or ascend the stairs to the attic to locate your Olympic competition uniforms or equipment, and donate to the Crawford Family U.S. Olympic Archives. This will ensure your Olympic journey will continue to live for future generations. If you have any questions regarding a donation, call or email and I would be happy to assist.



CVOTC & YMCA of San Diego County 1.

OLYMPIC DAY, THE OLYMPIC MOVEMENT, AND YOUR COMMUNITY

By Emily Schell

For spectators, the Olympic Games inspire hope and excitement. For athletes, they represent hard work and achievement. For the world's nations, they epitomize unity and acceptance.

The Games provide a podium for both medals and values, and the Olympic Movement has the power to spread the ideals of fair play, perseverance, respect and sportsmanship to people all over the planet.

The modern Olympic Movement began in 1894 when Pierre de Coubertin initiated the revival of the Olympic Games. On June 23, 1894, the International Athletics Congress in Paris unanimously voted to re-establish the Games, as proposed by

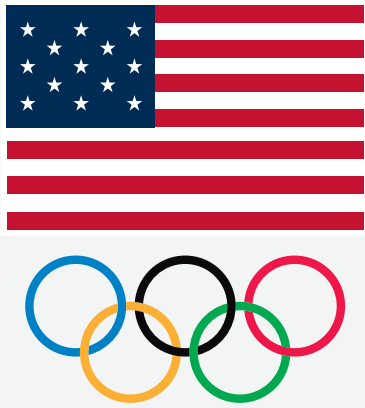
Coubertin. In 1896, the first Games of the modern era were staged in Athens, Greece, and the International Olympic Committee was officially created.

One hundred and eighteen years later, the Olympic Games have transformed into a global icon that continuously bring the world together through sport. The Games inspire excellence and commitment to building a better worldwide community.

While the Games are perhaps the world's most anticipated mega sporting event, the Olympic Movement extends far beyond sport. In efforts to promote the Olympic Values, the International Olympic Committee has established

Olympic Day as a celebration of these ideals and as a commemoration of the Modern Olympic Movement. Every year on June 23, events around the world encourage communities to get on the move, learn about Olympic Values, and discover new activities.

Olympians and Paralympians are crucial to the success of Olympic Day events. Athletic role models provide communities with inspiration while bringing a special atmosphere of Olympism to participants. More importantly, Olympians and Paralympians give an important perspective of the Olympic ideals from years – if not decades – of training, along with incredible experiences with unique people from all reaches of the globe.



OLYMPIC DAY 2015

With the help of Olympians and Paralympians, Olympic Day 2014 was the best yet in the U.S. The 1,055 events featured 627 athletes and more than 500,000 participants. They inspired communities to move, learn, and discover, with activities ranging from basketball tournaments to obstacle courses to fun runs.

Highlights of Olympic Day 2014 included a Skate of the Union Race in Washington, D.C., hosted by Nathaniel Mills (speedskating, 1992, 1994, 1998). The race featured hundreds of inline skaters participating in everything from

a youth fun roll to an inline marathon. On the other side of the country, the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim professional baseball organization celebrated Olympic Day by including Peter Vidmar (gymnastics, 1980, 1984), Rafer Johnson (decathlon, 1956, 1960), and Janet Evans (swimming, 1988, 1992, 1996) in gameday festivities. An event in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, shattered the world record for number of simultaneous cartwheels, as Gabrielle Douglas (gymnastics, 2012) and Ron Galimore (gymnastics, 1980) led 735 young gymnasts across the Roberto Clemente Bridge. The USOC extends appreciation

to those who participated in Olympic Day last year, and looks forward to all that 2015 will bring.

Registering to attend an Olympic Day event near you enhances the opportunity for your community to get inspired by the Olympic Movement. Whether you are speaking about your experiences, helping children learn your sport or simply participating alongside others, your presence will drive Olympic Day success while inspiring your community to get active, learn about the Olympic ideals and discover new realms of sport.

Join Team USA this year by getting involved with Olympic Day 2015. Register to attend an event or host your own and, in doing so, encourage children and communities to consider the Olympic ideals in sports and beyond while motivating Team USA's next generation of Olympians. Register to host or attend an Olympic Day event today at www.teamusa.org/olympicday.



On Olympic Day 2014, Gabrielle Douglas (gymnastics, 2012), Ron Galimore (1980, gymnastics) and 735 young gymnasts broke the world record for number of simultaneous cartwheels in Pittsburgh, Pa.

ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

Women's Sports Foundation Announces Angela Hucles As New President



Olympic and world cup medalist for U.S. soccer Angela Hucles elected to drive awareness and participation in sports for girls and women.

The Women's Sports Foundation (WSF), the leading authority on the participation of women and girls in sports, announced the appointment of Angela Hucles as its new president. Hucles, whose two-year term went into effect January 1, 2015, and who succeeds Olympic ice hockey gold medalist Angela Ruggiero, will assume responsibility for providing leadership and visibility for the organization.

Hucles' successful career as a professional soccer player and her commitment to empowering women and children to live strong, healthy and fulfilled lives made her an obvious choice to lead the nonprofit founded by Billie Jean King in 1974. She will join Chief Executive Officer Deborah Slaner Larkin, who assumed the role in August 2014, to continue fostering the mission of the Women's Sports Foundation: to create leaders by ensuring all girls access to sports.

"Throughout the past 40 years, women's participation in sports has increased," said Larkin. "However, it is the Women's Sports Foundation's role to continue to educate new generations about Title IX and the impact sports can play in their lifestyles and careers. WSF is honored to have Angela as president. She is an exceptional athlete and an astute businesswoman whose experience and leadership will expand the WSF's efforts to ensure more girls and women reap the benefits of sports participation."

Hucles will leverage her global experience as an athlete and sports development ambassador. As founder of the Empowerment Through Sports Leadership Series, she will steer current WSF programs to new heights and bring fresh ideas to the table to expand the foundation's impact and visibility.

"It is an honor and privilege to become the president of the Women's Sports Foundation, an organization I have been involved with for more than 12 years," said Hucles. "Sports have had a profound influence on my life, both on-field and off. In my new role, I hope to inspire girls and women to not only

participate in the sports that they are passionate or curious about, but to also be vocal about it so they encourage others to join in and experience the many advantages," said Angela Hucles.

Hucles, a two-time Olympic gold medalist and two-time world cup bronze medalist, is a distinguished individual on and off the field. Hucles is still the all-time leading scorer at Norfolk Academy with 204 goals, was a four-year All-American, Mid-Atlantic All-Star and record-holder of the most game-winning goals (59) at the University of Virginia. Beyond the field, Hucles is devoted to helping communities and was selected as the U.S. Soccer Foundation's 2009 Humanitarian of the Year. Now retired, Hucles is an ambassador, advisor and motivational speaker, using her athletic experiences to connect with girls and women to empower and enhance their life skills and explore their educational opportunities. In addition to her work with the Women's Sports Foundation, Hucles is the founder of Empowerment Through Sports Leadership Series to show how sports can develop youth to become leaders in their communities.

ALUMNI IN HONOR



Photo L to R: J. Peter Simon, Scott Hamilton and Larry Probst.



Photo L to R: Scott Blackmun and Jennifer Steinbrenner Swindel present the George M. Steinbrenner Sport Leadership Award to Bela and Martha Karolyi. Photo by John Cheng



Olympic figure skating champion Scott Hamilton, and the distinguished coaching duo of Martha and Bela Karolyi were honored

The United States Olympic Endowment (USOE) presented two awards at its annual luncheon in New York. Olympic figure skating champion Scott Hamilton, and the distinguished coaching duo of Martha and Bela Karolyi were honored in recognition of their commitment

and contributions to the Olympic and Paralympic movements.

Martha and Bela Karolyi, legendary gymnastics coaches and members of the USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame, were named recipients of the George M. Steinbrenner III Sport Leadership Award. The award is presented annually to honor outstanding members of the Olympic and Paralympic family 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.

Hamilton, a 1984 Olympic gold medalist and member of the World Figure Skating Hall of Fame, received the William E. Simon Award, given to individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the advancement of the Olympic and

Paralympic movements. Simon – the award's namesake – was president of the USOC from 1981-85 and served as secretary of the treasury for three years under Presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford.

The award is presented annually to honor outstanding members of the Olympic and Paralympic family...

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. A separate entity from the USOC, the USOE oversees the corpus of endowed funds that resulted from the surplus from the 1984 Games.

MILESTONES



Julie Goskowicz Koons (Speedskating, 2002)



Julie and her husband Jeff announced the birth of Jack Anthony Koons on Dec. 13, 2014, at 4:12 p.m. Jack weighed in at 8 lbs. 6 oz., and was 19.5 inches long. He joins big sisters Sofia and Madeline.

Melissa Gregory and Denis Petukhov (Figure Skating - Mixed Ice Dancing, 2006)



Melissa and husband Denis proudly announced the birth of Daxton Dale Petukhov on Nov. 11, 2014 at 10:22 p.m. Daxton weighed 6 lbs. 7 oz., and was 19 inches long.

WOA CONFIRMS VENUE FOR RIO 2016 OLYMPIANS REUNION CENTER

The **World Olympians Association [WOA]** has confirmed that the Rio 2016 Olympians Reunion Center presented by EY will be hosted at the iconic Clube de Regatas do Flamengo (CR Flamengo) – situated at the heart of the Olympic action in Rio de Janeiro.

Located in Rio's south-side in the shadow of the Christ the Redeemer statue and surrounded by some of the city's most famous neighborhoods including Copacabana, Ipanema, Leblon and Gavea, the venue is situated on the shores of Lagoa Rodrigo de Freitas, the site for the Rio 2016 Olympic Rowing competition.

The Olympians Reunion Center presented by EY at the CR Flamengo, home of the leading Brazilian domestic football team of the same name which has 40 million fans all around the country, will be open throughout the Games and will act as a communal hub for Olympians of all generations to reunite with old colleagues, make new friends and come together for business meetings and networking.

A full program of hospitality events and themed nights will be announced in due course.

Speaking about the announcement, **WOA President, Joël Bouzou**, said: "We are delighted to confirm CR Flamengo as the venue for the Rio 2016 Olympians Reunion Center and we look forward to welcoming Olympians of all ages to a central location where they can join together to share in the Olympic celebrations with old and new friends.

"Olympians remain at the heart of the Olympic Games and it's important that their status is honored and celebrated appropriately. We look forward to announcing more details about the events program for the reunion center in the lead up to Rio 2016."

"This will be a premium venue and first class experience for Olympians thanks to the generous support and help of EY, official supporter and exclusive provider of professional services in the consulting category for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. We are very much looking forward to working with them to make the Rio 2016 Olympians Reunion Centre presented by EY the best ever Olympians Reunion Center."

Jorge Menegassi, South America Managing Partner, EY said: "EY is delighted to be working in collaboration with the WOA to bring the Olympians Reunion Centre to Rio 2016. The Olympic Movement is built on values of excellence, fair play and respect – values that echo EY's philosophy. We are looking forward to taking the project forward and delivering a great celebration for all Olympians at the Olympic Games in Rio."

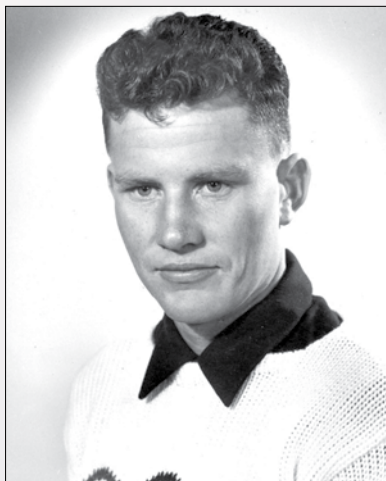
For questions about the WOA please contact our liaison:

Nancy Hogshead-Makar
(swimming, 1984)
WOA Board Member

904-384-8484 (o)
904-307-4293 (c)

Email: Hogshead3Au@live.com
<http://Olympians.org/woa/leadership/>

ALUMNI IN MEMORIAM



John Ray Burrirt, Sr

(Biathlon, 1960)

John Ray Burrirt, Sr., sadly passed away Jan. 7, 2015, at age 80.

John Ray Burrirt, Sr., graduated in 1952 from Hotchkiss High School in Hotchkiss, Colorado, before he completed his college education at Western State College in Gunnison, Colorado. While at Western, he competed in football and track, and was introduced to his lifelong passion of cross-country skiing.

He entered the armed services in 1957 and also married Barbara Wheeler that year. They raised three sons—John, Jim and Brad. In 1966, he opened Rimrock Winter Sports Alpine Ski Area, which he built on Grand Mesa and operated for four years.

During most of the 1960s and 1970s, he also worked in both the laboratory and X-ray departments at the Delta County Memorial Hospital.

In his later decades, Burrirt became increasingly involved in developing cross-country trails and programs on Grand Mesa, primarily for school-aged youth. He organized programs and taught hundreds of children to alpine and cross-country ski, often even supplying the equipment.

Burrirt was a pioneer in the U.S. biathlon program. In December 1956, he competed in the first biathlon race in the

U.S., held at Camp Hale, Colorado, and placed in the top four.

While in the Army, he was selected to the U.S. biathlon training center that was then under the authority of the U.S. Army and based at Fort Richardson, Alaska.

In 1960, Burrirt qualified for the U.S. Olympic Team at the 1960 Olympic Winter Games in Squaw Valley, California. John was a natural biathlete, having grown up on a very rural farm and learned to shoot and hunt before he was 10 years old.

His 14th-place finish at the 1960 Olympic Winter Games was a U.S. record for many decades. He was also on the team that competed in the Second Biathlon World Championships at Courmayeur, Italy, in 1959, and the 1959 pre-Olympic and North American Championship Biathlon at Squaw Valley.

Burrirt's life's devotion to friends, family and winter activities was a source of numerous warm friendships and admiration in the larger community.



John Cotton Burton

(Ski/Snowboard, 1952)

John Cotton Burton passed away Dec. 5, 2014, at age 91.

A lifelong athlete, John Cotton Burton sailed, fished, skated, played hockey and tennis and cross-country skied from early childhood. At the Blake School and later at Harvard College, Burton excelled at

tennis and hockey; at Harvard, he won the freshman class tennis championship and as a senior he won the John Tudor Memorial Cup, the prize given to the most valuable player of the hockey team.

Commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Navy after college, Burton served on landing ships in North Africa and Italy. After the war, he earned a law degree at the University of Minnesota in 1948.

Burton's athletic activities continued long after his school days ended. Through his Nordic ski racing during and after law school, Burton earned a place on the U.S. Nordic ski team and participated in the 1952 Winter Olympic Games in Oslo, Norway, in 1952. Many years later, he traveled with his son Mark to Maine for the first reunion of his team since Oslo. While continuing to ski competitively and sail with the Minnetonka Yacht Club, Burton took up running in his middle years, completing 53 marathons after age 50, including two Boston Marathons. In his 60's, he took up competitive in-line skating. Burton ran his last marathon, his 17th Twin Cities Marathon, in 2001 at age 78. A master of many sports, he also worked as a banker, a stockbroker and a lawyer, but enjoyed teaching most.

Burton was preceded in death by his parents, Ward Cotton Burton and Ella Lindley Burton; his beloved wife, Janette Johnston Burton; his brothers, Gale Cotton Burton and Lindley James Burton; and his sisters, Whitney B. Movius and Elinor B. Cammann. He is survived by his sister Hazel B. Gray; five children, Mary Lindley Burton of New York City, Lisa B. Ericson (Bruce) of San Francisco, California, Sarah B. Marshall (Paul) of Deephaven, Minnesota, Thomas Ward Burton (Georgia) of Deephaven, Minnesota and Mark Harrison Burton (Walraven) of Osterville, Massachusetts; six grandchildren, Elizabeth and Christopher Marshall, Harrison and Charles Burton, and John and Whitney Ericson; 14 nieces and nephews; 20 grand-nieces and nephews; and four great-grand-nieces and nephew.

ALUMNI IN MEMORIAM (continued)



Eadie Wetzel Davis

(Swimming, 1968)

Eadie Wetzel Davis sadly passed away Jan. 10, 2015, at age 62.

Eadie Wetzel Davis, a member of the 1968 U.S. Olympic team, was a dynamic woman. Those who knew her will remember her humor and passion, as well as an amazing inner strength, which endured throughout her battle against dementia and ALS.

A memorial service will be held in Hilton Head, South Carolina, on April 11, 2015. Eadie is survived by her husband, Mike; two sons, Casey (Kelly) and Whit; one granddaughter, Eloise Mae Hensen.

In her honor, the family has created the Wetzel Foundation, which is committed to the fight against dementia and ALS through focused research and social outreach.

Donations will be accepted on the foundations home page: www.thewetzelfoundation.org and Facebook page. Checks can be sent to:
The Wetzel Foundation
Attn: Casey Hansen
265 South End Ave. 3A
New York, NY 10280



Donald Dee

(Basketball, 1968)

Donald Dee passed away Nov. 26, 2014, at age 71.

Donald Dee hailed from Kansas City, Missouri, which he called the best city in America. He represented the United States at the Mexico City 1968 Olympic Games, where he won a gold medal. He also played professionally with the Indiana Pacers. Dee was passionate about woodworking and the Kansas City Chiefs and Royals.

He leaves behind four children: Donnie (California), Steven (Missouri), Lisa (Missouri) and Mike (Missouri); 6 grandchildren, Johnny, Jenny, Amanda, Alex, Jordan and Zachary; one sibling, Earl Dee of Houston, Texas.



Theodore "Ted" Farwell, Jr.

(Ski/Snowboard, 1952, 1956, 1960)

Theodore "Ted" Farwell, Jr. passed away Jan. 10, 2015, at age 84.

Farwell grew up in Montague, Massachusetts, and graduated from Turners Falls High School in 1948. He attended forestry school at Syracuse University for two years and later completed his undergraduate work in economics at Denver University. While in Denver, Farwell skied for the DU championship ski team before going on to Stanford's Graduate School of Business, where he received an MBA degree.

Farwell developed a life-long love of the outdoors and of skiing in particular, a love that lasted all his life. When he was a sophomore at Syracuse University, he placed well enough in ski meets to where he decided he could ski on the U.S. Olympic Team if he quit school and trained. Thus, he traveled to Steamboat Springs, where he camped on the hillside near the jumping hill, sleeping in a hammock, and worked toward his dream. He competed in three Olympic Winter Games: 1952 in Oslo, Norway, 1956 in Cortina, Italy, and 1960 in Squaw Valley, California. His 11th-place finish in the Nordic combined event at the 1952 Olympic Winter Games (a combination of ski jumping and cross-country racing) was the highest placement for an American-born Nordic combined skier, a record that would stand for the next 50 years.

Farwell worked in the ski industry all his

ALUMNI IN MEMORIAM (continued)

adult life as a consultant in planning and appraisal of ski areas. He was proudest of having designed the first National Economic Analysis of Ski Areas for the National Ski Areas Association, which the NSAA still updates and uses to this day. Later, Farwell conducted literally hundreds of ski area appraisals, which gave him a comprehensive view of the ski industry in our nation. He was recognized for his achievements in 1992, when he was inducted into the Colorado Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame and the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame. Farwell is also a member of the University of Denver Athletic Hall of Fame.

Farwell's family and friends will remember him as a loving, appreciative member of the communities with which he was involved through the years: his family, his ski teams, the ski resorts for which he consulted, the communities in which he lived and in the Unity churches to which he belonged.

Farwell is survived by his wife of 60 years, Sigrid Olafson Farwell; three children: Meghan (Tim) Deinhard, Peter (Sue) Farwell, and Eric Farwell; brother, Norman (Peggy) Farwell, and sisters-in-law Barbara Farwell, Erna Olafson, and Freya Olafson as well as a number of nieces and nephews. Grandchildren are Ian (Megan) Swanson, Perrin Swanson, and Kayla Farwell. Great-granddaughter Emma Lyn Swanson joined the family in 2014. Ted's brother David predeceased him.

Please consider making a contribution in Ted's name to the Colorado Ski and Snowboard Museum and Hall of Fame at 231 S. Frontage Road East, Vail, CO 81657 or Hospice TRU Community Care, 2594 Trailridge Dr. East, Lafayette, CO 80026.



Eugene Grazia

(Hockey, 1960)

Eugene Grazia passed away Nov. 9, 2014, at age 80.

A graduate of West Springfield High School, Grazia graduated from Michigan State University, where he attended on a scholarship. He was a member of the 1959 world ice hockey team and the 1960 Olympic gold-medal winning ice hockey team in Squaw Valley, California.

A physical education teacher for West Springfield High School for 26 years, Mr. Grazia coached hockey, baseball and golf. A member of the Deadline Gang, he also belonged to the Dante Club and Springfield Country Club.

He leaves two sons, Eugene and Robert; his former wife Lee (Ruggeri) Grazia; a grandson Robert and was predeceased by a brother Robert and sister Alice O'Brien.

Donations may be made to the Exposition Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 124, West Springfield, MA 01090.



Arthur C. Jackson

(Shooting, 1948, 1952, 1956)

Arthur Jackson passed away Jan. 6, 2015, at age 96.

Jackson attended Brooklyn Polytechnic High School, in New York, graduating in 1936. He then worked for the Sperry Gyroscope Company, before joining the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1943. His success at bombardier school in Big Springs, Texas, resulted in his retention there as a trainer until he enrolled in an advanced navigation program at Ellington Air Field near Houston. He eventually left active service, but remained in the Air Force Reserves until 1971, when he retired with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Jackson enrolled in the Modern School of Photography in 1947; he then worked in the photographic department of Pratt Institute in New York. Given his wartime experience and work with Air Intelligence, Arthur was recruited by the newly formed Central Intelligence Agency in 1951. As a specialist in photography and photo-analysis, he worked in the CIA's Technical Service Division (later renamed the Office of Technical Service) for the remainder of his career. Jackson retired from the CIA in 1974.

Although he chose a career in the clandestine services, Jackson earned international renown for his prowess as a rifle marksman. His shooting career began on the Brooklyn Polytechnic High School Shooting Team, on which he won his first competitive medals in 1934. Within only

ALUMNI IN MEMORIAM (continued)

a few years, his love for the sport, and his willingness to devote long hours to practice, helped him garner numerous state and regional championships. He eventually went on to become one of the most successful American shooters in history, earning multiple national, Pan American and world championship titles. He set five world records and represented the United States on three Olympic teams: 1948 (London), 1952 (Helsinki) and 1956 (Melbourne), winning a bronze medal at the Helsinki 1952 Olympic Games. Arthur continued to shoot successfully at the regional, national and international levels well into his seventies. His final international competition was the Palma Match held in Raton, New Mexico. In addition, he coached young shooters and published numerous articles about shooting and the history of shooting sports. In 1999, Arthur Jackson was inducted into the U.S. International Shooting Hall of Fame.

A loving and supportive father, and a deeply devoted husband, Jackson is survived by Nancy, his wife of 58 years; his five children, Diane, Thomas, Robert, Sarah and William; and his eight grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to SOME (So Others Might Eat) at SOME.org, telephone, 202-797-8806 ext. 112.



Don Laws
(Figure Skating Coach)

Don Laws passed away Dec. 2, 2014, at age 85.

A two-time Olympic coach and member of the U.S. Figure Skating Hall of Fame, Laws spent more than 60 years coaching such notable American athletes as Olympic champion Scott Hamilton and three-time U.S. champion Michael Weiss.

Laws' skating career began at the Washington Figure Skating Club, where he and partner Mary Firth earned the 1948 U.S. junior ice dance crown. As a singles skater, Don was the 1950 U.S. junior champion and a 1951 world team member.

After the 1951 world championships in Milan, he joined the U.S. Army Security Agency, which specialized in military intelligence during the Korean War.

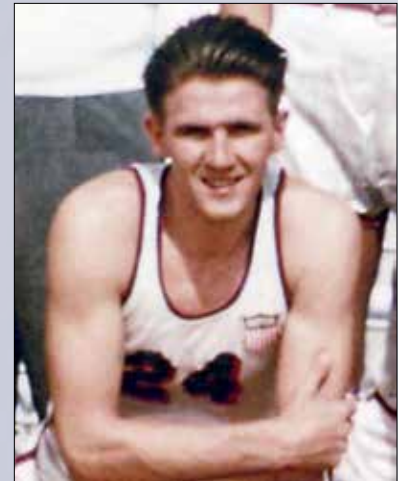
Upon returning to civilian life, Laws went into coaching, first in Canada, then in Washington, and eventually accepted a head coaching position at the Philadelphia Skating Club and Humane Society. Don created its first competitive program and remained in Philadelphia for 21 years. He also coached in Denver, Atlanta, Maryland and Florida.

Laws was a member of the ISU Coaches Commission and the ISU Singles and Pairs Committee, president of the International Professional Skaters Union and of the

Professional Skaters Association (1977-83).

In 2005, the Michael Weiss Foundation created the Donald E. Laws Distinguished Coaching Award and honored him for his lifetime of achievement.

Donald Laws is survived by his brother, Willard; sister, Laura Keesling; and many nieces and nephews.



Raymond "Ray" Lump
(Basketball, 1948)

Ray Lump passed away Jan. 16, 2015, at age 91.

Lump was a basketball star at New York University in the late 1940s, played for the New York Knicks in the early 1950s and was the athletic director of the New York Athletic Club for nearly half a century, running track and field meets that attracted the sport's top competitors.

For Ray, the biggest moment in his long and varied sports career came when he was selected for the U.S. Olympic basketball team to play at the London 1948 Olympic Games. The Games were held while the British were struggling to recover from the German bombardment of World War II. The basketball team went undefeated and captured the gold medal in a 65-21 romp over France in the final.

Ray joined the Indianapolis Jets in the 1948-49 season before they traded him to

ALUMNI IN MEMORIAM (continued)

the Knicks midway through his rookie year. He played in the backcourt that included Dick McGuire, Max Zaslofsky, and Ernie Vandeweghe when the Knicks made it to the playoff finals in 1951 and 1952, losing to the Rochester Royals and then the Minneapolis Lakers.

Ray retired after a stint with the Baltimore Bullets in the 1952-53 season and had a career average of 8.2 points per game.



Dr. Robert "Hugh" Peery
(Wrestling, 1952)

Dr. Robert "Hugh" Peery passed away Jan. 10, 2015, at age 83.

Peery graduated from Tulsa Central High School where he was a two-time state wrestling champion and an Eagle Scout. He was a gold medalist at the 1951 Pan American Games, a three-time NCAA wrestling champion and a member of the 1952 U.S. Olympic Team.

Hugh attended the University of Pittsburgh, where he wrestled under the coaching of his father, the late Rex Peery. He was a distinguished member of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. In 1954, he was awarded the Post-Gazette Dapper Dan Award. In 1956, he graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine. Hugh served his country as a Lt. Commander in the Dental Corps of the U.S. Navy. Upon returning to Pittsburgh, he practiced dentistry for over 50 years.

Hugh is survived by his son, Jeff (Sheree) Peery; daughter, Cynde Wirth; sister, Ann

Ritter; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Roberta; son, John Peery; and brother, Ed Peery.

The family suggests donations to: Catholic Charities Free Health Care Center; www.freecarepgh.org. Please use dropdown: Robert "Hugh" Peery DMD Memorial Fund. Funds will be designated for the free dental care program, or by check (indicate Hugh Peery on memo line) and send to 212 Ninth Street, Pittsburgh., PA 15222. The National Wrestling Hall of Fame, www.nwhof.org/support, or 405 W. Hall of Fame Avenue, Stillwater, OK 74075, or The Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org



Stanley R. Pocock
(Rowing Coach, 1960)

Stanley Pocock passed away Dec. 15, 2015, at age 91.

Pocock was a rower for the University of Washington, where he graduated with a degree in engineering in 1947.

He coached at UW from 1948 through 1955, was the first coach for Lake Washington Rowing Club in 1958 and coached U.S. men's crew to a gold medal in the Rome 1960 Olympic Games.

The Pocock shells, created by his father and uncle, became the standard for shells throughout the country in the first half of the 20th century, a family tradition Pocock continued until his retirement in 1985. As a boat builder, he is credited with being

the first to incorporate fiberglass into boat design and, in 1961, he completed the first full fiberglass shell.

In November 2012, Pocock was presented the Medal of Honor Award from U.S. Rowing, the organization's lifetime achievement award. This past October, he was presented with the Dr. Don H. Palmer Award during the UW's Hall of Fame Banquet.



Dean Edward Smith
(Basketball Coach, 1976)

Dean Smith passed away Feb. 7, 2015, at age 83.

Smith was a coaching innovator who won two national championships at North Carolina, an Olympic gold medal in 1976 and an induction into the Pro Basketball Hall of Fame more than a decade before he left the bench.

Smith graduated from the University of Kansas with a communications degree in 1953. He played for the Jayhawks teams that won the NCAA title in 1952 and finished second the next year.

He served as an assistant coach at Kansas to Phog Allen and Dick Harp before joining the Air Force. He was an assistant basketball coach at the Air Force Academy, and also the baseball and golf coach for a year, before leaving in 1958 to join Frank McGuire's staff at North Carolina. When McGuire left to coach in the NBA in the summer of 1961, the university tapped the 30-year-old Smith to take over.

ALUMNI IN MEMORIAM (continued)

Smith went 8-9 in his first season, but he never had a losing season after that. In January 1965, in his fourth season, the Tar Heels returned to campus from a loss at Wake Forest to find an effigy of Smith hanging from a tree outside Woollen Gymnasium. His breakthrough came in the 1966-67 season, when he led the Tar Heels to a 26-6 record. The season ended with the first of three straight ACC tournament titles and Final Four trips. His 1968 team lost in the final to Lew Alcindor and UCLA.

The Tar Heels lost in the title game twice more, in 1977 against Marquette and in 1981 against Bob Knight's Isiah Thomas-led Indiana, before Smith won his first NCAA championship in 1982. In one of the tournament's most enduring highlights, Michael Jordan knocked down a 16-foot jumper in the final seconds to give the Tar Heels a 63-62 victory against Patrick Ewing and Georgetown in New Orleans.

Smith won his final championship in 1993 with a balanced team that won 34 games. Once in the Final Four, the Tar Heels beat the Jayhawks and Michigan's "Fab Five" to claim another title in the Big Easy.

Smith retired in Oct. 1997 with a career record of 879-254. When he left the game, he did so with more wins and more victories in the NCAA tournament than any other coach, though both records were surpassed in recent seasons.

More than 50 of Smith's players went on to play professionally in the NBA or the ABA, and more played overseas.

Smith is survived by his wife Linnea; daughters Sandy, Sharon, Kristen and Kelly; son Scott; seven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

The family has asked for donations to be made to the Chapel Hill-based Inter-Faith Council for Social Service, the Dean E. Smith Opening Doors Fund or a charity of their choice.



Maria Cerra Tishman
(Fencing, 1948)

Maria Cerra Tishman passed away Jan. 24, 2015, at age 96.

At the London 1948 Olympic Games, Tishman advanced through three preliminary rounds to reach the final eight in the individual foil.

She missed winning the Olympic championship by two touches. In what proved to be the final's decisive bout, Tishman met Ilona Elek, of Hungary, the defending Olympic foil champion from 1936 and the eventual winner in 1948.

Both fencers held records of five victories and one defeat. The winner would be the Olympic champion. After taking an initial 2-0 lead in the four-touch bout, Tishman lost, 4-2, and finished in a three-way tie for second place. She ultimately took fourth place after a count of touches received and touches scored. To date, this remains the highest Olympic accomplishment in foil by a U.S. woman.

Tishman's first and only international individual competition was at the London 1948 Olympic Games

In the more than sixty years following, Tishman contributed her time frequently and generously to bout committee and administrative work for the Fencers Club, the National Intercollegiate Women's Fencing Association and the Amateur Fencers League of America (now known as

the U.S. Fencing Association).

She was born May 17, 1918, and began fencing in 1928 at age nine at the Salle Vince, originally in Brooklyn and later New York. There, her coaches were Joseph Vince, Celestino Fernandez, and her father, Julio A. Cerra (who was an amateur competitor). It was not uncommon for Tishman to receive a lesson from each of them in a single evening of practice.

Tishman continued with the sport at Hunter College, coached by Joseph Smith, and was a member of the IWFA (now NIWFA) intercollegiate championship team twice (1937 and 1940). She also won the IWFA individual intercollegiate championship twice (1938 and 1940).

When Salle Vince closed after 1941 (and later moved to California), Tishman fenced at Salle Santelli, in New York, where she was coached by George Santelli. Tishman then joined the New York Fencers Club, where she was coached by Rene Pinchart.

In 1945, Tishman won the U.S. national individual foil championship; she took third place on four other occasions. Between 1935 and 1947, Tishman was a member of the U.S. national championship foil team a total of nine times for her three clubs.

Among other distinctions:

- In 1948, Tishman was the first woman named to the board of directors of the Fencers Club.
- In 1949, Tishman was the first woman to officiate at the U.S. National Fencing Championships.
- In 1963, when the National Fencing Coaches Association of America established the U.S. Fencing Hall of Fame, Tishman was one of only three women among its 18 charter inductees.
- From 1965 to 1968, Tishman served as the first woman named to the U.S. Olympic Fencing Committee, where she championed an international selection system for U.S. teams based exclusively on earned points.

ALUMNI IN MEMORIAM (continued)

- In 1969, Tishman was an early recipient of the IWFA Founders Award for Meritorious Service, presented by Julia Jones, the founder and first champion of the IWFA.

- In 1982, when Hunter College established its Athletic Hall of Fame, Tishman was its first inductee.

- From 1984 to 1999, Tishman officiated at New Jersey high school dual meets around the northeast part of the state with the most highly developed interscholastic fencing program in the country.

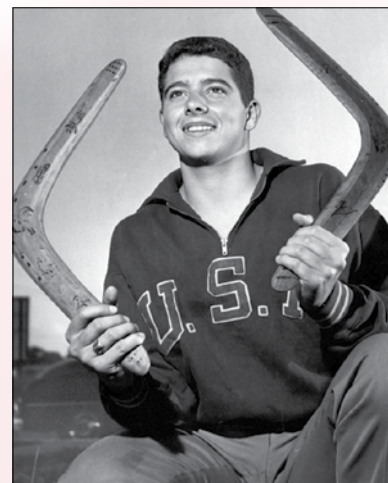
Tishman has been a resident of Glen Rock, New Jersey, since 1953 and was an elementary school teacher in the Oakland, New Jersey, School District for 20 years, until retiring in 1984.

Her late husband, Peter Tishman, was the former treasurer of the AFLA and a ranking U.S. fencer before they married. All three of their sons fenced for New York University.

when she ran for the Polish Olympic Club of Cleveland. Her best year was 1946, when she was tied for second at the AAU in the high jump, and at the AAU indoors that year when she placed second in the high jump and third in high hurdles. In 1947, Walraven set the world indoor record in the 50-yard hurdles at the Cleveland Armory, clocking 7.2 seconds. Walraven also represented the United States at the London 1948 Olympic Games in track and field, participating in the 80-meters, 400 relay and the long jump, where she placed fourth. In 1976, Walraven was inducted into the Cleveland Sports Hall of Fame.

Survivors include her sister-in-law and lifelong friend, Helen Walraven of North Ridgeville; nieces, Susan Traut, Karen Graham; one great-niece; six great-nephews; one great-great-niece and one great-great-nephew.

She was preceded in death by her



Glen Allen Whitten
(Diving, 1956)

Glen Allen Whitten passed away on Sept. 15, 2014, at age 78.

Born: 24 February 1936, Lakeland, Florida. sport: diving. participation: Melbourne, 1956 – springboard, 4th place (148.55 points. OSU association: student athlete, BS Psychology, 1958, DDS Dentistry, 1962.

Glen Whitten came to Ohio State from St. Petersburg, Florida in 1954 after winning the Florida State High School Championship. In his first season of competition for the Buckeyes, 1955, he helped OSU to an undefeated record. An injured foot kept him out of the Big Ten Championship that year, but he recovered enough to take third place in both the one and three meter springboard at the AAU indoor championships. “Glen, since coming to Ohio State, has improved more than any member of the team,” OSU coach Mike Peppe told The (Ohio State) Lantern at the time.

That summer he made the U.S. Olympic Team for the 1956 Melbourne Games, joining Ohio State teammates Bob Clotworthy and Don Harper on the team. In Melbourne Whitten finished fourth on the springboard (148.55), 2.15 points from the bronze medal. Had he taken the bronze the OSU divers would have swept the 3-meter springboard with Clotworthy taking the gold, Harper the silver and Whitten the bronze.



Photograph by K.N. Heinz, Crawford Family U.S. Olympic Archives

London 1948 Olympic Games, Athletics. USA Women's Olympic Athletics Team. Front row from left to right: Dorothy Dodson, Lillian Young, Nell Jackson, Mae Faggs, Mabel Walker. Back row from left to right: Audrey Patterson, Alice Coachman, Theresa Manuel, Frances Kaszubski, Bernice Robinson, Emma Reed and Jean Walraven.

Jean Barnett Walraven (Track & Field, 1948)

Jean Barnett Walraven passed away Dec. 17, 2014, at age 88.

Walraven enjoyed and participated in all sports, beginning her career at age 14

husband, Pat; parents, Ernest L., Sr. and Helen M. Vejchar; one sister and one brother.

OLYMPIAN & PARALYMPIAN

PHOTO Highlights



1. Aaron Mann, Canoe/Kayak; David Durante, Gymnastics and Jordan Holm, Wrestling had fun hanging out with a young patient in Seacrest Studios at Levine Children's Hospital.

2. AAC members, USOC staff and Olympian Greg Louganis (diving, 1976, 1980, 1984, 1988) visited with patients at Levine Children's Hospital in Charlotte, N.C. in January.

3. Carol Brown is a three-time U.S. Olympic athlete, having made the 1976, 1980 and 1984 women's rowing teams. In 1976 in Montreal, she was a part of the crew that brought home the bronze medal in the eights event. Today, Carol is vice president of the U.S. Olympians & Paralympians Association (USOPA). On February 24 in Milwaukee, Wis., she presented her story at a leadership event for Alta Resources; the theme of the event was Daniel James Brown's book titled *The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics*. Based in Neenah, Wis., Alta Resources has been a United States Olympic Committee preferred vendor since 2008, providing member services, such

as care and premium fulfillment, on our behalf.

4. Olympian John Naber (swimming, 1976) presents the Dorothy Franey Langkop Ambassador Award to fellow Olympian, Jack Elder (luge, 1972).The Dorothy Franey Langkop Ambassador Award was established by the United States Olympians and Paralympians Association to recognize an individual or a program associated with a U.S. Olympians & Paralympians Chapter that demonstrates the special spirit of Olympism and has illustrated the Olympic Ideals through their actions or have rendered outstanding services to the Olympic cause.

5. On January 7th, 2015, Theresa Altameze Manuel (track & field, 1948) celebrated her 89th birthday surrounded by family and friends at her home.

6. The U.S. Olympians & Paralympians – Colorado Chapter Executive Committee met recently to discuss chapter plans for the coming year.



8



9



10



11

7. Charlie White and Meryl Davis (figure skating, 2010, 2014) took time out on a recent visit to Colorado Springs, to check out the new Crawford Family U.S. Olympic Archives and sign some skates. They are pictured with archivist, Teresa Hedgpeth.

8. Members of the U.S. Olympians & Paralympians – Southwest Chapter attended a private screening of “Unbroken” at The Angelika at Mockingbird Station on December 28, 2014 in Dallas, Texas.

9. Photo L to R: Southwest Chapter President, Sammy Walker (weightlifting, 1976) and Earl Young (track & field, 1960); Earl brought his Olympic flag to the “Unbroken” screening to recapture a very special Olympic moment he shared with Louis Zamperini.

10. U.S. Olympians & Paralympians – Midwest Chapter gathered to view “Unbroken” at the AMC Theatres River East on Monday, Dec. 29, 2014. Pictured from left to right are: Mark Hutchinson, MD (Team Physician, 1996 Olympic Games, 2006 Paralympic Winter Games), Paul Moran (sitting volleyball, 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004; wheelchair tennis 2008), Ron Urick (canoe/kayak, 1988) (rear), MW VP Tony Brooks (rowing, 1972, 1976), Danell “Doc”

Nicholson (boxing, 1992) (rear), MW President Diane Simpson (gymnastics, 1988), John Coyle (short track speedskating, 1994), Twila Majkowski (cross-country, 1976), Bruce Romain (Athletic Trainer, 1996 Olympic Games), former USOPA VP Linda Mastandrea (wheelchair athletics, 1992, 1996), Alexe Yeung (mountain biking, 2000) for Hong Kong, Chuck Burke (speedskating, 1952, 1956), USOPA VP Carol Brown (rowing, 1976, 1980, 1984) and Pan American Archery Champion Stephanie Miller.

11. SoCal Olympians at Regal Cinemas LA Live, Los Angeles, Calif., USA on January 17, 2015: (1st Row L-R) Jim Wooley, Brian Goodell, DeAnne Hemmens, Cliff Meidl, Iris Cummings Critchell, Sammy Lee, Anita DeFrantz, Tamara Christopherson, Ron Skarin, Gina Miles, (2nd Row) Andrew Strenk, Jeff Farrell, Myra “Polo” Mayberry, Angela Hucles, Rey Brown, Curt Bader, Connie Paraskevin, Tasha Danvers, Katherine Starr, (3rd Row) Philippe Boccara, John Nunn, Michael Blatchford, Giddeon Massie, Lori Ogren, (4th Row) Philippe Boccara, John Naber, and Armando Muniz attend private screening of “Unbroken” in honor of Olympian Louis Zamperini, hosted by the U.S. Olympians & Paralympians – Southern California Chapter and the Koroibos Foundation.

photo: © 2015 Lee Roth / Roth Stock Digital Media

UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

USOC CHAIRMAN

Larry Probst



Robert Bach

James Benson

Scott A. Blackmun

Ursula M. Burns

Anita L. DeFrantz (rowing, 1976, 1980)

Daniel Doctoroff

James L. Easton

Nina Kemppel (cross-country skiing, 1992, 1994, 1998, 2002)

Susanne Lyons

Bill Marolt (alpine skiing, 1964)

Steve Mesler (bobsled, 2002, 2006, 2010)

Dave Ogreaan

Whitney Ping (table tennis, 2004)

Angela Ruggiero (ice hockey, 1998, 2002, 2006, 2010)

Kevin White

USOC CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Scott A. Blackmun

U.S. OLYMPIANS & PARALYMPIANS OFFICERS 2013-16

PRESIDENT

Gary Hall, Sr. (swimming, 1968, 1972, 1976)

VICE PRESIDENTS

Carol Brown (rowing, 1976, 1980, 1984)

Joey Cheek (speedskating, 2002, 2006)

Dick Fosbury (track & field, 1968)

Micki King (diving, 1968, 1972)

Carol Lewis Zilli (track & field, 1984, 1988)

Greg Louganis (diving, 1976, 1980, 1984, 1988)

Eli A. Wolff (Paralympic soccer, 1996, 2004)

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Willie Banks (track & field, 1980, 1984, 1988)

PAST PRESIDENTS

John Naber (swimming, 1976)

Bill Toomey (track & field, 1968)

EDITORIAL STAFF

SENIOR EDITOR

Cynthia E. Stinger (team handball, 1984, 1988, 1992)

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Christine Taylor

PRODUCTION DIRECTOR

O'Shea Design

Photos by: Getty Images, USOC Archives and other sources



U.S. OLYMPIANS & PARALYMPIANS CHAPTERS

Alabama Olympians & Paralympians

President: Jennifer Chandler Stevenson
(diving, 1976)
(205) 313-7436

Arizona Olympians & Paralympians

President: Misty Hyman (swimming, 2000)
(650) 248-6359

Colorado Olympians & Paralympians

President: Gene Kotlarek (ski jumping 1960, 1964)
(303) 807-3911

Florida Olympians

President: Carrie Zimmerman (gymnastics, 1976)
(850) 212-7846

Georgia Olympians & Paralympians

President: Bob Pickens (wrestling, 1964)
(773) 425-3254

Hawaii Olympians

President: Brent Berk (swimming, 1968)
(808) 395-0600

Houston Olympians & Paralympians

President: Jacqueline Washington (track & field, 1984)
(832) 488-8573

Idaho Olympians & Paralympians

President: Dick Fosbury (track & field, 1968)
(208) 720-2352

Indiana Olympians

President: Ollan Cassell (track & field, 1964)
(317) 253-1162

Michigan Olympians & Paralympians

President: Judi Brown Clarke (track & field, 1984)
(517) 881-6710

Midwest Olympians & Paralympians

President: Diane Simpson (rhythmic gymnastics, 1988)
(847) 452-7843

Missouri/Illinois Olympians & Paralympians

President: John Carezza (soccer, 1972)
(314) 846-4124

National Capital Area Olympians

President: Arlene Limas (taekwondo, 1988)
(540) 720-1988

Nevada Olympians & Paralympians

President: Dean Willeford (water polo, 1968)
(775) 827-1775

New England Area Olympians & Paralympians

President: Sharon Ann Jewell (taekwondo, 1988)
(404) 668-7896

New Mexico Olympians & Paralympians

President: Trish King Porter (track & field, 1988)
(505) 459-9732

Northern California Olympians

President: Greg Massialas (fencing, 1980, 1984, 1988)
(415) 441-0521

Oregon Olympians & Paralympians

President: David Johnson (track & field, 1988, 1992)
(503) 302-3992

Southern California Olympians

President: Tamara Christopherson (canoe/kayak, 2000)
(206) 605-9265

Southwest Olympians & Paralympians

President: Sammy Walker (weightlifting, 1976)
(469) 955-3158

Tri-States Olympians

President: Diane Dixon (track & field, 1984, 1988)
(917) 538-3195

Utah Olympians

President: Debra Stark (gymnastics, 1972)
(801) 369-9918

Washington Olympians

President: John Stillings (rowing, 1984)
(206) 440-0708

Western PA-OH-WV Olympians

President: Julie Koons (speedskating, 2002)
(216) 346-2650

No chapter in your area?

Interested in starting a chapter?

Contact the U.S. Olympians & Paralympians
Association office for details at:
(800) 717-7555