

Service to Youth

2000 - Johnna Kudlac: Committed hours of lectures, camps, and clinics to help coaches and parents understand nutrition.

2000 - Gary Heartsfield: Ft Worth: Donating equipment for charitable events, by providing equipment at the last minute.

Distinguished Service

2000 - Peggy Mazeika: Houston; Last GAT President before it was changed to being called "Chairperson", 1999-2000

2000 - Jan Eyman: Whitney; State Chair. Commitment to Texas coaches, judges, parents, and, most important, for Texas athletes.

2000 - Brandy Haney: Round Rock; 25+ years coach. 15 years as an officer in the THSGCA. Certified judge and served as the Executive Secretary for GAT. Brandy's teams have been All American every year. Round Rock High School team has qualified and placed in the top six at the State Meet numerous times in the past 15 years, and several teams won State Champs. State Coach of the Year, Regional Coach of the Year, and was once named National High School Coach of the Year.

2000 - Becky Mann: Austin : Becky: She worked behind the scene at GAT conventions to put it all together, she made it happen. Becky started as a Booster Club Parent volunteer over 10 years ago. Though her young gymnast went on to other pursuits years ago, we are thankful that Becky did not. Any GAT Board member will attest to her diligence and commitment to Texas Gymnastics and to YOU, every GAT member. GAT called her the first Convention Coordinator.

THE HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

2000 - Marc Yancey, Austin : Excellent team motivator in high school and college competition, and became a national-class women's coach in the 1980s, and an international-class men's coach in the 1990s. Bill and Bea Crenshaw, Brian Schenk, Pat Yeager, Jim and Cheryl Jarrett, all had a part in his success. He competed in AAU meets in the 1960s and helped to build the first high school gymnastics program in Austin at Reagan High. There, Brian Schenk inspired him to "challenge men to be excellent in all they do and become Men of Character...and to care about their lives, their future, and the blessings we are given in the people we meet." Our Honoree's collegiate mentor was Pat Yeager at San Jacinto College . Won gold in Texas collegiate competition. He has coached in Pasadena , in Kerrville , and a number of years in the Dallas area while completing a divinity degree at Southwestern Baptist Seminary. Gymnastics almost lost this man to another calling but he continued to dabble in gymnastics coaching to help put food on the table. He coached women's gymnastics and served on the Texas Women's Gymnastics Committee of the USGF from 1971-1986. In 1991 he returned to his greatest interest, gymnastics development for young men, and became a member of the Men's Committee in 1991. He came into his prime in the years since 1995 at Capital Gymnastics as Men's Director and Men's Head Coach for Jim and Cheryl Jarrett. He has received six GAT National Honor Awards for his coaching, and the GAT Distinguished Service Award for the development of gymnastics in Texas and the United States . In the 2000 Championships of the USA , one of his athletes won the gold medal in pommel horse. Our Honoree has held many, leadership positions including President of the Mike Sims Memorial Scholarship, 1993-1999; President of U. S. Men's Gymnastics Coaches Association, 1992-present; Chair, U. S. A. Gymnastics Men's Program Committee, 1994-present; USAG Board Member, 1992-present; President of GAT, 1996-97.