

## **Service to Youth**

2001 - Lori Laznovsky: Ft Worth: Started her gymnastics at age 4 at Sokol KHB in Ennis , Texas . Planned numerous local, nat. & intern events. Serves as the Southern District Women's Physical Director for the American Sokol Organization, and recently served as the director for the New York based 2001 World Sokol Fed. International Youth Camp for youth from the USA and Eastern Europe . Lori is on the USAG-General Gym. Advisory panel since its inception in 1995. She participated in the first USAG Nat. GymFest in 1993, was part of the USAG's first official delegation to the World Gymnaestrada in Berlin in 1995, and served as a staff member/participant in 1999 for the 11th World Gymnaestrada held in Gothenburg , Sweden . Speaker for National Congress and GAT. As part of her GG Advisory Panel duties she serves as the Nat. Camps Coordinator, helping to increase GG. Lori helped to organize the World Gymnaestrada at Lisbon , Portugal in 2003.

## **TEXAS GYMNASTICS HERITAGE AWARD**

2001 - Dennis McIntyre: Williamsport, Ohio: Dennis Participated In High School And College Gymnastics In San Angelo And Odessa, Texas, respectively. He then went to Ohio, and, after earning his degree at Ohio State University, moved into full time coaching as owner and operator (for 13 years) of the Columbus Gymnastics Academy. He spent a year working with the Chicago Park District before joining the USA Gymnastics staff in July of 1994. As of January of 2001, Dennis became the Junior National Team Coordinator for the Men's Program where his responsibilities include the continuing education of the Junior National Team as he gathers and distributes information to Junior National Team coaches and athletes. When asked why he likes working at USAG, Dennis responded: "Moving from coaching to a mostly administrative position at USA Gymnastics was a dramatic change for me. However, I really enjoy working with the coaches and athletes in designing and implementing programs that will help them meet their professional and competitive goals. The fact that the needs of the different groups within the men's program are very diverse keeps the job a constant challenge and insures that there is never a dull moment." Our congratulations to Dennis, we are proud of this former Texan.

## **Gold Honor**

2001 - STEVE MCCAIN: Houston : Member 2000 Olympic Team; competed in numerous International meets including 1999 World Championships and Pan American Games.

2001 - SEAN TOWNSEND: Houston: Member 2000 Olympic Team, competed in numerous International meets including Pontiac American Team Cup; French Internationalaux Competition; Senior Pacific Alliance; Quantas International Challenge, World Championship, and World University Games.

2001 - KEVIN MAZEIKA: Houston; Head coach, 1999 World University Games, Head coach, 2001 World Championships; 2001 USA Gymnastics Men's Coach of the Year; coach of Sean Townsend.

2001 - AMANDA LENTZ: Seminole: 2000 World Cup Tumbling Champion; World Cup and World Championships competitor since 1996; National Tumbling Champion in 2000, 1999, 1997, and 1996.

## **Distinguished Service**

2001 - Jodie Trncak: Houston : Jodie was volunteered by her employer, Beau Biron, for the position of choreographer for the GAT Texas General Gymnastics performance team in 1998, to prepare some 150 gymnasts to perform in the large group competition in Sweden in 1999. This was no easy task. Jodie took on this tremendous responsibility, and, coupled with the high standard required from GAT, and her demand for perfection, stepped up and delivered! Under the direction of Jodie, the Texas All Star Team performed to and entertained people from around the world as participants in the World Gymnaestrada in Sweden in 1999. Many of those people from various countries are still saying "God

Bless Texas ". Jodie continues to demand perfection, evidenced in two National Championship teams at the 2001 USAG TeamGymn Championships. GAT salutes you Mrs. Jodie Trncak. Thank you for your continued commitment to Texas Gymnastics.

## **THE HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD**

2001 - Jim "Jimbo" Jarrett: Austin : Our new Life Member's parents knew he was some kind of acrobat when he did headstands on the couch at age two. He has been totally involved with the sport of gymnastics ever since. He began his serious gymnastics training under Otis Bud in 1970, competed under Jeanette Hawkins at Pan American University where he earned a degree in Physical Education. His coaching career began as Bars and Vault coach at Melba's in McAllen, then on to San Antonio, Dallas, Houston, and now, for over 18 years, at Capital Gymnastics. He and his wife Cheryl have more Honor Awards than anyone else in Texas for coaching national level athletes. Few people in America can equal Jim as a facilities manager for major gymnastics championships. He has conducted many national level championships and continues today to be a leading force in gymnastics sports development in Texas . He has served on the USA National Training Team coaching staff from 1986 – 1999. He has been blessed with a unique gift to teach gymnastics to children and inspire them in his special way to excel and constantly improve. His athletes have competed all over the world and have won many state, regional, and national titles. Over 40 of his athletes have earned college scholarships and have gone on to compete at the collegiate level. He has worked behind the scenes for GAT for many years. He is always there to provide and haul equipment, provide workers and financial support, do the dirty work so that these events will be an exciting adventure to those who attend. Hardworking, articulate, fiercely loyal to friends, a business wizard, that's our nominee. At present, he successfully operates six Capital Gymnastics facilities with the help of an enthusiastic and terrific staff. He has a heart of gold and possesses an incredible way of successfully managing the complex dynamics of a growing business involving staff, athletes, parents, community, and (he says) the best Booster Club in the country! He credits his success to God's blessings. We are pleased to present our 2001 Life Member, Jim "Jimbo" Jarrett.