

## Service to Youth

2004 - GEORGIA MILLER: Austin : Her daughter got her involved in gymnastics nine years ago and even though the daughter is no longer in gymnastics, her Mom is very involved in the works. Georgia is our Registration Coordinator. Some of her jobs include checking the mail, processing registration forms, depositing registration monies, creating and maintaining the database, ordering or creating registration nametags, badges, and packets. She organizes the volunteers from various Gym clubs to work at GAT and generally trouble shoots at our convention. Georgia works full time at Round Rock ISD administration where she gets lots of experience in handling complaints and coordinating major conferences and workshops. Thank you Georgia for all you do for gymnasts in Texas . We are pleased to present Georgia Miller as our Service to Youth Award winner.

## THE HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

2004 - MARK WILLIAMS: Bedford , Texas : Mark came to Texas from Oil City , Pennsylvania . He earned his Bachelor's degree from The University of North Texas, majoring in Physical Education. He began his gymnastics coaching career in 1970 at the Garland Flippers Gymnastics Club. He has taught and coached at North Garland HS, the University of Oklahoma , South Garland HS and in 1988 took his present position at Trinity High School in Euless . As a high school coach, Mark has coached numerous State team and individual champions, as well as three National High School Championship teams and four individuals who have earned Champions status in individual events at the National level. In addition to his coaching responsibilities, Mark is active in the Texas High School Gymnastics Coaches Association and the Texas Gymnastics Judges Association. He has served as Regional Technical Director and Vice President in the High School Association, and as the Texas Junior Olympics State Director. He has been the Technical Vice President in the Texas Gymnastics Judges Association since 1980. He has served as Midwest Director of the National Gymnastics Judges Association and currently is the National Director at Large. As a gymnastics judge, Mark has judged local, state, and national meets including Junior Olympics, Big Eight, NCAA, Championships of the USA, Winter Nationals, to name a few and international meets like the Goodwill Games, World Sports Fair and Chunich Cup in Japan, Pan American Games in Columbia and the Dominican Republic, USA vs China & Romania, as well as the World University Games in Spain. He has served as National Apparatus Leader or Assistant on Pommel Horse, Parallel Bars and Vaulting since 1992, He was the Men's Technical Director of the 1993 US Olympic Festival in San Antonio and the Men's Assistant Competition Manager for the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta . GAT is pleased to present our 2004 Honorary Life Member, Mark Williams.

## TEXAS GYMNASTICS HERITAGE AWARD

2004 - PAT HAMILTON: Orlando, Fl. We honored Pat in 2002 with the GAT Service to Youth Award. We couldn't find Pat to present that award to him and did not know he had moved out of the state where he has distinguished himself as he continues to work with young boys and girls in a variety of ways. Pat started his gymnastics at the Maverick Boys Club in Amarillo, Texas in 1956 under the direction of Nard Cazzell and Ralph Dykeman. His competition began in 1964 at the Oklahoma City Competitions, the Midland YMCA Meets and the SW AAU in Dallas and in Forth Worth at the SOKOL Club. He competed for Odessa College under Mike Wilson from 1968-1970, earning National Division III Champion and All-American in Floor Exercise and Trampoline while there. He also was President of the Student body at Odessa College and became Mr. Odessa College. In 1970-71, he competed for LSU New Orleans, and graduated from West Texas A&M University in 1973. He did graduate work at UTEP and the University of Houston – Victoria. As a coach, he coached championship gymnasts in Amarillo, El Paso, Arlington, Austin, and Plano. When judging certifications first came out, Pat was a National Men's Judge and judged meets throughout Texas for many years. He was a coach and part owner of Texas Summer Gymnastics Camps, held in Kerrville, for 10 years and was active in GAT from it's inception until his retirement from gymnastics in 1996. Pat took a teaching position in a middle school in Victoria, Texas in 1991, and taught gymnastics, tumbling and trampoline for Cindy Alkek at Gymagic in Victoria on the side. Pat gave up his gymnastics after suffering a broken neck while coaching a pole vaulter. After his recovery, he turned his energy from teaching with his body to teaching with my mind and has become an accomplished multimedia teacher and author. Pat currently lives in Orlando, Florida with his wife and six children, and teaches multimedia and Social Studies there at Liberty Middle School. GAT is pleased to honor Pat Hamilton with our 2004 Texas Heritage Award

## Gold Honor

2004 - KEVIN MAZEIKA - COACH OF USA MEN'S SILVER MEDAL OLYMPIC GYMNASTICS TEAM; 2004 OLYMPIC GAMES, ATHENS , GREECE

2004 - EVGENY MARCHENKO - World Olympic Gymnastics Academy ; Coach of Carly Patterson

2004 - CARLY PATTERSON - World Olympic Gymnastics Academy; Coached by Evgeny Marchenko MEMBER, USA WOMEN'S SILVER MEDAL OLYMPIC GYMNASTICS TEAM;GOLD MEDAL ALL AROUND; SILVER MEDAL BALANCE BEAM; 2004 OLYMPIC GAMES, ATHENS GREECE

## Distinguished Service Award

2004 - MARTHA BANNON: Angel Fire, New Mexico : Martha was elected to the GAT Board 5 years ago as Vice President Elect under the old Executive Board era. When GAT moved to our current management system, the Board of Directors elected her as the first Chairman of the Board and she has served in that position since. Martha's hometown is McAllen ; she attended Southwest Texas State University where she lettered in Gymnastics for four years and earned NCAA All American status in the Division II National Gymnastics Championships. Upon graduation, she purchased a gymnastics business; she has owned Bannon's Gymnastix, Inc. for 15 years. A few years ago, Martha and her family moved to New Mexico , but she continued to serve out her four year term on the GAT Board. As Chairman, she oversees all GAT operations, plans and conducts GAT Board Meetings, delegates responsibilities, acts as the Financial Advisor liaison between the GAT Board and the Bookkeeper, and speaks at the GAT Banquet. It is with pleasure, and a great deal of sadness, that we present the GAT Distinguished Service Award to Martha Bannon.

2004 - LARRY McDONOUGH : Dallas: Larry began coaching gymnastics in 1979, has been a gym owner, has coached with the Karoli's, has been to Australia and back, is currently at the Dallas Gymnastics Center and serves on the Texas USAG Board. From 1988 to 1991, he was the Australian National Team Coach, taking teams to various International events and qualifying athletes to the World Championships (1991) and The Olympics (1992). He coached at Capital Gymnastics, where his teams participated in five USA Championships, the US Olympic Festival, and the USA Tour to South Africa . Larry has served on the Texas USAG Board for the past several years. GAT is please to present Larry with the Distinguished Service Award.

2004 - GEORGE JACKSON: Houston : A Native Houstonian, George trained with "Hutch" Dvorak at Post Oak YMCA back in the '70's. In addition to gymnastics training, he studied Classical Ballet with Mme. Tatiana Semenova, Ballet of Houston. He has earned a number of Certifications, including PDP, Safety, Level I-IV Skill Evaluator, First Aid and CPR. He has been program director and head coach at Post Oak Family Center YMCA, and assistant Manager and head Coach for Gymnastics Associates Southwest Inc.. As of 1983, he has owned and managed The Academy – School of Artistic Gymnastics . He is a valuable member of the GAT board, currently serving as Record Keeper. As Record Keeper, he records minutes of the Board Meetings, creates the GAT Newsletters, and sends out gymnastics related emails to the membership, helps with elections, and acts as the floor coordinator for the ITP 2 program. GAT is indeed pleased to honor George Jackson with the Distinguished Service Award.