

Service to Youth

1997 - Becky Mann, has given countless hours as the host committee chairman of GAT gatherings in Austin.; Jack Dunlop, 17 years serving youth as a NAWGJ level 10 rated judge; David Brosig, past H.S. and Collegiate competitor, serving over 10 years as a NGJA judge; Steve Rutledge, "The Bear" 2 time State HS ring champion, 2 NCAA National Team Champions at OU & NGJA judge; Harriett Kaker, more than 10 years of promoting gymnastics in the Texas Special Olympics.

TEXAS GYMNASTICS HERITAGE AWARD

1997 - Jon Cada, Bedford, Texas. Competitor at Western Illinois University, Jon Cada "moved a lot of equipment" in the 1950's. After college, he "went on the road" for Nissen Corporation, & later for Nissen Universal. 15 years of service to Texas in the 1970's and 80's as equipment manufacturer's representative and good friend of gymnastics in Texas. Jon worked beyond the call of duty, as equipment representatives often do, to facilitate the growth of gymnastics. He is widely known and remembered.

Distinguished Service

1997 - Marc Yancey, founder TX Gymnastics Summer Camp & state board/national committee member USAG Men & GAT

1997 - Juergan Achtermann, NGJA judge, Humble HS, hosted many USAG comps at all levels & President of the THSGCA.

1997 - Frank Kudlac, TWU (80's) coach. His teams have won high ranking women's' collegiate national competitions.

1997 - Cori Rizzo, NAWGJ Ed. Dir., 1989-92, 1992-96 USAG State Women's dir. & 1997 Reg. 3 USAG Chair, & FIG Brevet.

THE HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

1997 - Rudy Magdaleno, Tyler "Tossers", Tyler. Rudy is truly the "father of gymnastics in Northeast Texas ." Modern gymnastics programs east of Dallas and north of Houston have felt the inspiration of this pioneer. Rudy has been in Texas since the early 1970's after a career as a high school and collegiate gymnast in Los Angeles . He is widely respected as a teacher and technician for boys and girls. Enduring, quiet, affable, cooperative, caring. Rudy has given service to Texas gymnastics since 1972. (Deceased, 2001).