

ONCE AN OLYMPIAN ALWAYS AN OLYMPIAN, NEVER FORMER NEVER PAST

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A LETTER FROM WILLIE BANKS U.S. Olympians President



Olympians don't give up!

Olympian Gary Hall, Sr. has been the driving force behind the U.S. Olympians Association's World Fit program that has just finished its second year successfully. His hard work and persistence has led to many impressive accolades for the program. However, Gary never seems to be satisfied with the successes that we are seeing, and he always quietly aims for the success of the future. Gary's reaction to adversity and success reminds me of a parable that is called the "Lost Horse".

In this story a farmer's horse runs away. The farmer's neighbors come to sympathize with him over his loss and bad luck. "This is a great misfortune!" they exclaim. The farmer calmly responds, "We will see." The next day the farmer's horse comes back and brings with it six wild horses. The neighbors come to visit again and gleefully observe, "What good fortune has befallen you". The farmer calmly responds, "We will see." The following day the farmer's son starts to train the horses for riding, but is thrown and breaks his leg. Once again the neighbors come over, this time to offer their sympathy for the farmer's bad luck. And once again his reply is "We will see." The next day army officers come and take all the young men as recruits to the war, but because the farmer's son has a broken leg, they don't take him. So the neighbors come over to rejoice how well everything has turned out. The farmer smiles, considers his fortunes, and once again replies, "As always - we can only wait and see"

When I read this story I immediately thought of Olympians because we are notorious for our dogged persistence and optimistic nature. But the one thing that amazes me most about us is our natural aversion to being satisfied. It's in our DNA to believe that there must be more rewards to come as long as we continue to work hard. This trait became abundantly clear when I was first elected president of our organization. I was afraid that it would be difficult to lead the executive committee made up of overachievers. My solution was to allow each person to take responsibility for the success of their own project. It was amazing to see how much was accomplished.

The same has been true of every effort Olympians take on. The World Fit program started as an idea tossed around at one of the meetings of the executive committee. Eventually, Gary Hall initiated a "test run" with two schools in Florida and today we have finished the second year with 18 schools in 6 States.

We have signed up more than 7,000 middle school students who cumulatively logged more than 750,000 miles! And, the first comment out of Gary's mouth was, "We can do better." Next year Gary is pushing us to have the program in 200 schools. We will need the help of our Olympians to achieve this number but I have never seen Olympians fail when they put their minds to something.

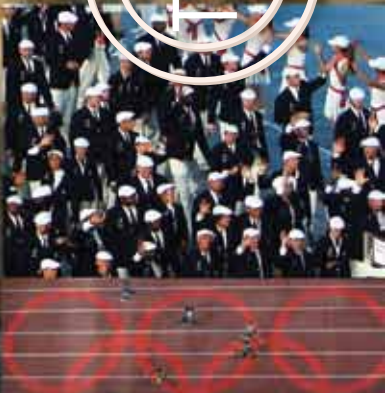
All I can say as I ponder the job ahead of us is "We can only wait and see."

If you want to help us reach our goal please contact us at www.worldfit.org.



USOA PRESIDENT, WILLIE BANKS VISITED STUDENTS AT CHAVEZ MIDDLE SCHOOL IN OCEANSIDE, CALIF. AND WALKED WITH THEM AS PART OF THE WORLD FIT PROGRAM TO HELP FIGHT CHILDHOOD OBESITY.

THE OLYMPIANS



GET INVOLVED TODAY!

THE SUPPORT BY U.S. OLYMPIANS & PARALYMPIANS HAS BEEN OUTSTANDING!



OLYMPIC DAY 2010

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica (Calif.), in conjunction with the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC), registered to host the 200th Olympic Day event scheduled to take place in the United States this year. In June, track & field Olympian Khadevis Robinson (Santa Monica, Calif.) will visit with kids at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica as part of activities planned nationally in celebration of Olympic Day.

To commemorate the birth of the modern Olympic Games, Olympic Day is observed annually on June 23 around the world. Olympic Day is not only a celebration, but an international effort to promote fitness and well-being in addition to the Olympic Ideals of fair play, perseverance, respect and sportsmanship. Sponsored internationally by McDonald's, thousands of people of all ages in more than 160 countries will participate in Olympic Day events in 2010.

"Olympic Day is a powerful outreach tool for the USOC to work with so many of our constituent groups - athletes, community partners, Multi-Sport Organizations, National Governing Bodies, and U.S. Olympic Training sites around the country," **Scott Blackmun**, USOC Chief Executive Officer said. "Olympic Day celebrations provide a great vehicle to inspire young people and Americans alike. We are grateful to all the members of the Olympic Family for their support, and we look forward to the continued growth of this program."

From June 19-27, 2010, communities across the United States will celebrate Olympic Day

through educational programming and other activities. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica is one of more than 4,000 Boys & Girls Clubs in the United States whose mission is to enable all young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. Boys & Girls Clubs are one of nearly 40 multi-sport organizations affiliated with the USOC. The Olympic Day event at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica will feature Robinson, a 2004 U.S. Olympian in track & field, who will speak to approximately 100 kids ages 7-18 about the Olympic value of sportsmanship and how it transcends sport into everyday life.

"Our kids are so excited to hear from Khadevis about his Olympic experience and how sportsmanship has played such a large role in his life," said **Brandon LaBrie**, Branch Director of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica. "To hear from a local Olympian means a great deal for the boys and girls at our club. We feel very fortunate to have Khadevis as a guest speaker, and we are thankful to the USOC for providing resources to allow us to participate in Olympic Day."

In 2009, more than 155,000 people in 170 communities across the United States hosted Olympic Day celebrations. Host organizations and cities joined more than 200 Olympians and Paralympians in proclaiming Olympic Day and celebrating Olympism in their communities. Athletes led discussions with youth about the Olympic Values of excellence, friendship and respect. Sport demonstrations, fun runs and festivals helped to introduce young people to Olympic and Paralympic sport.

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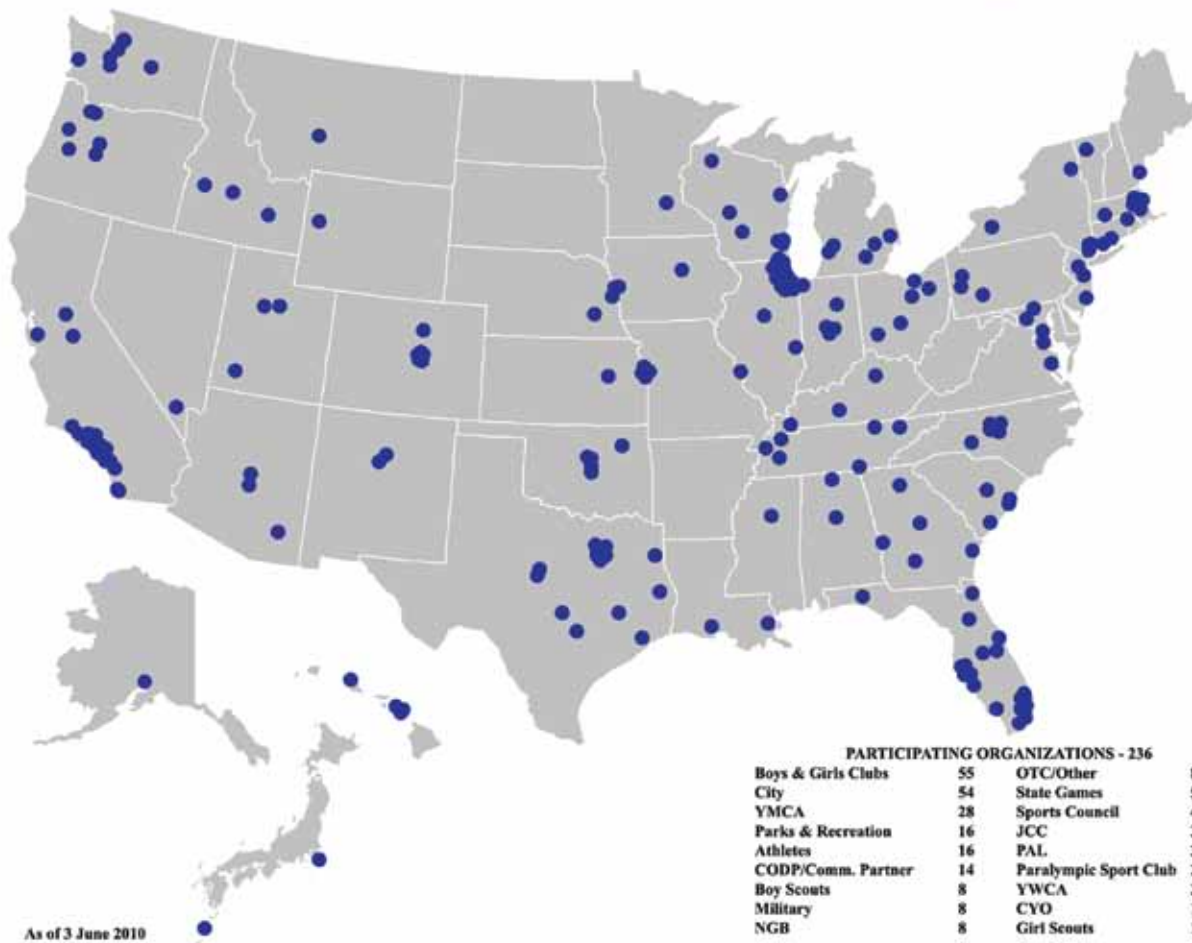




2010 OLYMPIC DAY IN THE UNITED STATES
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“Practice what you know today along with learning something new, then practice it all over again.”

- Dan Gable
(wrestling, 1972/
coach, 1980, '84,
'88, '00)

“As a fellow Olympian in the sport of track & field, I know Khadevis will be a great ambassador for the Olympic Movement, as are many of the more than 6,000 U.S. Olympians who will be spreading the message of Olympism to communities all over America this June,” **Willie Banks**, President of the United States Olympians Association said. “Olympic Day is a great opportunity for Olympians in their communities to give back and espouse the Olympic values, ideals and inspirational stories that are so needed among the youth of America today. We’ve also seen Olympians reach out and host Olympic Day events”

Jeanne Picariello, Chair for the USOC Multi-Sport

Organizations (MSOs) Council, said, “Olympic Day has been a wonderful way for the MSOs to activate our affiliation with the Olympic Movement, and it serves as a perfect vehicle for messaging from Olympians, Paralympians and hopefuls to the youth participating in our various organizations. It is great to see the MSOs’ participation has increased significantly in Olympic Day celebrations, both in the number of events and among participating organizations.”

For more information on Olympic Day and to register to host a celebration, visit www.teamusa.org/olympicday or call the Olympian Hotline at 800-717-7555 to see if there is an event planned in your area.

MICHELLE KWAN EARNS HONORARY DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS

By: Philip Hersh

Early this year, at the end of a phone conversation with Michelle Kwan about eventual 2010 Olympic champion Yuna Kim of South Korea, we began talking about Kwan's studies, and I told Michelle that what she has done since her skating career ended impresses me even more than the two Olympic medals, five world titles, nine U.S. titles and widespread admiration she earned on the ice.

Kwan could have spent the rest of her life as "America's Guest," raking in big bucks as a motivational speaker and corporate schmoozer and appearing in ice shows.

Instead, she has gone on to become a U.S. Public Diplomacy envoy, a graduate of Denver University and a master's degree student at Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy at Tufts University. She has allowed a curiosity about the world that was piqued but unsatisfied by all her foreign travel for skating to become a beacon for her intellectual pursuits.

That obviously impressed Southern Vermont College as well. The school chose Kwan to be its 2010 commencement speaker and made her an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters.



MICHELLE KWAN DELIVERING THE COMMENCEMENT SPEECH AT SOUTHERN VERMONT COLLEGE, WHICH MADE HER AN HONORARY DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS.

(PHOTO COURTESY SOUTHERN VERMONT COLLEGE)

As she said in her speech, "Sooner or later – and probably sooner – you have to adapt, change course, and give new things a try. . .My attitude is: prepare for the new, however unexpected . . . and don't linger in the old, however comfortable. Sometimes we just have to move on, content with what we had, and preparing for whatever may come."

JENNIFER AZZI NEW HEAD COACH FOR UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

When Jennifer Azzi ran into old friend Debi Gore-Mann at the annual Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame dinner a few months ago, they chatted for a bit.

Gore-Mann, the athletic director at the University of San Francisco, had an opening to fill for her women's basketball coach. And Azzi said, "Wow, that would be a great job."

For Azzi, as it turns out.

The 41-year-old Hall of Famer was introduced recently as the Dons' new women's coach, charged with reviving a program that hasn't had a winning season since 2001-2002.

"The day that I put the ball down at the end of my career, it was one of the most difficult days of my life," Azzi said. "This opportunity, it just felt right. I

miss a team. I miss working the gym. I'm ready."

Azzi has never been a basketball coach on any level. She said she's had many offers since her playing career ended in 2004 in the WNBA.

"I pushed it away because nothing really fit for me and I also had this desire to prove that I could be successful somewhere other than basketball and I needed to distance myself from the game, but I knew that I would come back to it at an intense level. I think I fought coaching for a while, but I also knew that I had it in me."

Azzi indeed has done her time away from the day-to-day of basketball. She has run clinics, served as an ambassador for the WNBA and the U.S. Olympic Committee, a spokeswoman and worked as a motivational speaker.

Olympians



USF, a school where the jerseys of Bill Russell and KC Jones hang from the rafters in Memorial Gym, gets a coach with serious pedigree and name recognition.

Azzi was a national player of the year at Stanford, leading the Cardinal to their first national title in 1990. She won a gold-medal with the game-changing women's Olympic team of 1996. She had a 13-year professional career that included stints overseas, as a founding player in the American Basketball League and as an All-Star in the WNBA.

When she retired back in 2004, she was still leading her team in minutes played. She was inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame last year.

USF also gets one of the most eloquent, thoughtful, passionate women in the game.

"Who wouldn't want to be recruited by Jennifer Azzi?" said Stanford coach Tara VanDerveer. VanDerveer is Azzi's mentor, her college coach and Olympic coach from 1996. The two have stayed close throughout the years, and Azzi made a pilgrimage to Palo Alto to help her in her decision-making process.

"We talked for a long time," Azzi said. "She told me, 'I'm here for you. We will help you in whatever way we can. If you want to come to practice ... whatever you need.'"

Azzi said she also leaned on former U.S. teammate Dawn Staley, who became a head coach at Temple and now South Carolina.

Gore-Mann said both she and Azzi did a lot of "soul-searching" with this hire. Gore-Mann said she did not view it as a risk that Azzi has not been a head coach.

"Where Jennifer and I were connecting is that we have a vision for women's basketball," Gore-Mann said. "The West Coast really needed more presence to build the game. Yeah, we have Stanford and Gonzaga is doing a great job in our league, but we need more presence. It was a rigorous process because the fit was going to matter. As we went through the process with Jennifer, the fit became tighter and tighter."

VanDerveer said she thinks her former player simply missed the game and dismisses the idea that Azzi is inexperienced.

"I think so much of your life is involved with basketball and sometimes you think you want to get out of it," VanDerveer said. "But Jennifer loves the game. No one I've ever met is more passionate about basketball than Jennifer, and there is something about being back in the gym, working with student-athletes. USF is a challenge and I think she wants a challenge."

"Experience is just one dimension of being a head coach. She brings a lot of other things and she will surround herself with assistants who will bring recruiting experience and those other things. She has her experience as a player; she is a great teacher, a great motivator and she's very intelligent. She will learn on the job. She's not afraid of anything; she's fearless, and that's what I've always loved about her."

Azzi said she's actually been preparing for this for a long time. She's kept track of her previous experiences with coaches, keeping a notebook full of the things she would do as they had done and the things she would do differently.

"I have a wealth of experience playing for so many different coaches," Azzi said. "I've learned a lot. I've learned what to do and what not to do. I was a coach on the floor by the nature of my position and especially as I got older in my career. I'm not worried about it and I'm going to have a great staff. I know there are things I do not know and I will learn. I will be a sponge."

Azzi joked that if she can't coach the game she played for most of her whole life, "then I must be nuts."

Azzi's work ethic -- those forearms cut out of stone, her marathon sessions on the treadmill -- are as much part of her makeup as her accomplishments.

She joked that she isn't so sure she has name recognition for players and recruits anymore. Most of her USF players were barely born when Stanford won the 1990 title, probably not even in kindergarten when the U.S. team won gold at the 1996 Olympics.

Azzi said that she talked with the team in the locker room and, when she came in a week later as the head coach, junior forward Katy Keading said, "Welcome home."

USF won just one conference game last year. Gonzaga reached the Sweet 16 out of the West Coast Conference this year and has become the clear standard for success in the conference.

Guard Rheina Ale, who will be a junior captain next season, said the team wants to start a new season right now with Azzi on the sidelines.

"To play for one of the greatest players ever in women's basketball, we're truly honored," Ale said. "We know that she wants the best for us. We're ready for her. We're so motivated."

"We are ready to work. We are ready to shock everybody next year."



"I'm trying to do the best I can. I'm not concerned about tomorrow, but with what goes on today."

-Mark Spitz (swimming, 1968, '72)



50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROME OLYMPICS USOA HONORS DAVE SIME AND ISAAC "IKE" BERGER

By: Elliott Denman (athletics, 1956)

Meet Track & Field Extraordinaire: Dave Sime

A portfolio bursting with major honors - he set or tied six world records in the spring of 1956 - wasn't good enough to get Dave Sime to the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games.

The leg muscle he tore at the NCAA Championships wrecked his chances of getting to Australia, and his desperation attempt to gut it out at the USA Trials at the Los Angeles Coliseum led only to grief.

"I ripped it coming right out of the blocks (in the prelims of the 100 meters)," he remembers. "It was like they lassoed my leg. I think I got two strides into the race and that was it. I tore the muscle right off the bone."

So the 6-foot-3 1/4-inch Duke University premed major from Fair Lawn, N.J. sat it out at home as Abilene Christian's Bobby Morrow went on to collect three golds Down Under - in the 100 and 200-meter sprints, and 4x100 relay.

Four years later, Sime - by now a second-year Duke Medical School student - got his chance to make amends - by the narrowest of margins. The 100-meter final at the USA Trials at Stanford Stadium was nearly a quadruple dead heat with the first four men over the line each clocked in 10.4 seconds.

Ray Norton and Frank Budd were placed 1-2 and Sime and Paul Winder were declared tied for third. In the closing meters of the dramatic race, Sime told himself "it's now or never, Dave." And, with a desperation effort, the answer became "now."

Sime worked into superior shape that summer and was awarded the third Olympic spot over Winder.

By the time of the Olympic 100 final at Rome's Stadio Olimpico - Sept. 1, 1960 - Sime's sprint conditioning was at a peak, but his body was wracked with the flu.

After two false starts, the field was finally sent on its way.

Running out of lane eight, on the far outside, Germany's Armin Hary got off to his usual "blitz" start - so astounding many assumed he was jumping the gun.

And, like most of history's great tall sprinters, Sime needed several strides to get himself untracked.

By the 60-meter mark, though, Sime, who was running out of lane one (the track's slowest path, since it had been chewed up by runners in longer races) was in full flight, gaining on Hary and all the others.

As the Roman audience screamed in excitement, Sime seemed to have pulled at least even, and toppled to the track past the finish line in a desperation attempt to snare the gold. Even when the official results were posted - both Hary and Sime timed at 10.2 - only inches separated them. Britain's Peter Radford snared third, only inches back of Sime.

"When I saw the pictures afterward, it was clear that Hary had really won," said Sime. "But it could easily have been different if I wasn't in lane one, the worst lane on the track, or if we had been running in adjacent lanes. Or if I wasn't sick. But that's one of those coulda-woulda-shouldas of life."

The 4x100 relay final would fall into the same category. On paper, the American squad of Budd-Norton-Stone-Johnson-Sime figured to have more than enough talent to win easily, and extend a winning streak dating back to 1920. But this wasn't to be, either. Anxious to make amends for his sixth-place finishes in the 100 and 200, Norton, running second, took off too early. Sensing the error, he pulled to nearly a full stop trying to stay within the relay zone. Despite this, the Sime-anchored USA team went on to what seemed like a clearcut victory, by at least two meters.

The official result didn't stay that way. "When I saw that red flag (signifying a DQ) go up, my

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heart sunk,” said Sime. The golds, instead, went to Germany.

Well, 50 years have flown by and Sime retains sour memories of the DQ in the relay and disappointment over the second place in the 100. Still, while his lone Olympic medal may be silver, his other Olympic memories remain golden.

“I was part of a really great Olympic team,” he says. “I had some amazing teammates, people like Don Bragg and Al Cantello and Frank Budd and Ray Norton in track, and Cassius Clay (who became Muhammad Ali) in boxing. And a whole lot more.”

Sime might have gone on to major stardom in baseball or football if he hadn’t discovered track and field. He came to Duke on a baseball scholarship and returned to center field in 1957, batting .380 to lead the ACC and interest a flock of pro scouts.

He played “lonesome end” in his brief fling at football and wound up catching two touchdown passes in a memorable Duke defeat of Notre Dame.

Sime completed his medical studies two years after the Rome Games, went on to a distinguished career in ophthalmology, entered practice in South Florida, and enjoyed a notable 40-year career as a leading figure in his professional field.

At 74, he stays active playing golf, maintaining his conditioning programs, and enjoying the achievements of his children and grandchildren.

And, of course, he follows the exploits of Usain Bolt. “He’s taller than me (at 6-5) but he has a great start, the best ever for a guy that big. There’s no telling how fast he’ll run before he’s through.”

Meet Weightlifter Extraordinaire: Isaac Berger

Isaac “Ike” Berger still berates himself.

He set three world records for featherweight (132-pound class) weightlifting at Rome in 1960, hoisting more poundage than any man his size in history.

But those records never made their way into the books. They came in practice, five days before the official date of competition at the Games.

“I was favored to win again (he’d taken the featherweight gold at Melbourne in 1956), I’d beaten (top rival Yevgeny) Minayev of Russia six straight times, I was so sure of myself,” he says, all these years later.

“What I did was stupid. I wasn’t thinking (that the all-out practice effort would tire him on competition day.) I thought I was so powerful.”

The featherweight competition on September 7, 1960 would last for over 10 hours. It became a matter of stamina and endurance as much as strength and lifting technique.

And, in the end, Minayev would win by a slim margin, lifting a total of 372.5 kilograms (819.5 pounds) to Berger’s 362.5 kilos (797.5 pounds), with narrow edges in all three lifts (press, snatch and clean-and-jerk.)

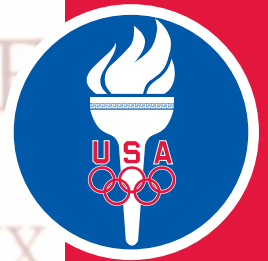
Berger had beaten Minayev at the 1956 Melbourne Games, raising a then-world record total of 352.5 kilos (775.5 pounds) to Minayev’s 342.5 kilos (753.5 pounds.) And Berger would make a third and final Olympic appearance at Tokyo in 1964, posting his best-ever Olympic total of 382.5 kilos (841.5 pounds) only to see Japan’s Yoshinobu Miyake win it with a world-record total of 397.5 kilos (874.5 pounds.)

But Berger ended it sensationally - clean-and-jerking a world-record 152.5 kilos (335.5 pounds) or over 2 ½ times his own bodyweight (a record he would share with Miyake.)

Thus, Berger completed one of the most glory-filled careers in the history of American Olympic weightlifting with one gold medal and two silvers.

All these years later, America continues to search for men as strong as Isaac Berger - or such illustrious USA teammates as Tommy Kono and Norbert Schemansky, all multi-Games medalists. Fact is that, since 1964, no American male lifters have reached the gold standard - silvers by Lee James (1976) and Mario Martinez (1984) and bronzes by Joe Dube (1968) and Guy Carlton (1984) representing the nation’s top placings.

He’s long since retired from the lifting platforms of the world - where he set 23 world records, and won 12 USA titles and a pair of global crowns - in addition to his three Olympic medals - but continues to support the American lifting cause.



“Excellence is achieving the highest honor and remembering the dedication and hard work it took to achieve such an honor.”

- Jackie Joyner-Kersey (athletics, 1984, '88, '92, '96)

“I coach guys now, I do a lot of personal training,” said Berger, now 73 and a Manhattan resident. “I always want to help anyone who’s willing to put in the work, to do the training you need to get to the top. Anyone who wants to get better can look me up.”

The opportunity to coach America’s next Olympic lifting medalist would absolutely delight him. Like so many other devotees of “Iron Game,” he is saddened by the nation’s long absence from the podium in the men’s phase of the sport.

(Americans Tara Nott took a gold and Cheryl Haworth a bronze in 2000, when women entered the Olympic lifting arena.) “I don’t think they train right these days,” said Berger. “We’ve just gone off the track.”

The Olympic Games represented just a few of Berger’s life of adventures.

Born in Jerusalem (Nov. 16, 1936) and the son of a rabbi, Berger lived through the tumultuous era of Israel’s fight to establish its nationhood. “Life was really tough when the war (for independence) came,” he says. “Jerusalem was cut off from Tel Aviv. Food was hard to get. One time, I just went out and got enough food to save 50 families from starving. Bullets were flying. I was lucky to get back OK.”

The Berger family eventually emigrated to the USA and settled in Brooklyn, where Isaac kept busy assisting his father as a cantor and building his own strength in Hy Schaeffer’s Pitkin Avenue gymnasium.

One thing led to another and another and another. Bob Hoffman, the man behind so much of America’s international lifting success, invited him to train with the famed York, Pa, Barbell Team, and Berger soon emerged as one of the mightiest men in his weight class on earth.



He won his gold at age 19 and his silvers at 23 and 27.

After a variety of careers in the business world, Berger pronounces himself “retired and happy.” Retired from the workaday world, that is. At the same time, he’d be more than happy to “unretire” and put all his lifting and strength-building expertise to work coaching Olympic candidates.

AN OPEN LETTER

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

A note from **Nancy Hogshead-Makar** (swimming, 1980, ‘84)

I’m pleased to announce that starting in June, I’ll be the Senior Director of Advocacy for the Women’s Sports Foundation. I’ll still be at the law school as a tenured professor of law, but part-time, teaching one sports law class each semester. The WSF has a new CEO, Kathryn Olson, who has been Chief Marketing Director for Shutterfly and Leapfrog, among others.

It’s a great time to be an advocate. New research finds even stronger causal links between sports participation and higher attainments in education, higher economic achievement, and profound long-lasting health benefits, among others. We made the announcement just before the Department of Education rescinded a 2005 policy that weakened Title IX. I was amazed that Vice President Biden was repeating my favorite research! Our goal is to create more sports for all, to make a bigger pie, as we strive for gender equity in opportunities, scholarships and treatment.

IN THE NEWS

USA Canoe/Kayak Hires Joe Jacobi As CEO

The USA Canoe/Kayak Board of Directors has appointed Joe Jacobi to serve as Chief Executive Officer of USA Canoe/Kayak, the National and Olympic governing body for competitive paddlesports in the United States. Jacobi had been serving as the organization’s Interim Chief Executive Officer since October 2009.

The Board, with the assistance of a highly qualified search committee, conducted a four month long search process to find the most capable and qualified CEO possible for USA Canoe/Kayak. After extensive interviews of the candidates who the search committee identified as finalists for the job, the Board was unanimous in its selection of Jacobi as the new CEO.

A native of Bethesda, MD, Jacobi, 40, is a two-time Olympian in the sport of canoe/kayak who teamed with Scott Strausbaugh to win America’s first-ever Olympic Gold Medal in Whitewater Canoe Slalom at the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, Spain. Since retiring from elite level competition after the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece, Jacobi has continued in the sport in a variety of capacities that include network broadcasting, professional speaking, coaching and serving on the USA Canoe/Kayak Board of Directors. “I am honored and humbled to be chosen to lead this organization that I so passionately care about and is poised for amazing things,” said Jacobi. “From every corner of the sport, from the Board room to

the Boathouse, I have never seen more desire to see USA Canoe/Kayak succeed than right now. This is our time.”

IN HONOR

Right to Play Holds Gala

Two well-known figures in the U.S. Olympic movement are honored by Right to Play for their work through the years.

Olympian and broadcaster **Donna deVarona** and sports executive Harvey Schiller were recognized at the annual Red Ball Gala of Right to Play in New York City. More than 200 people attended the event, including nearly two dozen Olympians, such as **Bonnie Blair, Bill Demong, Julia Mancuso, Summer Sanders** and **Aksel Lund Svindal**.

Sportscaster Bob Costas served as master of ceremonies for this third annual gala.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the founding of Right to Play, which grew out of Olympic Aid, the charitable group formed by Norwegian speed skating champ **Johan Olaf Koss** after the 1994 Olympics in Lillehammer.

Koss, who is president and CEO of Right to Play International, told the audience that the mission of the organization is as urgent as ever, calling access to sport



“Some people train to win. I train to eliminate the possibility of defeat.”

Steve Redgrave (rowing, 1984, '88, '92, '96/Great Britain)



JOE JACOBI, DONNA DE VARONA, BONNIE BLAIR & BILL DEMONG



for children “a right, a necessity”, especially in the 23 countries where Right to Play programs operate.

Koss says more than 700,000 young people are involved with Right to Play, with hopes to expand the reach to one million in 30 countries within the next few years.

DeVarona’s award was presented by Sanders, who called the 1964 Olympic champion one of her mentors. Schiller’s long career in Olympics sport, including a stint as secretary general of the U.S. Olympic Committee, was recognized by Costas in his remarks

The 2010 Wilson Distinguished Service Award and the 2010 George J. Fisher Leader in Volleyball Award presented to Robert (Bob) J. Ctvrtlik (volleyball, 1988, ‘92, ‘96)

Bob Ctvrtlik is a three-time Olympian in the sport of volleyball. However, his contributions to the sport of volleyball go well beyond his time on the court.

From 1996-2008, Bob was a member of the International Olympic Committee, where he served on the IOC Athletes’ Commission, the link between active athletes and the International Olympic Committee. In 2006, he was named

USOC Vice President, International by the USOC Board of Directors. Two years later, he was named first vice president for two additional years.

In December 2008, Bob also joined the leadership team of Chicago 2016 as vice chairman for International Relations. In this role, he led Chicago’s outreach activities to the International Olympic Committee, National Olympic Committees and international sporting federations. He worked closely with Chicago 2016 starting in April 2007, when Chicago was named an Applicant City and moved into the international phase of the bid process to host the 2016 Olympic Games.

Bob has served on the IOC Reform Commission, the IOC Environmental Commission, the IOC Marketing Commission and working groups for the 2002, 2004, 2006 and 2008 Olympic Games. A founding board member of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), he served on the WADA Standardization and Harmonization Subcommittee and was Chairman of the Site Evaluation Search Committee for the WADA Headquarters.

Among Bob’s other past duties include serving on the Executive Committee of the Associa-



JULIA MANCUSO AND SUMMER SANDERS



tion National Olympic Committees, where he chaired the organization’s marketing commission, as well as the executive committee of the Pan American Sports Organization. He presently serves as a member of the Marketing Commission for the International Olympic Committee.

Despite not playing organized volleyball until a freshman in college, Bob commanded the same type of respect on the volleyball court as he has in his business career. During his playing days as an outside hitter, Bob was heralded by many as one of the best serve receivers and passers to have played the sport of volleyball as the game started to be dominated by powerful players with great jump serves, outstanding hitters and huge blockers at the net. He carved out his place by being perhaps one of the best master technicians of the game.

Bob competed for the United States at the 1988 Olympic Games in which the U.S. won the gold medal, the 1992 Olympic Games in which the U.S. brought home the bronze medal and the 1996 Olympic Games when he captained the U.S. Olympic Men’s Volleyball Team.

Bob began to make an international name for himself in 1986 when he was named Outstanding Defensive Player at the 1986 FIVB World Championship. At the 1988 Olympic Games, he was recognized as the Outstanding Passer.

Bob’s leadership on the team was rewarded by be-

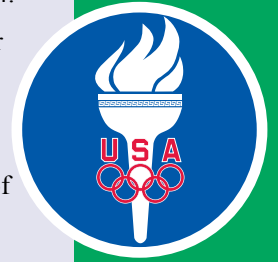
ing named captain of the U.S. Men’s National Team from 1994 to 1996. In his first year as captain, Bob was selected as USA Volleyball’s Player of the Year in 1994. In 1995, the Federation Internationale de Volleyball, or FIVB, elected him Best Player in the World.

More recently, Bob was inducted into the 2007 Class of the Volleyball Hall of Fame with enshrinement held in the sport’s birthplace in Holyoke, Mass. Last fall, he was inducted into the Pepperdine University Hall of Fame. After retiring as an athlete in 1997, Bob and 1992 Olympic Games teammate Nick Becker co-founded Green Street, a company that refurbished and sold distressed properties in south central Los Angeles. During his four years with Green Street, he developed a passion within the real estate industry. After Green Street, Bob and his brother Jeff joined forces to form Veritas Investments, LLC in Newport Beach, Calif. With Bob as its current president, Veritas specializes in multi-family residential real estate on the West Coast.

Additionally, Bob directs the worldwide “IOC Athlete’s Career Program” as a strategic director with Adecco – the world’s largest human resource firm. In 1995, he founded the Bob Ctvrtlik Give Back Foundation to help abused, disabled and disadvantaged children.

He resides in Newport Beach, Calif., with his wife, Co-sette, and their three sons: Josef, Erik and Matthew.

USA Volleyball is proud to recognize Robert “Bob”



“All you can ask of yourself is your best. If you do your best, you should be proud of the outcome.”

Bruce Baumgartner (wrestling, 1984, '88, '92, '96)



BOB CTVRTLIK AND JENNIFER RODRIGUEZ



Citius, Altius, Fortius...swifter, higher, stronger.

Ctvrlik with dual honors this year as a George J. Fisher Leader in Volleyball and Harry E. Wilson Distinguished Service Award recipient. He has been a true international ambassador to the sport of volleyball while also perpetuating the Olympic movement in the United States and abroad.

SALUTING SEVEN STAR STRIDERS

The Colorado Running Hall of Fame welcomed seven new members in a celebration at the Denver Athletic Club.

THE INDUCTEES:

Herb Lindsay-dominant road racer of the late 1970s and early 1980s, running for the Frank Shorter Racing Team. Achievements include what was then a world record in the half marathon (1 hour, 1 minute, 47 seconds) and an American record for 25 kilometers. Lindsay was an All-American at Michigan State before packing his belongings in a car with his new wife and moving to Boulder in 1978. Today he is a physical education teacher in Fremont, Mich.

Adam Goucher-ran for Doherty High School in Colorado Springs and won the national Foot Locker cross country title in 1993. In 1998, he became the second Colorado Buffalo to win an NCAA cross country title, and he helped usher

in an era when CU produced three more individual NCAA cross country champions and five team titles. Won three NCAA track titles, two U.S. outdoor 5,000-meter titles and three U.S. cross country titles. He ran the 5,000 meters at the 2000 Olympics.

Elva Dryer-two-time Olympian who grew up in Durango and competed for Western State, where she won two NCAA Division II cross country titles and five NCAA track titles. Four-time USATF national champion on the road and won the 2005 Bolder Boulder. Member of eight USATF international teams.

Shayne Culpepper-a walk-on at CU who became a two-time Olympian and bronze medalist at the world indoor championships in 2004 (3,000 meters). Won the 5,000 meters at the 2004 Olympic Trials. Won three other USATF track titles and a USATF cross country title in 2003.

Danny Reese-ranked among the top 10 Americans in the steeplechase for eight consecutive years and member of 12 USATF international teams. Bronze medalist at the 1995 Pan Am Games, two-time All-American at CU and 1987 Big Eight champion. Coached seven Colorado



ADAM GOUCHER, ELVA DRYER AND SHAYNE CULPEPPER

state prep champions at alma mater Wheat Ridge High School and was named 1988 cross country coach of the year.

Pattie Sue Plumer-graduate of Montrose High School and Stanford who was a two-time Olympian (1988, 1992) in the 1,500 and 3,000 meters and was renowned for her determination in multiple comebacks. A broken leg suffered when she was struck by a taxi cab in Japan cost her nine months in 1985. A bout of pneumonia in 1987 nearly killed her. In 1991 she finished 12th in a world championships 1,500 despite being bitten by a dog before the race.

Mike Sandroek-longtime Boulder running journalist and author of two books “Running with the Legends” and “Running Tough.” Has run with virtually every great runner who has passed through Boulder and has the wheels to do it with a 10K personal best of 30:23. Collects used running shoes and clothing to send to impoverished Africans (One World Running).

PREVIOUS INDUCTEES INCLUDE:

2007 Frank Shorter, Pat Porter, Joe Vigil, Colleen De Reuck, Jon Sinclair, Lorraine Moller, Ted Castaneda.

2008 Steve Jones, Mark Plaatjes, Arturo Barrios, Ellen Hart, Tony Sandoval, Melody Fairchild, Steve Bosley.

2009 Benji Durden, Alan Culpepper, Rich Castro, Maureen Custy-Roben, Kim Jones, Stan Mavis, Creigh Kelley.

Jennifer Rodriguez (speedskating, 1998, '02, '06, '10)

Winter Olympian Jennifer Rodriguez, who criss-crossed the globe as an athlete and logged enough miles

in skates to go around it a couple more times, came home to be honored as Miami’s one and only Winter Olympian.

Rodriguez received the Babe Didrikson Zaharias Award at the The Sports Society’s 27th annual banquet, held at Don Shula’s Hotel and Resort in Miami Lakes.

Rodriguez told the assembled outstanding female athletes that she has been competing -- first as a roller skater, then as an in-line skater and since age 20 as a long-track speedskater -- for 29 of her 33 years.

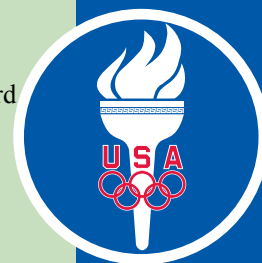
“I always chased the boys,” she said. “I always wanted to go faster.”

But after four Olympics, the former world champion and two-time Olympic bronze medalist said she’s ready to stop going around in ovals. She hopes to enroll at the University of Miami in the fall and pursue a degree in physical therapy.

“I wasn’t sure about retirement because I still love skating and I loved my life as an athlete,” Rodriguez said. “I felt I had unfinished business. But I don’t need that anymore. There’s more to life than skating. It was a hard decision. Olympians think in quads and I’d be 37 in 2014. It’s time to close that door. It’s time to get a move on if I want another career.”

After a two-year comeback, Rodriguez placed fourth in the team pursuit in the Vancouver Games, seventh in the 1,000 meters, 18th in the 1,500 and 21st in the 500.

“Team pursuit was awesome,” Rodriguez said. “We outskated everyone’s expectations.”



“Never be afraid to go out on the limb to live up to your expectations.”

-Picabo Street (skiing, 1994, '98, '02)



Rodriguez, a Palmetto High graduate and the first Cuban-American to win Winter Olympic medals, finished the season with two races in Europe.

Ed Burke (athletics, 1964, '68, '84)

Nails M70 Hammer World Record at

Mt. SAC Relays

Ed Burke, the three-time Olympian who took up the hammer again at age 65, didn't wait long after turning 70 to claim his latest record. He celebrated his 70th birthday in early March. At the Mt. SAC Relays, Ed threw the 4-kilogram hammer 57.59 meters (188-11) to destroy the listed M70 work record of 53.12 (174.3) by Bob Ward of Texas in 2004.

Naismith Memorial Basketball

Hall of Fame Class of 2010

The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame announced that eight individuals and two teams have been named as the Enshrinement Class of 2010. The inductees include Jerry Buss, **Cynthia Cooper**, Bob Hurley, Sr., **Karl Malone** and **Scottie Pippen**, along with two celebrated teams: the **1960 USA Men's Olympic Team** and the **1992 USA Basketball 'Dream Team.'**

"We are very proud to introduce the historic Class of 2010, a diverse and distinguished group that includes six players, a coach, a contribu-

tor and two elite teams," said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. "We look forward to honoring them in Springfield this summer with a week-long celebration of basketball, highlighted by the Enshrinement Ceremony on August 13, 2010."

Frazier, McArdle To Enter PA Sports Hall of Fame

Temple University senior associate athletic director **Herman Frazier** and former Temple baseball player and assistant coach **John McArdle** are among 13 individuals to be inducted into the City All-Star Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame. The ceremony took place on April 8 in the SCA Club at Lincoln Financial Field.

In his second year at Temple after serving six years as the Director of Athletics at the University of Hawaii, Frazier was a track standout at Philadelphia's Germantown Academy before starring in a stellar career at Arizona State University where he was an eight-time All-American. The Philadelphia native is most noted for being the leadoff runner for the United States 1976 Olympic Gold Medal-winning 4x400 relay. Frazier, who also captured the Bronze Medal in



CYNTHIA COOPER, KARL MALONE AND SCOTTIE PIPPEN

the 400 meters, has continued his close association with the Olympics, serving on committees since 1980. During the 2004 games in Athens, Greece, he was selected as the Chef De Mission for the entire U.S. Delegation. He has also served two terms as Vice President of the U.S. Olympic Committee.

A 1977 graduate of Arizona State with a bachelor's degree in political science, Frazier helped the Sun Devil track team to the 1977 national championship. The team captain was the NCAA champion in the 400 meters as a senior. In that same year, Frazier returned to Philadelphia wearing the ASU Maroon and Gold and was selected Male Athlete of the meet at the Penn Relays. Arizona State captured the 4x100 relay in a meet record, 4x200 relay in a world record and 4x400 in a collegiate record, all anchored by Frazier.

Frazier has earned numerous awards throughout his career, including being named one of the Top 100 Athletes of All-Time by the NCAA in 2006. He twice was named one of the Top 101 Minorities in Sports by Sports Illustrated (2003, 2004), as well as one of the 100 Most Influential Persons in Sports in the U.S. by the Sporting News in 1998.

McArdle, a fixture in Philadelphia area baseball for the last four decades, helped lead Temple to three NCAA Tournaments during his four seasons with the Owls (1973-77). The third baseman/catcher captained

Temple's 1977 team that advanced to the College World Series, batting .315 that season with seven doubles, one triple, one home run and tying for second on the team with 30 RBI.

The former Temple assistant has also coached baseball, football and basketball at Chestnut Hill Academy, where he served as a teacher. McArdle has also umpired for over 20 years.

The other inductees include: Dick Borkowski, Gil Brooks, Bill Connors, Andy Hafele, Florian Kempf, Steff Kruck, Sean Landeta, Rick Mellor, Joe Regan, Larry Shane and Jack Smith.

2010 Pikes Peak Regional Volunteer Day Awards

Area volunteers were honored at the 2010 Pikes Peak Regional Volunteer Day Awards Luncheon, "Inspire by Example," at the U.S. Olympic Complex.

The awards are a project of the Center for Nonprofit Excellence, Pikes Peak United Way, The Volunteer Center of the Pikes Peak Region and Directors of Volunteers in Agencies.

HONORED WERE :

- Youth (under 18)
- Dylan Wegrzyn, 15, Dreampower
- Animal Rescue



"The triumph can't be had without the struggle."

- Wilma Rudolph, Olympian, Athletics



1992 USA BASKETBALL DREAM TEAM



(L-R) 2008 OLYMPIAN RYAN RESER, 1952 OLYMPIAN PAUL WEGEMAN, JUDO ATHLETE ANNA PALMER, DAVE SOMERS, AND 2008 PARALYMPIAN ILEANA RODRIGUEZ POSE FOR A PHOTO AFTER THE AWARDS CEREMONY.

Kaleidoscope Award went to an “exceptional volunteer manager/administrator.”

President’s Volunteer Service Award recipients, a program administered nationally by the Points of Light Institute, were honored for volunteering 100, 250 or 500 hours. Lifetime achievement awards, for 4,000 volunteer hours, went to Fort Carson Holiday Family Dinners, Gord Family, Ronnie Platkus, Paul Wegeman and Jim Wright.

Youth Group (under 18)
Colorado Springs Teen Court

Adult Marshall Tuttle, District Attorney’s Office,
4th Judicial District

Adult Group Grow a Reader, Linda Crissey,
Karen Brown, Sukie Jackson, Pikes Peak
Library District

Leadership, Paige Carmichael, Kids on Bikes
Corporate, Colorado Springs Utilities Focus
Fund

Kaleidoscope, Becci Ruder, Dream City Vi-
sion 2020 and Quality of Life Indicators. The

Emcee Rob Quirk of KOAA Chan-
nels 5/30 noted that it was fitting Wegeman
received his award at the Olympic Complex
because he is a 1952 Olympian in Nordic com-
bined skiing. The physically fit Wegeman said
he is still a skier.

Dave Somers, Center for Nonprofit Excellence,
opened the luncheon with statistics including
that Colorado Springs volunteers give service
valued at \$500 million.

Jane Leighty Justis of The Leighty Foundation
said people too often think philanthropy means



RANDI EMIKO & DANICA JADEN MORRIS, KERRI WALSH



Olympian



“to write big checks.” Instead, she said, quoting a Dallas philanthropist, it’s the practice of returning to the community what you have taken out “and perhaps a smidgen more.” She saluted all the volunteers saying their involvement is “a renewable resource.”

MILESTONES

Jason Morris (judo, 1988, ‘92, ‘96, ‘00)

Olympian Jason Morris and wife Teri welcomed the birth of twins, Randi Emiko - Born: 2/10/10 at 1:35pm - Wt. 5lbs. 7oz. & 16 inches and Danica Jaden - Born: 2/10/10 at 1:36pm - Wt. 6lbs. 2oz. & 17 inches

Jason Morris is a 4x Judo Olympian and 1992 Olympic Judo Silver Medalist as well as the 2008 Olympic Judo Head Coach.

Teri Takemori is a 92 Olympic Judo Alternate an International “A” Referee and 8x Judo National Place Winner.

Jason proposed marriage to Teri live on the NBC’s Today show in an interview with Al Roker in 1999.

Jason & Teri were married in Alexandria, Va. (Teri’s hometown) Dec. 30, 2000. They currently live and run the Jason Morris Judo Center in Glenville, N.Y.

Kerri Walsh (beach volleyball, 2000, ‘04, ‘08)

Three-time Olympian and two-time Olympic beach volleyball gold medalist Kerri Walsh has given birth to a son.

Walsh delivered Sundance Thomas Jennings on Wednesday, May 19, 2010.

It’s the second child in less than a year for Walsh and fellow beach volleyball pro Casey Jennings. Joseph Michael Jennings turned 1 on Saturday, May 22, 2010.

Walsh is taking time off from the pro tour, but she’s planning to return in time for the 2012 Olympics.

Walsh and Misty May-Treanor won the gold medal in Athens and Beijing.

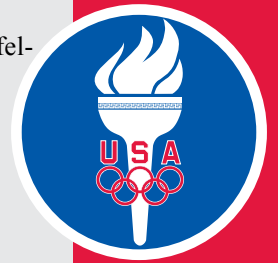
IN MEMORIAM

Raymund Blum (speedskating, 1948)

Raymund Blum, 91, of Little Falls, formerly of California and Nutley, N.J. died Wednesday, May 5, 2010.

Born in Nutley, N.J., Mr. Blum resided in New England and California for most of his life before returning to New Jersey earlier this year. Mr. Blum was an Electrical Engineer for many aerospace companies including Kearfott Guidance and Navigation Co. and Collsman Instrument Co. He was an engineer for the guidance system for the Apollo I moon shot.

Mr. Blum was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and a graduate of the Newark College of Engineering. He was an accomplished Speed Skater and was inducted into the



“When things go wrong — as they will! And the times get tough — as they do! If you are going to win — as you wish! Keep your eye on the prize — as you must!”

- Milt Campbell (athletics, 1952, ‘56)



RAYMUND BLUM



Speed Skating Hall of Fame and represented the United States in the 1948 Olympic Games in St. Moritz, Switzerland.

He was predeceased by his brother, Joseph Blum.

Survivors include: his wife, the former Louise M. Voorhis; his sister, Helen Baller of Sanibel Island, Fla. And several nieces and nephews.

Dean Victor Cetrulo (fencing, 1948)

Diaz Victor “Dean” Cetrulo, multiple times a U.S. national fencing champion and a Bronze Medal winner in saber fencing in the 1948 London Olympics, a Broadway actor with Hollywood good looks, the subject of a Hardy Boys mystery, “The Clue of the Broken Blade,” a war hero, musician and educator died peacefully on Sunday, May 9, 2010, at his home in Bay Head, N.J. He was 91 years old. Born on Feb. 24, 1919, he was the last survivor among the five sons of Gerardo I. Cetrulo, a former world fencing master, and the patriarch of a three-generation family of highly accomplished fencers. Dean was the former principal of Frank Smith School in East Hanover, N.J. He retired in 1983 to Bay Head, N.J., where he lived with his daughter, Maria Cetrulo Gaal, and his two

grandchildren, Taylor and Katherine. His wife, the former Marion Napoliello, and a son, Dean Vincent, predeceased him.

Dean’s Olympic accomplishments in 1948 are Olympic legend. He is the last U.S. fencer to compete in multiple weapons, competing in a grueling 14 day endurance contest of individual and team foil and saber. In addition to his bronze medal as a member of the U.S. Saber Team, his U.S. Foil Team placed 4th, missing a second bronze medal by the slimmest of margins and placed 9th in the foil individual and 11th in the saber individual championships. Before Dean could compete in the 1952 Olympics in Helsinki, he was declared a professional and deemed ineligible by the U.S. Olympic Committee, in a bitterly disputed allegation that Dean had given fencing lessons to Hollywood actors such as Errol Flynn during his own acting career. The fencing room at Newark Academy in Livingston, N.J., one of the finest fencing facilities in the country, is named in honor of Dean Cetrulo and The Cetrulo Fencing Family. And yet of all his many accomplishments Dean would have told you that the one he was most proud of was his daughter, Maria, and his beloved grandchildren, Taylor and Katherine.



DEAN VICTOR CETRULO AND VICTORIA MANALO DRAVES

Victoria Manalo Draves (swimming, 1948)

Victoria Manalo Draves, the first woman to win two gold medals in diving in the same Olympics and the first Asian American to win an Olympic medal, has died. She was 85.

Draves died April 11, 2010 of complications of pancreatic cancer at a hospital in Palm Springs, Calif., said her husband and former coach, Lyle Draves.

Draves, a San Francisco native whose father was Filipino and mother was English, was the national platform diving champion for three consecutive years and the reigning national indoor springboard champion when she arrived at the London Olympics in 1948.

She left the Games a household name, winning gold medals in the three-meter springboard and the 10-meter platform competitions. Life magazine named her and decathlon gold medalist Bob Mathias the top two U.S. athletes at the 1948 Games.

After the Olympics, Draves fielded movie offers from Hollywood and the Philippines. "MGM and 20th Century Fox had their eyes on her," Lyle Draves said. "They wanted to make a south-sea island girl out of her -- to wear a sarong and all this stuff -- but she didn't want any part of it."

Draves turned professional after the Olympics, joining Larry Crosby's "Rhapsody in Swimtime" aquatic show at Soldier Field in Chicago in 1948. She appeared in other shows and toured the United States and Europe with Buster Crabbe's "Aqua Parade."

After starting a family in the early 1950s, Draves and her husband operated a swimming and diving training

program in Montrose, near Los Angeles, and later moved the program to Encino, in the San Fernando Valley. She later worked as a secretary.

In 1969, Draves was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Draves, who was born Dec. 31, 1924, did not begin diving until she was 16. She began training under Phil Patterson, who ran the Fairmont Hotel Swimming and Diving Club in San Francisco.

But instead of including her in the club with everyone else, she told the San Francisco Chronicle in 2005, Patterson "formed a 'special' club just for me -- the Patterson School of Swimming and Diving. I think he was a prejudiced man. It wasn't special for me. It was his way of separating me from the others."

Patterson also insisted she use her mother's maiden name, Taylor, when competing. She did but had begun using her Filipino name and was diving for another club by the time she won her first national championship at 19.

Draves began training under Lyle Draves, the coach at the Athens Athletic Club in Oakland, Calif., in 1944. He recalled that he had seen the young diver in competition a couple of years earlier "and thought to myself, 'Oh, boy, there's a champion.'" "

It wasn't until he became her coach, Draves told the San Francisco Chronicle in 2002, "that I really started improving." They were married in 1946.

In addition to her husband, survivors include four children; a twin sister; and eight grandchildren.



"We all have dreams. But in order to make dreams come into reality, it takes an awful lot of determination, dedication, self-discipline, and effort."

**- Jesse Owens,
(athletics, 1936)**

THE OLYMPIANS



RICHIE & JOHN WURSTER PRESENTED THE OLYMPIC FLAG TO VANCOUVER 2010 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES SPEEDSKATING SILVER MEDALIST, TREVOR MARSICANO, AT HIS "HOME COMING PARADE", IN BALLSTON SPA, N.Y.



1968 OLYMPIAN REUNION HELD IN CHERRY HILL N.J. FRONT ROW: DANIELLE MATHIS (REPRESENTING RON FREEMAN (TRACK AND FIELD)), BARBARA FRIEDRICH PARCINSKI (TRACK AND FIELD), SUE PITT ANDERSON (SWIMMING), LESLEY BUSH (DIVING), JOHN HARTIGAN (ROWING).

BACK ROW: TOM LOUGH (MODERN PENTATHLON), ERVIN HALL (TRACK AND FIELD), LANCE WYMAN (1968 LOGO DESIGNER), BILL LATZKO (FENCING), GARDNER CADWALADER (ROWING), TED NASH (ROWING), DAVID MICAHNIK (FENCING), AND LARRY QUESTAD (TRACK AND FIELD).



OLYMPIC SPEED SKATER JORDAN MALONE VISITS WITH STUDENTS MONDAY AT MCNAIR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, HIS FORMER SCHOOL. THE 26-YEAR-OLD DENTON NATIVE MET WITH THE SCHOOL'S STUDENTS IN SIX 45-MINUTE SESSIONS.



THE CLASS OF 2010 WAS RECENTLY HONORED AT THE 14TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL GYMNASTICS HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY IN OKLAHOMA CITY ON MAY 15, 2010. L TO R: BART CONNER, CATHY RIGBY AND NADIA COMANECI CELEBRATE THE INDUCTION OF CATHY RIGBY INTO THE INTERNATIONAL GYMNASTICS HALL OF FAME.



1984 TEAM HANDBALL OLYMPIAN REITA CLANTON WAS RECENTLY INDUCTED INTO THE ALABAMA SPORTS HALL OF FAME AND IS PICTURED HERE WITH 1976 FELLOW OLYMPIAN, JENNIFER CHANDLER WHO SERVES AS THE DIRECTOR OF OUTREACH FOR THE ASHOF IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA.



OLYMPIAN KERRON CLEMENT AND PARALYMPIAN APRIL HOLMES SPOKE TO KIDS ABOUT LIVING HEALTHY, STAYING ACTIVE AND LIVING DRUG-FREE LIVES AS PART OF THE USA TRACK & FIELD, WIN WITH INTEGRITY PROGRAM AT THE PENN RELAYS SCHOOL DAYS EVENT. Photo by: Errol Anderson



116TH PENN RELAYS CELEBRATION HONORS RALPH METCALFE, SR. AND XAVIER UNIVERSITY (L TO R): HERB DOUGLAS; XAVIER PRESIDENT, DR. NORMAN C. FRANCIS; RALPH METCALFE, JR., JOSEPH COSGROVE, PRESIDENT/CEO PENTEC HEALTH, INC.



1964 & 1968 OLYMPIAN FIGURE SKATER, TINA NOYES SHARES THE OLYMPIC SPIRIT WITH KIDS FROM THE ARLINGTON BOYS & GIRLS CLUB, IN ARLINGTON, MASS.



ABBY FARRELL, DAUGHTER OF 1984 GYMNASTICS OLYMPIAN, MICHELLE DUSSERRE-FARRELL CUTS THE RIBBON AT THE NEW SWING HIGH UNIVERSALLY ASSESSABLE PLAYGROUND IN COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. ON MAY 22, 2010.



L TO R: JOHN REGISTER (ATHLETICS PARALYMPIAN, 1996, '00); MICHELLE DUSSERRE-FARRELL (GYMNASTICS, 1984) AND RANDY GRADISHAR (DENVER BRONCO FOOTBALL GREAT AND DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS FOR PHIL LONG DEALERSHIPS) SPOKE TO THOSE WHO CAME OUT FOR THE SWING HIGH DEDICATION AND RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY.

"Giving is the one thing you can control, so always give your best and you'll never lose."

-Kristine Lilly Heavey, Olympian, Soccer



Rekindle Your Dreams

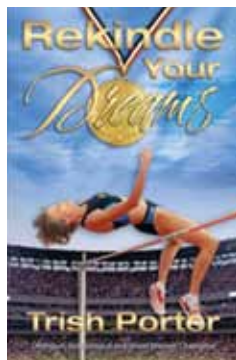
Trish Porter King (athletics, 1988)



As the world watched athletes fulfill their dreams competing in the Olympic Games in Vancouver, Trish Porter encourages women and gives them the tools to pursue their passion in her book *Rekindle Your Dreams*.

Today's women are discovering they want to fulfill their dreams too, in addition to raising a family or after the children leave home. This book encourages and shows busy women how to live their dream, even though they think it is too late or they have no time. It gives practical ideas, tools and six steps using the acronym DREAMS to be successful.

- Dare to dream
- Realize the benefits to yourself and others
- Eliminate the excuses
- Action plan
- Make it happen
- Say thanks



Enjoy the humor and stories of Trish and several women who share their victories as they show you how to pursue your passion by increasing your energy, eliminating the excuses, providing tips to find the time, and much more.

Trish is a 1988 U.S. Olympian in the high jump. After having a neck injury, taking eleven years off, and having two children she started competing again. She is now the current world record holder for women age 40-44 yrs. in the high jump, four times World Masters Champion, and nine times U.S. Masters National Champion. Let Trish help you to *Rekindle Your Dreams*.

25% of the author's net proceeds from the sale of this book will be donated to the Care Net Pregnancy Centers, helping women and their children have dreams.

American Victory

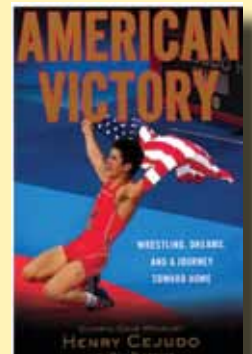
Henry Cejudo (wrestling, 2008)



The son of Mexican immigrants Henry Cejudo surprised the world by winning an Olympic gold medal in wrestling for the U.S.A. in Beijing. This is his remarkable, inspiring story.

Henry Cejudo's remarkable journey follows an unlikely hero from the mean streets of South Central L.A. to the glory of the Beijing Olympics. The first American in sixteen years and the youngest American ever to win the gold medal in this event, Henry's grit, passion, and resolve on display in China was a culmination of a life spent fighting- both on and off the mat.

Henry was born into a world devoid of stability, a world of tiny apartments and empty refrigerators, his mother on the run from immigration; the youngest of six kids, he had to fight for everything. Until he joined the U.S. Olympic team, he had never had his own bed, never even had a pillow.



American Victory is Henry's poignant and powerful memoir of growing up in a segment of the American population that is too often overlooked and underestimated, and how he rose above the statistics and the dangers to become a winner-a hero who embodies all that's best and most hopeful in the American dream.

You know it takes more than practice, dedication and guts to be an Olympian or Paralympian.

It takes support – support from ALL Americans.

Our Olympic and Paralympic athletes rely on contributions to help reach their dreams and represent our country. You can support Team USA by spreading the message to donate.

Between now and July 31, encourage your fellow Americans to donate to OUR team – Team USA – by either **visiting TeamUSA.org** or **texting USA to 90999 to give \$10***:

- Share this message on your blog, website, Facebook page, or Twitter account.
- Mention Team USA's donation drive at any of your public appearances.
- Or host your own Backyard Games to support Team USA. Learn how at TeamUSA.org.

Together We Win.



*A \$10 donation will be added to sender's mobile bill/deducted from sender's prepaid balance. Go to mGive.com/A for terms and help. Message and Data Rates May Apply.

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Colorado Olympians & Paralympians

President: Gene Kotlarek (skiing, 1960, '64)
(303)-807-3911

Florida Olympians

President: Jim Millns (figure skating, 1976)
(813) 926-5955

Hawaii Olympians

President: Michael Rothwell (sailing, 1976)
(808) 737-8789

Idaho Olympians & Paralympians

President: Dick Fosbury (athletics, 1968)
(208) 720-2352

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