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A Letter From Gary Hall, Sr.
U.S. Olympians and Paralympians Association President

Dear Olympians and Paralympians,

Please save these weekend dates for Las Vegas in 2016! After a successful 2008 reunion in San Jose, California, we will be hosting a second Olympian reunion, held Feb. 19-21 in 2016. This will be the first combined reunion of both Olympians and Paralympians, and it promises to be a great celebration for all of our members!

Former U.S. Olympians and Paralympians Association President Willie Banks is serving as chairman of the organizing committee of Olympians and Paralympians for the event. The weekend will be packed with fun activities for the entire family. The reunion will also give you a chance to catch up with some of your teammates and meet many athletes from various Olympic or Paralympic teams. Don't miss it!

Many of you are aware of the Olympians for Olympians Relief Fund (OORF), a non-profit organization founded by U.S. Olympians in 1999 to help serve our members in need. Each year, there are several USOPA members that encounter serious health issues or are struck with disastrous events in their lives. The OORF is designed to help our Olympians and Paralympians manage these most challenging times.

Olympians and Paralympians are very proud people. So proud that they may not ask for or accept help even when they need it. The USOPA needs your help in identifying our members in need. If you know of or have heard of a member that is dealing with a health problem or has been a victim of some catastrophic event – such as a hurricane, earthquake, fire or flood – please contact Cindy Stinger at the United States Olympic Committee headquarters. The information you share with Cindy and/or the OORF will be kept in confidence. The OORF can then reach out a helping hand to our qualifying members once we identify them. We are all one team and that is what teammates do.

Each year, you should receive a letter from Olympian John Naber – current president of the OORF – asking for a donation. I want to thank each of you that have made a gift to this important organization, and I am proud to announce that 100 percent of USOPA officers and board
members contributed to the OORF fund this year. We hope you will do the same. I also want to thank the USOC for generously matching the gifts that you make to the OORF each year for up to $50,000. I hope that next year we will reach that milestone with gifts from you to help us double our fundraising effort!

We recently began using a familiar marketplace – Amazon.com – to help raise more funds for the OORF. Anyone using Amazon.com can now make a donation to OORF with any purchase – without the extra cost or time. By following the instructions, every time you make a purchase on Amazon.com, you will be helping our USOPA members through the OORF.

An easy way to help the OORF, is to go to www.amazon.smile.com and choose the Olympians for Olympians Relief Fund from among all the eligible charities. That way, a small portion of all your purchases will be donated to benefit Olympians and Paralympians in distress. Thank you.

Yours in Olympic Spirit,

Gary Hall, Sr.
U. S. Olympians and Paralympians Association President

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The Tokyo 1964 Olympic Games produced the most painful gold medal in Al Oerter’s discus-throwing career. And perhaps the most satisfying.

Six days before the competition began, Oerter tore rib cartilage when he slipped on a wet concrete throwing area. It caused internal bleeding and severe pain. He was advised by doctors not to compete.

Oerter did compete, not only winning the third of his four Olympic gold medals in the discus, but also doing so in what was then an Olympic record of 200 feet and one inch.

In 1979, while being interviewed for a TV documentary that aired in 1980, according to Olympic historian Bill Mallon, Oerter said: “I think of that competition 15 years later and it still hurts.”

Oerter’s gold medal 50 years ago was one of 90 medals won by the United States at the 1964 Olympic Games and one of 36 gold medals. Those Games began with the Opening Ceremony 50 years ago (Oct. 10, 1964).

“This is the one that sort of made him legendary because he was injured pretty badly,” Mallon said of Oerter, who died in 2007.

Among the other U.S. medalists at the games in Tokyo were swimmers Don Schollander, who won four gold medals, and two-time Olympian Donna de Varona, who took home two gold medals.

After breaking his thumb in the semifinals, future world heavyweight boxing champion Joe Frazier won a gold medal at the only Olympic Games in which he competed.

Billy Mills made history by becoming the first American runner to capture the gold medal in the men’s 10,000-meter race. Mills remains the only American to win the 10,000.

“That was just unheard of,” Mallon said. Also unheard of was the big money spent on putting on the Tokyo Games. Tokyo, Mallon says, played a big part in ushering in the grand Olympic Games that exist today. Tokyo’s expenses ($1.9 billion) were more than 15 times that of any other previous Olympic Games, as the Japanese wanted to show the world their country had overcome World War II. It was also the first time the Games had been held in Asia.

Beyond the big money were big performances.

Until Schollander arrived in Tokyo, no swimmer had won four gold medals at a single Olympic Games. Schollander won gold in the men’s 100- and 400-meter individual freestyles, and also won gold in the men’s 4x100 freestyle and 4x200 freestyle events. He went on to win three more gold medals and a silver medal at the Mexico City 1968 Olympic Games.

De Varona – the youngest member of the U.S. Olympic swimming team at age 13 in 1960 – won two gold medals in Tokyo. De Varona won the women’s 400 individual medley and aided Team USA

1. Al Oerter (USA, Gold) Men’s Discus Throw with an Olympic record throw of 61 meters. 2. Don Schollander (USA, Gold) in Men’s 100 & 400 meters Freestyle and Men’s 4x100 and 4x200 meters Freestyle Relays. 3. Joe Frazier (USA Gold) in Boxig Heavyweight final against Hans Huber (Germany, silver) 4. Jeff Mullins. 5. Donna De Varona. 6. Billy Mills, Gold medals: in the 10,000m. He is the first American to win the Olympic 10,000 meters. 7. Men’s Small-Bore Rifle, Prone, 50 meters, from left to right: Lones Wigger, Jr. (USA), silver), Laszlo Hammerl (Hungary, gold) and Tommy Pool (USA, bronze). 8. 1964 Summer Olympics U.S. Basketball Team. 9. 1964 Olympics Athletics USA Women’s Team. 10. USA Men’s Basketball (Gold). The United States versus Soviet Union. Luke Jackson (USA) on the floor with ball; #10 Walter Hazzard (USA), #12 Alexander Petrov (USSR), #13 Gannady Volnov (USSR). 11. Lawrence Brown. 12. Lesley Bush (USA, gold) Women’s Platform Diving. 13. U.S. Men’s Basketball Final Game, October 20, 1964 United States versus Soviet Union. Bill Bradley #5. 14. From left to right: Rob Webster (USA), gold) and Tom Gompf (USA bronze) in Men’s Platform Diving. 15. Ken Sitzerger. 16. Walter Hazzard. 17. Bob Hays (USA), gold), Men’s 100 meters.
to the gold medal in the women's 4 x 100 freestyle.

At 17 and already a three-time Olympic gold medalist (she also won a gold medal at the Rome 1960 Olympic Games) De Varona retired.

“I was one of the 1960s generation,” De Varona told Bloomberg News in a 2013 interview. “I retired from my sport at the age of 17 because there were no opportunities.”

De Varona went on to a sports broadcasting career with ABC and NBC, and she was the first woman to cover the Olympic Games for a television network. She also became a member of the International Olympic Committee’s Women and Sports Commission.

Walt Hazzard, Luke Jackson and Jeff Mullins, won all nine of its games and defeated the Soviet Union in the gold-medal game. Also on that team was future coaching legend Larry Brown.

“Going in (to the Olympics), you feel a part of your nation and at the end you feel a part of the world,” Bill Bradley told the Japan Times.

Team USA had finished just fourth in the 1967 basketball world championships as the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia had become world powers. But, in Tokyo, the only team to push Team USA was Yugoslavia in a pool-play game. As a result, the U.S. defeated the Soviet Union 73-59 in the championship game.

The experience helped shape the future for Bradley, a basketball hall of fame inductee who played pro basketball with the New York Knicks and became a New Jersey senator after his playing career.

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On the track, Wyomia Tyus won the women’s 100, and then repeated her gold-medal performance four years later to become the first athlete — male or female — to win back-to-back Olympic gold medals in the 100. Tyus led a 1-2 American finish in the 100 in 1964 as teammate Edith McGuire won the silver medal.

Tyus also won a silver medal in Tokyo in the women’s 4x100 relay.

The United States won both 100 races in Tokyo, in which Bob Hayes won the men’s race in 10 seconds and claimed the gold medal in the men’s 4x100.

The men’s eight-boat won a gold medal in rowing, and divers Lesley Bush, Robert Webster and Kenneth Sitzberger each won individual gold medals.

While U.S. track athletes, swimmers and shooters were among the big winners in Tokyo, Team USA’s Olympic volleyball teams were just starting out as volleyball and judo joined the Olympic program in 1964. Neither the men’s nor women’s volleyball teams made it into the medal round, which would come in later years.

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On October 10th and 11th, the Japanese Olympic Committee’s (JOC) International Relations sector staged an international 50th Anniversary celebration of the 1964 Tokyo Summer Olympic Games. The event was held in Tokyo with a festive banquet in the Palace Hotel ballroom. The Prince of Japan, the Prime Minister, the JOC President, several IOC Representatives and the President of the 2020 Tokyo Summer Olympic Games Organizing Committee were present and addressed the athletes and delegations from 15 countries who came to celebrate this anniversary event.

The event was not widely publicized but a few National Olympic Committees (NOCs) had organized delegations of their athletes. From other NOCs, athletes took it upon themselves to make the journey back to Tokyo. The JOC invited some famous well-known athletes to “spice up” the event. Vera Caslavska (Czech Republic), who broke the Soviet women gymnastics dominance during the 1964 Games and won 3 gold medals, was there. Also among the invitees was Kipchoge Keino (Kenya) and the children of Abebe Bikila (Ethiopia). Needless to say, the 1964 Japanese Team was there with force!

I was fortunate to be a part of the Hungarian delegation from the 1964 Olympic Games. I had also participated in the 50th celebration of the 1960 Rome Olympics. The Hungarian NOC is one of the founding members and a front-runner in the 50th Olympic celebration project. This was the 4th time they had honored their athletes with a return trip to the site of their glory. Each time, the medalists of the respective Hungarian Olympic Teams are fully funded from Budapest to the Olympic site and back. A foundation is set up in Hungary under the Hungarian Olympic Committee to raise the funds from sponsorship and Government sources for this project. Four times in the row, they met their challenge and sent their Olympians to the 50th Anniversary celebration.

The 1964 Tokyo Summer Olympic Games celebration was a two day event. At the Opening Gala Party, all the participating NOC’s athletes were called to the podium and were introduced, receiving a great ovation and lots of photo opportunities. On the big screen in the background, the official film of the 1964 Tokyo Summer Olympic Games was being shown.

The United States was represented by

the following athletes:
Mr. BURKE, Edward Andrew, Athletics,
Ms. BUSH, Lesley, Diving,
Mr. CHOWEN, Wesley John, Cycling,
Mr. DROWN, Daniel Hannon, Water Polo,
Mr. GOMPF, Thomas E., Diving
Mr. MORRIS, William III, Shooting,
Mr. JONES, Hayes W. Athletics,
Mr. SAKAMOTO, Makoto Douglas, Gymnastics,
Mr. SCHMIDT, Fred W., Swimming,
Mr. VITUCCI, Louis Vincent, Diving,
Mr. WEILL, David Lawson, Athletics,

After the festive introduction of all the athletes, a formal dinner was given to all the participants with a spectacular traditional drumming show.

The next day the Japanese organizers staged a mock opening ceremony in the “old” stadium. Each country marched in carrying their flags. After the speeches, the “old” Olympic Flame arrived in the stadium receiving a big ovation from the athletes. The athletes had a chance to reunite with their comrades after 50 years. Later, all the delegations had a bus tour of the Olympic Venues and a formal lunch given on the grounds of the Palace Hotel. In addition, the athletes were treated to a river boat tour, rickshaw ride, ninja fight, temple visit, tea ceremony and a dinner at the famous “Kill Bill” restaurant. Each member of the delegations received a diploma from the JOC commemorating their participation in the 1964 Tokyo Olympic Games 50th Anniversary Celebration.

The 50th Anniversary movement is gaining momentum as more countries and athletes become aware of it. All of the participating athletes in Tokyo this fall had a wonderful, moving experience and would like to see their fellow Olympians experience the same at future 50th anniversaries.

Four years from now the 1968 Mexico City Olympic Games 50th Anniversary will take place.

The Olympic flame being reignited after 50 years.

U.S. athletes enjoying M. Sakamoto’s handstand on the podium.
Meet Hazel Clark. Hazel is an American middle-distance runner who specializes in the 800-meter middle distance race. Clark was a member of the U.S. Olympic team in 2000, 2004 and 2008. She has won six national titles and two U.S. Olympic trials during her career. Hazel has agreed to share her excerpts from her latest blog from DripDrop: http://dripdrop.com/influencer/.

Life transitions are always daunting and the first step is having the courage to reinvent yourself. This can mean anything from adopting a healthy lifestyle to pursuing a new career. After competing as a professional athlete and an Olympian my entire adult life, the question “what’s next” created a paralyzing fear comparable to the feeling I experienced before my biggest races. What could I do that could possibly compare to the feeling that competing as a world class athlete provided? What if I was unsuccessful in my next phase? What does a person do when they retire in their mid-30s?

I asked God, my friends and my family for answers and, although they all provided solutions and advice, the piece of advice that truly resonated with me came from my father who said, “Find something you are passionate about, something you enjoy, something that you would do for free. Find your raison d’etre.” I looked at him with a confused look and responded, “Dad I have no idea what that means.” He quickly shot back with, “look it up!” before walking away.

So I Googled the term and found out it was French for “existence.” Well at least I had a road map now – find something that I was passionate about, that I would do for free, my reason for existence.

I sat and thought about the things I loved: the exhilaration that comes from exercise, motivating and helping others to reach their goals and improving the lives of others by sharing my life experiences. After my retirement, I often found people seeking advice from me concerning their health and fitness. I guess that the title Olympian gave me credibility and made people assume I had to know something about fitness and exercise. I guess that the title Olympian gave me credibility and made people assume I had to know something about fitness and exercise.

They were right – my inherent ability to connect with others and my experiences coaching and training allowed me to look at health and fitness from a unique vantage point. I enjoyed educating and empowering individuals and learned that many times people just need to start. The hardest step is the first step, and it is terrifying to think about the possibility of failure.

Many people I spoke to talked about failed diets in the past, not being able to maintain exercise regimens and a lack of information as the reasons they were struggling. I realized that the fear of failure they experienced was not much different from what I felt when my career was over. I shared my fears and insecurities with them and, together, we identified the obstacles that hindered success in the past and practical ways to overcome them.

I want to emphasize the word practical because it is one of the most important aspects of an effective fitness regimen. The road map my father provided is easily applied to a healthy lifestyle – find exercises, products and healthy dishes you truly enjoy. Find the real reason a lifestyle change is important to you and let your passion for life guide your actions and choices. If you have a meaningful reason behind your efforts you will be more likely to accomplish your goals. Adopting a healthy lifestyle doesn’t have to be a chore. In fact, it should be one of the most enjoyable and rewarding experiences you have. Never be afraid to fail; inevitably you will have setbacks, but you must never quit.

I am happy to say that I am running toward a new gold medal now. My gold medal is the opportunity to positively change the world through health and fitness. I have recently accepted a full scholarship to attend Keller School of Management at DeVry University through the USOC/DeVry Academic Performance Partnership to advance my education in this new pursuit of gold. I am grateful for the partnerships with USOC’s Athlete and Career Education Program, DeVry’s Keller School of Management and DripDrop that provide me with a greater opportunity to share my passion!

You can follow Hazel on Twitter or learn more about her there.
After almost two years of planning and construction, the Crawford Family U.S. Olympic Archives is a reality, and what a glorious archive it is! Our new archive – created through the generous donation by the Crawford Family – is located in the headquarters of the United States Olympic Committee and contains all of the USOC historic collections. It is a state-of-the-art, temperature and humidity controlled, safe environment, worthy of any institution.

Every aspect of archiving – from donation, processing and final accession into the collection – was considered with an archive designed to safeguard each record and artifact contained within our new facility. This includes a dedicated space for processing artifacts before inclusion into the collection, aisles of moveable shelving to house the collections, separate storage for our historic images, and the addition of a highly secure, special collections room.

Great care was taken to make sure all aspects of our collection are housed properly. This includes not only flat storage for unframed posters, but also a hanging art rack system for our framed items. The archive also contains compact, moveable shelving systems to house the manuscript records, artifact and uniform boxes and the book collection from the previous USOC library.

In addition to the multiple storage
features available to our collection, the archive is also protected in a variety of ways. Three separate fire suppression systems are in place with multiple zones, cameras overlook the research and special collections rooms, reinforced walls surround the archives, and additional security measures are in place within the archive itself.

Moreover, contrary to most archives that serve only to house collections in a controlled environment, the Crawford Family U.S. Olympic Archives is designed to showcase aspects of our collection as well as highlight the Olympic Movement in the United States. The main hall of the archives contains original artwork of our Olympians; equipment used by our athletes and artifacts depicting various aspects contained within the collection. The history of the Olympic Movement is palatable when one understands the stories of the athletes who grace the walls of the archive.

Given this new facility – the wonderful space available to safeguard the history of the Olympic Movement in the United States – it is our hope that more Olympians will consider the Crawford Family U.S. Olympic Archives and the USOC as the final custodians for their Olympic artifacts & memorabilia that capture their history and Olympic experience.
On October 14, 1964, Billy Mills — an unheralded runner from the U.S. — came from behind to win gold in the men’s 10,000 at the Tokyo 1964 Olympic Games. It is known as one of the greatest upsets in Olympic history.

The win was a surprise to everyone but Mills, who for years had written “Gold medal, 10,000-meter run” in his workout journal. The night before the race, he added, “God has given me the ability, the rest is up to me. Believe, believe, believe.”

The win that day was a gift, Mills said, and since then, he has tried to give back.

“In my own way, I’m trying to promote the virtues and values that I learned from that journey. It’s the journey, not the destination that empowers us. It’s the daily decisions we make in life, not just the talent we possess, that choreographs our destiny.”

A Lakota Sioux, Mills’ was born on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota in 1938. His journey from the reservation to the Olympic Games was not easy. He lost both parents by age 12. And at the University of Kansas, where he was a standout runner, he was often discriminated against. At least once, a photographer asked him to step out of the photo of All-American runners.

After graduating from KU in 1962, Mills married his girlfriend, Pat, took a commission with the U.S. Marines, moved to Camp Pendleton in California, and began training for the 1964 Olympic Games with coach Earl “Tommy” Thomson, 1920 Canadian Olympic gold medalist in hurdles and former U.S. Naval Academy coach. Mills finished second to Gerry Lindgren at the 1964 U.S. Olympic Trials. But after the race, Lindgren said to Mills: “Billy, every move I made, you...
covered it. That last move I made, if you covered it, I would not have been able to cover you.”

Mills vowed not to let that happen in Tokyo.

From the start of the 10,000-meter race at the Tokyo Games, Mills stayed near the front with the favorites like world-record holder Ron Clarke from Australia and defending Olympic champion Pyotr Bolotnickov from the Soviet Union. The pace was quick, and at the 5,000 mark, Mills realized that he was running within a few seconds of his fastest-ever 5,000. And he still had 5,000 meters left to run.

At one point, coming off a curve, Mills almost let up. But he knew Pat was sitting 32 rows above the track on that curve. He couldn’t quit in front of her. A couple laps later, he had worked through the pain and was comfortably hanging with the leaders. No one expected him to remain there.

But with two laps to go, it was just Clarke, Mohamed Gammoudi from Tunisia, Mamo Wolde from Ethiopia, and Mills. Then on the bell lap, Mills surged by Clarke; the Australian matched his stride. No worries, thought Mills. For months, he had visualized this very situation: the American on the leader’s shoulder, matching him stride for stride.

As the two men ran up behind a lapped runner, Clarke was boxed in. Rather than slow down, he shoved Mills to the outside so he could get around the slower runner. Mills staggered into lane three.

But Mills quickly recovered and regained Clarke’s shoulder just as Gammoudi moved through, pushing him again, though not as hard. Suddenly, Gammoudi was 10 yards ahead, and Clarke was responding. On the final corner, they raced through lapped runners; Mills moved out to lane four.

Mills was now about 85 yards from the finish line with no one in his path. Suddenly, out of the corner of his eye, he swear a saw an eagle in the insignia of the singlet of a lapped runner who had just drifted to an outside lane.

“It was so powerful to me,” Mills said. “Not words in my mind but energy flowing through my body.”

He remembered his father’s words: someday, if he did the right things, he might have wings of an eagle. And he also told himself that he would never be this close again, that he had to go now.

As the finish line neared, a thought crossed his mind: “I’m going to win, but I may not cross the finish line first.”

Years later, he finally realized what this meant.

“It was two races,” he said. “The first race was healing a broken soul, and the second race, I was still able to become the Olympic champion.”

After the race, Mills looked for the lapped runner with the eagle on this jersey. He found him. But the insignia of his jersey had no eagle on it.

Since retiring from running, Mills has dedicated his life to giving back. He’s visited 108 countries, promoting “global unity through the beauty, dignity, and character of global diversity.”

In 1986, with Gene Krizek from Christian Relief Services, he founded Running Strong for American Indian Youth. Initially, Running Strong’s programs provided aid with food and nutrition, women and children’s health, education, and seasonal demands on the Pine Ridge and Cheyenne River Reservations in South Dakota.

Since then, programs have expanded dramatically, and Mills has helped bring dialysis clinics to several Native American communities, where Type II diabetes is an epidemic. He has also humbled to help with organic gardening projects — “where people are honoring themselves, their bodies, minds, and spirits by choosing a healthier lifestyle.” And he is inspired by the many donors who have supported Running Strong.

In 2003, Mills and Nicholas Sparks wrote Wokini: A Lakota Journey to Happiness and Self-Discovery. The book uses traditional Native American legends to teach life lessons about gaining happiness and is now in its eighth printing.

Recently, Mills has been recognized nationally for his work. In 2012, President Barack Obama presented Mills with the Presidential Citizens Medal for his work with Running Strong. In late October 2014, the Anti-Defamation League in Concert Against Hate honored Mills in Washington, D.C.

In six years, when he will be 82, Mills plans to return to Tokyo for the Games of the XXXII Olympiad.

“I plan to continue and close out my journey in 2020,” Mills said, “when I take my family to Tokyo to see where a very sacred journey started for my wife and I.”

This article was adapted from a story on TeamUSA.org. Peggy Shinn is a senior contributor for TeamUSA.org and has covered three Olympic Games.
American swimmer
& advocate Nancy
Hogshead-Makar wins
IOC’s 2014 Women &
Sports Trophy in Monaco

MONACO - - The International Olympic Committee presented the 2014 Women & Sports Trophy for the Americas to Nancy Hogshead-Makar, a life-long advocate for access and equality in athletics, an internationally recognized legal expert on women's sports issues, scholar, author and winner of three Gold Medals in swimming in the 1984 Olympics. Hogshead-Makar received the trophy during the IOC’s 127th Session currently in Monaco.

Earlier this year, Hogshead-Makar launched Champion Women to deal with shortfalls in addressing critical gender equity issues. Champion Women leads targeted efforts to aggressively advocate for equality, with expertise in topics include sport access and equal treatment, sexual harassment, sexual abuse and assault, employment and pregnancy and legal enforcement under Title IX and the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act.

Trophies are awarded to promote the advancement of women in sport. They recognize outstanding achievement and contributions made to develop, encourage and strengthen the participation of women and girls in sport at all levels. According to the IOC, the honorees play an instrumental role in promoting women and sport activities globally. They come from diverse backgrounds and address different issues in athletics, including elite sport, grassroots sport, sports administration, and many different sports.

Five continental and one world trophies are awarded every year. Hogshead-Makar is the winner for the Americas. The other trophies went to World winner Meriem Mizouni (Tunisia); Winner for Africa Aya Mahmoud Medany of Egypt; Winner for Asia Sheikha Naimah Al-Sabah of Kuwait; Winner for Europe Anastasia Davydova of Russia; and Winner for Oceana Sian Mulholland of Australia.

Stated Hogshead-Makar: “Winning this award from the International Olympic Committee is as meaningful and powerful and heart-touching as the day I touched the wall in 1984 to women of the IOC, for your commitment to gender equity. Your position and your stand is changing the world; women’s sports participation breaks down stereotypes that hold women back.

Of course there are hundreds of people I’ve worked with shoulder-to-shoulder that I’d like to thank, but in particular I’d like to thank Scott Blackmun of the USOC for nominating me, Duke Professor Jean O’Barr for inspiring me intellectually, Anita DeFrantz for supporting me, and Donna de Varona for sparking this pursuit in my heart back in 1984. Thank you, IOC members, Mr. President, and the IOC Women and Sport Commission - dearly.

In addition to a beautiful trophy, the award came with $37,000. The money will allow Champion Women, to build an on-line platform to teach coaches about Title IX; how to become good advocates on behalf of their athletes and their position as a coach.

See more about the award and the proposed project here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mgm46gmRBRw
Seven U.S. women selected for the worldwide inaugural class

Exciting news: Seven U.S. women were selected for the worldwide inaugural class of 25 women athletes in the Women Athletes Business Network Mentoring Program created by EY in collaboration with the International Women’s Forum.

- **Dawna Callahan**
  - Wheelchair racing

- **Judi Brown Clarke**
  - Athletics 1984 Olympian

- **Emily Hughes**
  - Figure Skating 2006 Olympian

- **Anita Maxwell**
  - Basketball – NCAA and WNBA

- **Cameron Myler**

- **Katie Smith**

- **Stephanie Wheeler**

The women were chosen based on their potential to become impactful leaders outside of their sport.

Each mentee will be matched with a prominent business leader as a personal mentor for the International Women’s Forum, which includes 6,000 senior women executives in 33 nations on six continents.

Over the course of the next 12 months, mentees will have access to their mentor’s insights, lessons learned and leadership expertise of their personal mentor through a minimum of five meetings.

This program will be offered again in 2015-16 with a similar application process in August 2015. The USOPA sub-committee is committed to spreading the word and to soliciting a strong U.S. applicant pool for year two of the program.


Chapter Presidents – please reach out and congratulate any of the selected athletes that are in your chapter! Spread the word to your chapter members so that they are able to provide feedback throughout the year.
The Foundation for Global Sports Development (GSD) announces 2014 Athletes in Excellence Awards

The Foundation for Global Sports Development announced the names of the 18 athletes chosen to receive their 2014 Athletes in Excellence Award. This esteemed award was designed to honor competing and retired athletes who have been role models, leaders and champions not just in sports, but in their communities by selflessly giving back through mentorship and outreach activities.

Awardee nominations were open to the public and accepted during the months of June through August. Following careful review of all nominations received, GSD’s board of directors, with the help of an advisory committee, selected a total of 18 athletes to receive the award.

“The humanitarian efforts achieved by these impressive athletes are inspirational and deserving of the highest level of honor and recognition,” said GSD executive board member David Ulich. “We are thrilled at the opportunity to give back to these athletes whose selfless activities embody all that GSD stands for,” added GSD executive board member Dr. Steven Ungerleider.

The inaugural group chosen to receive GSD’s first ever Athletes in Excellence Award will be presented with a certificate recognizing their achievement and a grant in the amount of $10,000.

2014 Athletes in Excellence Award Recipients

**Jeb Brovsky:**
Professional soccer player and founder of the Peace Pandemic Foundation, which helps provide equipment for young soccer players in impoverished countries.

_Nominated by Benoit Labonte of Jebi Knights_

**Candace Cable:**
Paralympian, advocate for people with disabilities and director of two nonprofit organizations.

_Nominated by the U.S. Olympians and Paralympians Association_

**Emily Cook:**
Olympian, athlete ambassador for Right to Play, Classroom Champions, and Kids Play International.

_Nominated by teachers Andrea Wiggins and Valentyna Banner_

**Hannah Davis:**
Olympian, volunteer and student mentor.

_Nominated by David Foueur of Australian Canoeing_

**Joe Delagrave:**
Paralympian, USOC athlete ambassador, participant on the USOC Paralympic Advisory Council, and mentor to new spinal cord injury patients.

_Nominated by April Delagrave_

**Tracy Evans:**
Olympian and founder of Kids Play International, which uses sport as a catalyst to promote gender equality in communities impacted by genocide.

_Nominated by the U.S. Olympians and Paralympians Association_

**Rafer Johnson:**
Olympian and founder of the CA Special Olympics who is involved with multiple community outreach and humanitarian projects.

_Nominated by Anita DeFrantz_

**Peter Karlsson:**
Olympian and Peace and Sport Program ambassador who is involved with the implementation of youth based table tennis programming in high-conflict areas including Columbia, East Timor, Burundi, and the Congo.

_Nominated by the International Table Tennis Federation_
Lao Khang:
Member of Lao Women's National Rugby Team, youth mentor and coach who leads rugby activities in rural, remote and underserved communities. Nominated by Megan Knight

Angela Madsen:
Paralympian, Ready, Set, Gold volunteer and founder of California Adaptive Rowing Program, which provides instruction and training in the sport of rowing to physically and intellectually challenged individuals. Nominated by the Southern California Committee for the Olympic Games Ready, Set, Gold Program administration

Steve Mesler:
Olympian and co-founder of Classroom Champions, a youth mentoring program that connects top performing athletes with students in high-need schools. Nominated by the International Fair Play Committee

Kieran Modra:
Paralympian and mentor of visually impaired youth living in Australia. Nominated by Sylvia Modra

Tim Morehouse:
Olympian, Right to Play athlete ambassador, youth mentor and founder and CEO of Fencing in Schools. Nominated by Jeff Spear

Zahra Nemati:
Paralympian and humanitarian who advocates for equality and often speaks publicly on the issue to groups, including the United Nations. Nominated by the International Paralympic Committee

Tony Sanneh:
Major League Soccer player and founder of the Sanneh Foundation, which uses soccer as a catalyst to empower kids, improve lives and unite communities. Nominated by the USOC’s Athlete Advisory Council

Dallen Stanford:
Professional rugby player, rugby coach, program manager for the youth nonprofit organization, Play Rugby USA, and ambassador for the Tackling Cancer Foundation. Nominated by Erin Sullivan

Robert Susanj:
Curler, member of the European Curling Federation and director of the Police Administration Specialty who is involved with multiple community service efforts. Nominated by the World Curling Federation

Hayley Wickenheiser:
Olympian, member of the IOC Athletes Commission, Classroom Champion volunteer, KidSport volunteer, and ambassador to impoverished African countries where she visits schools and communities to mentor youth. Nominated by Dale Ross, Principal at Shaunavon Public School

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Peter Daland
(Swimming Coach, 1964, 1972)

Peter Daland passed away on Oct. 20, 2014 at the age of 93.

Peter coached the University of Southern California swim team to nine NCAA championships and mentored Olympic gold medal winners.

Daland spent more than 45 years coaching at the club and college levels. He coached the U.S. women to six gold medals at the Tokyo 1964 Olympic Games and the U.S. men in the 1972 Olympic Games as they captured nine gold medals — including seven by Mark Spitz.

In all, he coached 70 Olympians and 392 All-Americans.

At USC, where he coached from 1958 until 1992, Daland’s teams won nine titles and finished runner-up 11 times.

“The world of swimming has lost one of its most progressive minds,” said current USC swimming and diving head coach Dave Salo. “He was about relationships and driving the process to championship performance through team work.”

Daland was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame, the American Swimming Coaches Association Hall of Fame and the USC Athletic Hall of Fame. The pool at USC’s new aquatics center bears his name.

“He was a rarity in college coaching because he was equally concerned with his team’s academic and social growth as he was with his swimmers’ athletic accomplishments,” said John Naber, winner of four Olympic gold medals and 10 NCAA titles. “He knew every swimmer’s name, academic major and the names of family members and girlfriends. Although many of his swimmers achieved international acclaim, he never altered his style to accommodate any one individual. When Coach Daland was on deck, the pool at USC held no stars, only squad members.”

Originally from New York City, Daland was a 1948 graduate of Swarthmore College. His first coaching job was in Pennsylvania, where he took the Rose Valley club swim team to eight consecutive Suburban League titles between 1947 and 1955. He served as an assistant swim coach at Yale from 1950-54.

He was the founder of Swimming World magazine.

Daland is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, Ingrid, and five children and eight grandchildren.

Ann Hardin Grimes
(Swimming, 1940)

Ann Hardin Grimes passed away on August 13, 2014. She was 90 years old.

Ann was a competitive swimmer. Her most cherished honor was to be selected as a member of the 1940 U.S. Olympic Team. She learned to swim at the Colonial Swim Club in New Albany, Indiana. Anne was named as a member of the Indiana Swimmers Hall of Fame and International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame, Certificate of Merit.

Among her swimming record of accomplishments, she was a member of the Women’s All American Swim Team from 1941-1945 the only female to be named to five consecutive teams. She was the national senior three-mile champion from 1939-1942 making AAU history as the first swimmer to win four consecutive championships.

Ann is survived by her children, Susan Murphy (Dennis), Ann Neely and Barnett “Chip” Grimes; grandsons, Michael (Holly), Devin, Chris and Gaar Lausman; great grandson, Rocky; nieces, Ann Arentsen (Jeff) and family; Maya Neubauer; nephew, Woody Franklin (Cathleen) and family; step grandchildren, David Murphy (Kathy) and family and Ann Lynch (Bill).

Kamara L. James
(Fencing, 2004)

Kamara James passed away on September 20, 2014. She was 29 years old.

Kamara moved to New York from Jamaica as a child and began fencing in the fifth grade. James proved to be a talented fencer, winning a bronze medal in the 2003 Junior World Championships. At 19, she earned a spot with Team USA at the Athens 2004 Olympic Games, while also...
studying religion at Princeton University.

James retired from the sport after Athens to concentrate on her studies, but she remained a vocal supporter of her former team. One of her teammates, Erinn Smart, remembered her talent, dedication and hard work. USA Fencing President Donald K. Anthony Jr. called her “warm, caring and confident,” saying “Kamara’s untimely passing leaves our fencing community very saddened and her spirit, charm and wit will be dearly missed.”

Remarkably, twenty years after his Olympic debut, Jamie again surprised the world with his astonishing longevity as a competitive athlete in his second Olympics. Having made the U.S. Team in C-2 with partner Lecky Haller, Jamie once again represented America as an Olympic athlete in Barcelona in 1992, just missing the podium with a strong finish in fourth place.

Recently, Jamie had taken a leadership role in organizing efforts to revitalize whitewater slalom competition in the U.S., and particularly in strengthening support for the development of young competitive paddlers. Toward this end he had been instrumental in the organization of U.S. Team Whitewater Alumni, in creation of the Whitewater Slalom Foundation, and in the development and solicitation of financial support for a network of Regional Junior Teams to encourage youth participation in the sport.

Jamie is the author of five children’s books, two of which were illustrated by his wife of thirty-five years, Sandra Boynton.

He is survived by Sandra, their four children, Caitlin, Keith, Devin and Darcy, his brother Tom, and his sisters, Mary and Evelyn.

William “Preston” Moultrie (Track & Field Coach, 1992)

William “Preston” Moultrie passed away on July 10, 2014. He was 82 years old.

Preston’s early childhood began in Sandy Hill, Texas, where he attended school through the eighth grade. He and his family moved to Rockdale, Texas, where he attended Aycock High School graduating with high honors while excelling in sports. He is a graduate of Texas Southern University in Houston with a bachelor’s and master’s degree in physical education.

Moultrie’s career as an educator began as a teacher and successful coach in the Houston public school system and the Ravenwood High School in California. Within a few years, Coach Moultrie entered the field of collegiate sports. He became the first African-American on the coaching staff at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California, as an assistant coach in football and track; he helped the team win the Rose Bowl two consecutive years. During this period, Moultrie earned a second master’s degree in educational administration from San Francisco State.

Coach Moultrie joined Howard University in Washington, D.C., in 1973. He first served as an assistant for football and track and also served as the director of athletics from 1986-90. Track was Moultrie’s “passion.” When the head track coach retired, the opportunity opened for his dream to become a reality; he was named head track & field coach for both
men and women. The students loved him and affectionately tagged him as simply “coach.”

Under his guidance, Howard’s track program gained recognition across the country and internationally. He won 10 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Championships and produced 71 All-Americans in Division I track & field while competing against such powerhouses as UCLA, USC, Tennessee and Villanova University. Moultrie organized the Howard Relays that became the second largest track meet on the east coast for high school and university athletes, behind the Penn Relays.

Coach Moultrie was at the center of the development of the world’s top track & field athletes in the United States. Moultrie’s long association with the Olympic began in 1979 when he was selected as an instructor for the relay team by the Olympic Development Committee; he served as an instructor for the sprints and 400-meter at the Olympic Development Field Camp in Colorado Springs and conducted classes for coaches in the 400 meter and the 4x400. Moultrie was appointed as the National Sprint Relays chairman of the development committee in 1985 and the sprint relay and hurdles coach for the Olympic team that competed in Gothenburg, Sweden, in 1995. Out of the 12 gold medals captured by the United States, seven were under his direct supervision.

Moultrie was an assistant track coach for the U.S. Olympic Team that competed in Barcelona, Spain and set a new world record in the 4x400 in 1992. Coach Moultrie served as the “Running Referee” for the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, another first in his track career.

Coach Moultrie’s other international accolades include serving as the director of the 1990 “Learn by Doing” track clinic in Uganda, the 1989 head track coach for team USA during the World Indoor Games in Budapest, and the sprint and relay coach during the Goodwill Games in Moscow during the summer of 1986.

In 2006, he was inducted into the USA Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame, the 2008 Howard University Coaches Hall of Fame and the 2008 Rockdale Hall of Honor.

Coach Moultrie is survived by his daughter, Jocelyn Renee Moultrie; stepdaughter, Benita Krista Nall; brother, Almond L. Moultrie, Jr; sister, Elma L. Jackson; sister-in-law, Erma Jean Smith; four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and his very special niece, Lisa; other nieces, nephews, family and friends. Also cherishing his memory is a special friend of many years, Ms. Bettye K. Piper.

Jack Weyman Nelson
(Swimming, 1956/Coach, 1976)

Jack Nelson passed away on November 5, 2014. He was 82 years old.

Nelson’s success as a swimmer would have been difficult to predict. A former football player, stocky and just five feet four inches tall, he had a decidedly nontraditional build for swimming, and he did not take up the sport competitively until he was 21. But four years later, Weyman finished fourth in the men’s 200-meter butterfly at the Melbourne 1956 Olympic Games, the first time the butterfly was featured in Olympic competition.

In the late 1950s, Nelson was working as a lifeguard in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, when he was asked by a mother to coach her daughter, which set him on his career path. He subsequently started a swim club in Fort Lauderdale that grew to national prominence with competitive teams in several age groups and a large instructional program. Nelson coached at Florida schools that won numerous state titles, and in the 1980s, he coached at the University of Miami. Between 1974 and 1994, Nelson coached several American national teams at the World Games and the Pan-American Games.

The highlight of Nelson’s career came in 1976, when he was head coach of the U.S. women’s Olympic swim team and had to compete against a powerhouse East German squad that dominated women’s swimming in the 1970s and into the 1980s.

Nelson was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1994. He was named Man of the Year by the Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce in 1993.

Jack is survived by his wife, Sherrill; 3 daughters, 3 step-children, 15 grandchildren and step-grandchildren.

John Charles Satterwhite
(Shooting, 1976)

John Satterwhite passed away on August 21, 2014. He was 70 years old.

Satterwhite had many accomplishments in life, including three international skeet championship titles, 12 medals in world competitions and two gold medals at the Pan-American Games. Satterwhite served as the team captain of the 1976 U.S. Olympic and World Championship teams, earned All-Armed Forces American and International skeet championship titles,
and set several skeet world records. He conducted shooting exhibitions for more than 20 years.

Satterwhite is a four-time national champion, a three-time NRA Champion, an NSSA champion, and he was inducted into the Legends of the Outdoors Hall of Fame in 2010. Satterwhite had just recently retired from the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks where he had been a shooting instructor. Classes under the world champion shooter were often compared to receiving free golf lessons from Tiger Woods, and many took advantage of them. John was an avid bird hunter and enjoyed fishing and hunting. He had many friends and followers and will be greatly missed by all.

John is survived by his three sons: John, Jeremiah, and Jacob Satterwhite. He is also survived by five grandchildren: Tyler, Mariah, Nicole, Grace, and Kayla Satterwhite.

Bob Suter
(Ice Hockey, 1980)

Bob Suter passed away on September 9, 2014. He was 57 years old.

Like many of the players recruited by Herb Brooks, the United States coach, Suter had not played beyond the college level — at the University of Wisconsin in his case — when he joined the team as it prepared for the Olympic Winter Games in Lake Placid, New York. About three months before the Lake Placid Games, Suter sustained a broken ankle in a preliminary game against the Canadian Olympic Team.

Suter recovered enough to play for Team USA in Lake Placid, and was on the ice during its memorable 4-3 upset win over a powerful Soviet Union team in a medal-round game. Soviet teams had won every gold medal in hockey since 1964. The U.S. then defeated Finland to win the gold medal in an Olympic run that became known as the “Miracle on Ice” and was celebrated in books and films.

Suter was drafted by the Los Angeles Kings in 1977, but continued to play in college. In 1981, he signed a contract with the Minnesota North Stars. He played with its farm team but never played in the National Hockey League.

A rugged player known for piling up penalty minutes, Suter starred in high school at Madison East and helped the University of Wisconsin win the national title in 1977. After his playing career, Suter owned an ice rink and sporting goods store in Wisconsin and worked as a scout for the Wild.

Howard Siler
(Bobsled, 1972, 1980)

Howard Siler passed away on July 8, 2014. He was 69 years old.


He would be the inspiration for John Candy's role in the Disney movie “Cool Runnings” about the Jamaican Bobsled Team at the 1988 Calgary Olympic Winter Games. Siler remembered the film in an interview with the Calgary Sun last year, the 25-year anniversary of those Olympic Winter Games.

“It was a good movie, and there were a couple of things that were true, and a lot that wasn’t,” he told the newspaper. “First of all, I’d never won two gold medals, and second, I wasn’t an alcoholic in Jamaica. There was a part in the movie where we get off the plane and go out the front door, and they go right back into the terminal to put more clothes on. Well that was the true part of the movie — the chinook wasn’t there that day, and it was cold.”

Siler also told the story of the first time the Jamaican bobsledders stepped on a rink in Lake Placid, New York. “I was there the very first time they walked on ice — we put them on a hockey rink without bobsled shoes, so they were slipping and sliding and having a good time,” he said.

“Then we put some bobsled shoes on, and showed them the difference.”

Along with his wife of 17 years, Siler is survived by three daughters, six grandchildren and two sisters.
1. Cathy Oerter, wife of Olympian Al Oerter, introduces the Olympians in attendance during the unveiling of the Al Oerter Lifetime of Achievement display at the Al Oerter Recreation Center in Flushing Meadows Park, N.Y.


4. Olympians and Paralympians take a group photo during the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Assembly Awards Dinner in Chicago, Ill.

5. From L to R: Taylor Phinney, Sandra Kelly and Lucas Euser. Pro cyclist Lucas Euser receives the 2014 Jack Kelly Fair Play Award from Sandra Kelly. During the 2014 U.S. National Road Cycling Championships Lucas assisted fellow rider Taylor Phinney (cycling, 2008, 2012) immediately following a crash that left them both on the side of the road. Lucas’s unique act of sportsmanship and compassion brought the spirit of sportsmanship to the forefront of the sport of cycling.

6. From L to R: Willie Banks, Hitomi Banks. Willie Banks receives the prestigious Olympic Torch Award at the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Assembly Awards Dinner in Chicago, Ill. Through a lifetime of achievement, marked by dedication and service to the U.S. Olympic Movement, both on and off the field, we honor Willie and say thank you.