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Region 8 RTC 1980 – 2022 GA NAWGJ Board Member 1985 – Present Georgia State Judging Director of Georgia 1977-1982 GA USA Gymnastics Committee 1996 – Present NAWGJ Hall of Fame 2014 Region 8 USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame Georgia USA Gymnastics Special Service Award USA Gymnastics 35-year Service Award

My journey in gymnastics began in 1963 as a runner. My teacher needed runners for the AAU Nationals in Atlanta, GA. I was immediately hooked. As a college freshman, another random request resulted in me judging my first meet after purchasing a rule book and studying for one night.

Amazing how a chance offer has evolved into one of my greatest blessings. Somehow, I know gymnastics was meant to find me. Gymnastics has given me the opportunity to travel the world, make lifelong friends, and invest my time and talents into a sport I believe in.

Over my journey with gymnastics, I have seen exciting growth of our sport and am proud of the progress and role we all play to ensure a strong legacy for future generations around the world.

Gymnastics has given me so much and I am humbled and hopeful that I have played but a small role in the positive evolution of our sport.