

Connie Maloney

1. When did you become a NAWGJ member and what positions did you hold in NAWGJ?
Not sure of the exact year, but I was at the meeting that was held at a USGF National Congress when NAWGJ was first formed and trying to decide on a uniform. I believe it was in the early 1970's?? I have been judging since 1965, first testing while attending Southern Connecticut State College. I was the Southern California State Judging Director during the late 70's for about 4 years when Judy Smith was RJD.

2. Name highlights from your judging career. (Maximum 5)

Judging my first big International Team competition-2007 Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro, BRA

My FIG international meets in Japan, South Africa, Australia, Spain, Belgium, Argentina, Brazil, El Salvador, and Guatemala

Chairing the Women's Technical Committee from 1984 to 1990

Participating as a judge or Meet Referee at many of the Elite Classics/USA Championships, and Level 10 National competitions.

3. Name highlights from your personal career. (Maximum 5)

Lucky to be coached by Muriel Grossfeld and compete at 1967 AAU Nationals and 1968 Collegiate Nationals (at SIU).

Teaching elementary Physical Education in Old Saybrook, CT from 1968-74 and coaching at Verdugo Gymnastics Club in Glendale, CA from 1944-1990

Working (and running JO National Team Camps) as USAG Jr. Olympic Program Director from April 1990 to Jan. 2014 and then as JO Technical Director from 2014 to the present.

Teaching our USAG Compulsories and Optional Development Program to many Central and South American countries since 2005.

Working with so many special people over the years, especially Cheryl Hamilton and Tom Koll, my right and left hands throughout my employment with USA Gymnastics and interacting with all the super-special people, the athletes.

What impact has judging had on your life?

Although I was a coach for many years, I always especially loved my participation as an official. To see the smiling face of an athlete who has just "hit" her routine is beyond compare. Judging and the education of judges has been my life's mission and I feel honored to have had the opportunities offered to me to improve the judges' education and experiences. I consider myself so lucky to have my passion as my career and the lifelong friendships with fellow judges has made my life so much richer.

More personal info:

Well, obviously I don't take a lot of time for myself, but I love going to Broadway musicals, and love jigsaw puzzles, board games, reading a good novel and cuddling with my 5-lb Yorkie Chloe. At Christmas I keep our family's Swedish traditions alive by baking Swedish coffee bread and Spritz cookies and making lots of Swedish meatballs!