

May, 2023

ILNAWGJ NOTES

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Linda McDonald will conclude her 12-year term as SJD for Illinois at the end of the day on May 14, 2023. Linda has worked tirelessly for the judges of Illinois to provide educational opportunities, leadership for the membership, fiscal oversight and acted as a liaison to the Illinois USA Board to name just a few of the many duties she has performed. Your service and steadfast leadership is appreciated, Linda. Thank you! You may now officially hang the “Gone Fishing” sign on your office! Best wishes to Linda on her new endeavors.

Important Reminders:

Sue Kane, the Regional Technical Committee Chair (RTCC) reminds all Region 5 judges that 2023 NCAA events may no longer be used as hours to fulfill the volunteer category on the N/B form.

On May 15, 2023 Heather Forbes will become SJD. Heather ran unopposed in the recent SJD election. All questions should be directed to Heather beginning May 15. Heather's new email address is: ilsjdheather@gmail.com CPE forms are due to Heather on 5/31.

In this newsletter: see page 2 for comments from Linda. Congratulations to the latest State Meet assignments on page 2. Page 3 includes instructions to access the CPE form on the revamped USA Gymnastics website. See page 4 for information about the Celebration of Life for Sandy Oldham. We have lost three very special judges (Dianne, Judy and Sandy) in our ILNAWGJ family over the past two years. Please don't forget to attend Sandy's Celebration of Life on Saturday, May 20.

Calendar of Events :

CPE Forms

- **Due to Heather Forbes by May 31, 2023**
- See page 2 for instructions to download forms located at usagymnastics.org

NAWGJ National Symposium

- July 13-15, 2023; 8 pm on 7/13 - 8 pm on 7/15
- Amway Grand Plaza, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Region 5 Congress

- July 21-23, 2023
- Westin Chicago Lombard

USA Gymnastics National Congress

- August 24-27, 2023
- San Jose, CA

I'm interested in what you would like to see included in the “IN” or any other comments you may have. You can contact me, **Kathy Krebs** at ilnawgjkathy@gmail.com

NOTEWORTHY NOTES FROM YOU SJD

Linda McDonald

My time as State Judging Director of Illinois is coming to an end. As I prepare to relinquish the reigns to Heather Forbes, it has been a time of great reflection. Over the past 12 years as SJD, I have been blessed to work with great board members. Working together we were able to bring amazing benefits to the members of Illinois NAWGJ. We met the educational expectations of NAWGJ's mission statement and met my promise to be fair and equitable. As I read through my journal and prepare the records to be transferred, I am reminded of the obstacles that stood in my way. The people who tried to rain on my parade. Luckily, I had some thick skin, an umbrella and I could see the rainbow at the end of the storm. I am thankful for the members of NAWGJ, on the board and not on the board, who supported me, my ideas and desires for Illinois NAWGJ. I am proud of all we have accomplished under my leadership. I am happy to say that I was able to accomplish everything I stated in my campaign letter of 2011. It was not easy, but together we accomplished so much for our membership. My hope for the future is that Illinois NAWGJ continues to thrive. This can only be done by working together and acting as one. Heather knows she has my support and I wish her all the best as she takes on the responsibility of representing all the members of Illinois NAWGJ equitably and fairly. Thanks for the memories and I will see you on the judging trail!!!

STATE MEET ASSIGNMENTS

Congratulations to the following judges, selected to judge AAU post season championship meets!

AAU Central District State Championships

Kathy Gebhardt
Billy Gurin
Michelle Helmke
Ellen McDermott
Connie Urich-Rodriguez
Tracey Rogers
Cheryl Schuh
Sue Woloszyk

GIJO League Championships

Mihaela Anghel
Betsy Ellis
Heather Forbes
Kathy Gebhardt
Tracey Rogers
Cheryl Schuh
Rachel Wheeler
Sue Woloszyk

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CPE FORMS

CPE forms are due to Heather Forbes by **May 31**. CPE forms are located on the USA Gymnastics website at usagymnastics.org. The website has been updated and has a new look. On the home page:

- Click on Disciplines
- Click on Women’s Artistic at the very top of the drop-down menu
- Scroll down to Forms and select forms on the left side of the screen
- Scroll down to Judging Accreditation
- Select Annual CPE Record
- Fill out and send to Heather
- Heather’s new email address is: ilsjdheather@gmail.com

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SANDY OLDHAM

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

SAT, MAY 20, 4PM

PALATINE HS

IN THE AUDITORIUM

All are invited to celebrate and share!

ANYONE WISHING TO EXPRESS THEIR THOUGHTS FOR A MEMORIAL PROGRAM, PLEASE LIMIT YOUR TRIBUTES TO SANDY TO 3-4 LINES. WE WILL PUT THESE ALL TOGETHER FOR THE MAY 20th CELEBRATION OF LIFE PROGRAM
SEND YOUR THOUGHTS AND TRIBUTES TO BETTY AXELSON-McClelland **BY MAY 1st**
(EGGSGYMBETTY@AOL.COM)

SANDY OLDHAM ARTISTRY AWARD

A scholarship has been established in recognition of Sandy's love of Dance and Artistry in the sport of Gymnastics. This financial award will go to a graduating Sr. gymnast who has competed in both high school and club gymnastics and has demonstrated a love for Dance and Artistry in practice and performance of Floor Exercise.

The SANDY OLDHAM ARTISTRY AWARD WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE IL. USAG BANQUET IN JULY. The scholarship will be funded by donations, so anyone wishing to donate to this tribute to Sandy Oldham can send a check made payable to IL USAG and note in the MEMO section of the check: "Sandy Oldham Artistry Award".

THANK YOU in advance to all who donate to this Artistic Award. We feel it's a fitting tribute to Sandy, who had a lifetime love and passion for Dance and Artistry. Please send your check by May 15 to Betty Axelson-McClelland, P.O. Box 3602, Barrington, IL. 60011 and please remember to write the award name in the MEMO line on the check!!

We hope everyone will be able to attend the Celebration of Sandy's Life at Palatine H.S. on May 20 at 4pm, **1111 N Rohwing Rd, Palatine, IL**. Afterwards please join friends at Tap House Grill in Palatine to tell your "Sandy stories"! *Tap House Grill 56 W. Wilson St, Palatine, IL.*