

# Illinois State Administrative Committee Chairman's Report

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Sept-Oct 01

**State Congress 2002:** Plans are underway for next year's Congress. We will try and include for next year both Rhythmic and maybe Tumbling and Tramp.

## "PARTNERS IN GYMNASTICS 2002"

We need Volunteers for the Following Positions

- Partner in Gymnastics Coordinator
  - Wendy McGrath**
    - Committee Chair for the Congress
  - Cindi Zimmerman**
    - Training Camp Director
  - Volunteer Needed**
    - Clinicians **NEEDED**
  - Awards Banquet **Teresa Millmore**



### Safety Course

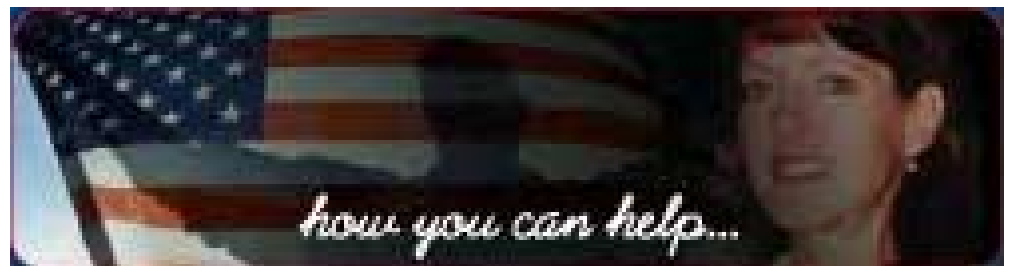
November 4 2001 At 08:00AM 2:00PM

Crystal Lake, IL; CLGTC; 387 Congress Parkway  
Safety 2001: Course code: - EP11042001IL

Directions: Kathie Gebhardt 815-477-4111; Instructor:  
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### Mari-Rae Sopper Memorial Gymnastics Fund

A fellow gymnastics person has been lost to the tragedy of September 11. Mari-Rae Sopper was a former Palatine Gym Club gymnast in the early 1980's coached by Sandy



Oldham, Terry Theobald, and Jayne Morava. She was a Fremd high school gymnast coached by Larry Petrillo and Diane Kelley and was named Fremd high school Athlete of the Year and Outstanding Senior Gymnast of the Year. Mari-Rae was also an Illinois State Scholar & a National Merit finalist.

Mari-Rae went on to Iowa State University coached by Mike Sharples. She was a walk on as a freshman and she received an athletic scholarship for her final three years. Mari-Rae was voted Iowa State's Most Valuable Gymnast of the Year in her senior year.

Mari-Rae was a practicing lawyer in Washington D.C. She was a lieutenant on the Navy's IAG Corps focusing on Defense and Appellate Defense. She was also an assistant coach and choreographer for the U.S. Naval Academy.

After a year in the corporate law world, Mari-Rae realized her desire to coach gymnastics was overwhelming. She accepted the head coaching position at U-C Santa Barbara women's team.

Mari-Rae was on the doomed flight that crashed into the pentagon. She was on her way to her new job. Mari-Rae will be remembered for her loyalty, strong values, excellent work ethic and spirit for life. She touched many lives and will be deeply missed.

If you would like to make a donation please send to: Mari-Rae Sopper Memorial Gymnastics Fund  
c/o Harris Bank of Palatine, 50 Brockway, Palatine, IL 60067 ,Attention: Eric Eimen

**Minutes Included.** Please read carefully , many changes are included

**Season 2001-02 Season**

☺ **State Meet Bids** (Those awarded the bids are **Highlighted and Bolded**)

☺ **Level 4,6**

☺ **American Academy @ Stevenson HS**  
Oak Lawn @ Oak Lawn

☺ **Level 5**

☺ Sectionals

☺ North East No Bids New bids Due deadline **October 30th**

☺ North West American Eagles @ American Eagles

☺ **American Institute @ American Institute**

Gymnastics Academy of Rockford @ Gymnastics Academy of Rockford

☺ South **Quincy @ Quincy W/ March of Dimes Meet**

☺ STATE

☺ **GymNasti @ Wheaton North HS**

Naperville/St. Charles @ Naperville North HS

☺ **Level 8,9 State**

☺ STATE Champaign Cty YMCA @High School of St Thomas More

☺ **Naperville Naperville North HS**

☺ **Level 7,10 State**

☺ **EnerGym @ NIU Recreation Center**

**LANYARDS:** Every Pro member, Meet Director, Judge must show & have visible his/her Professional Membership Card, & Safety Certification Card. The State USAG will provide you with a lanyard. If you loose your free one, you can purchase a new lanyard for \$4.00. If you are a **new** Pro-member please send a copy of your USAG card to Norbert & he will send you one. This is a nationwide rule.

**ATHLETE CARDS: Coaches:** Inform your Athletes that they will be required to present their USAG Cards at meets for verification. It might be a great idea for Coaches to have a copy of the card (or confirmation of number) just in case they forget to bring their cards. It would be sad if an athlete could not compete because she could not prove that a NEW number had been attained.

**Both pro numbers & athlete numbers will be the same as last year. We will now keep the same number forever. This will make it hard on those trying to verify whether you did or did not renew.**

**Junior Olympic Survey** Please find included in this newsletter a survey that is being conducted by the National Junior Olympic Committee. If you have opinions, it is important that you complete and fill this form out and return it to John Geddert.

**Meet Directors Exam 2001-2002** The new Meet Directors Exam can be found on the National Site. We ill have a link from the Illinois Site soon. I will not longer be able to accept the old test. The new National R&P will soon be in your hands soon. **Change: The Answer Sheets will no longer be sent to Me the State Chair (I will simply Return to you, sorry). It should be sent directly to the National office.**

**Congrats:** TO DAVE VAN ACHER and his wife on the birth of their son TO EDGAR AND DENISE PULIDO on the birth of their son Alejandro Edgar, born October 4, 2001, 8 Lbs. 9 Oz. 21 1/2" long



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