



Patti Komara

**The Tumblebear Connection – Owner
Contributor**



HALL OF FAME

Inducted 2019

Patti Komara has owned a gymnastics school in Dyer, Indiana since 1969 offering gymnastics, dance swimming, and a fitness-based educational preschool called Gym-N-Learn. Patti's All-American has been named "Best of the Region" Gymnastics School by their local newspaper every year since its inception in 1994. Patti has been a speaker for USAIGC or USA Gymnastics at regional and national conventions every year since 1981, and she has led hundreds of training workshops. Patti's TumbleBear Connection has produced more than 80 instructional DVD's. She has written books on yearly lesson plans for the internationally known Tumblebear Gym Program, School-age Gymnastics, Dancing GymBears, YogaBears, CheerBears, Gym-N-Learn, and her very successful Swim Program. Her programs are sold across the USA as well as in more than 20 countries such as France, Saudi Arabia, England, China, Australia, Canada, and Ireland. Patti co-authored the original USA Gymnastics preschool KAT certification program. In 2003 she was named USA Gymnastics Business Leader of the Year. In 2005 Patti was selected as Client of the Year by Action International and in 2006 was given the national service award by USA Gymnastics. In 2009 Patti began formal consulting for those in our industry. Patti currently has over 7000 subscribers to her "In the Loop Monthly E-Newsletter" which she has published since February 2007. In 2010 she was one of five other gym owners named to the USA Gymnastics Task Force. In 2011 she was one of 14 named to the USA Gymnastics Business Advisory Ambassador Team and is currently still on the Team. In 2014 Patti was awarded by USA Gymnastics the "Club Owner Service Award".

Additional Awards and Achievements

- In 1969 Patti founded Patti's All-American Gymnastics.
- A key speaker at national and international seminars since 1981.
- Has led hundreds of gymnastics training workshops throughout the country and internationally.
- Patti's additional business, The Tumblebear Connection, has produced more than 80 instructional DVD's, lesson plans, coloring pages, and award systems.
- In 2007 the Town of Dyer, Indiana gave Patti recognition for being a published author and an expert in the gymnastics field.
- In 2009 Patti was given an award of EXCELLENCE for business achievements made through USA Gymnastics for the last 40 years.