

AYR GLEN VAUGHAN PASSION AWARD

As a leader in health and wellness program development and education and a member of the Springfield College staff team, James Naismith has been credited for the founding of what is now a worldwide health and wellness sports program we refer to as 'Basketball'. In acknowledgement of James Naismith's contributions to the YMCA in his endeavors to provide alternative programs to maintain healthy BODY, MIND AND SPIRIT, this recognition is directed to an individual who has given his creative life time service in outstanding guidance, direction and innovation in the field of health, wellness and sports development in the YMCA.

This Naismith Award recognizes an individual who served the majority of his active and post YMCA career in the program area of health, wellness and sports development via the designing and management of program concepts and creative vision in the implementation of community wellness. In the likeness of James Naismith, this nominee possesses the insight and strength to motivate others to reach for their highest potential in terms of wellness.

INTRODUCTION OF GLEN VAUGHAN

Glen Vaughan served as a YMCA professional for 25 years prior to his retirement and has since been one of the most active and supportive members of the Marston AYR chapter according to Bea Halk who has placed Glen's name in nomination for the John 17:21 Passion Award.

Glen Vaughan was one of six children in his family and was awarded a youth membership to the Denver YMCA for returning a wallet he had found. As a youth member of the Denver Y, Glen developed his passion for tumbling and acrobatics but this passion flourished after he was invited to observe a circus performance at the local "Y". He was a member of the Y Jr. Leaders Club and as part of that program was able to perform with circus professionals at the Y whenever they were in town. He competed in trampoline, floor, vault and parallel bars for Northern Colorado University following high school graduation – the University being a mecca for gymnastics at that time. Glen began coaching professionally when he started a boy's gymnastics team at Greeley HS during his Sr. year in College.

Glen took a position at the YMCA as aquatics and gymnastics coach and has taught and coached boys and girls high school and club gymnastics as well as soccer, swimming, diving, track and wrestling. In 1971 Glen started a competitive gymnastics program at the YMCA in San Diego where through the years they have claimed the YMCA national title four times and have come in second seven times. He also opened the first stand-alone gymnastics facility in San Diego.

Glen has judged men's gymnastics including four NCAA and Pre-Olympic trials. He is a USA Safety Risk Management Instructor and was training and site supervisor for Mary Lou Retton's "Perfect 10" at the 1984 Olympics games. He was also the training site supervisor at the 1993 Olympic Games in Atlanta and again for Paul Hamm's DÉJÀ VU Men's all-around Gold at the 2003 World Championships. He has

served the YUSA by being on panels to develop Y Progressive Gymnastics programs and is still an advisor for Y competitions and a Y Instructor Trainer for gymnastics.

Not only did Glen coach and participate in gymnastics over the years but he also shared his expertise and knowledge conducting clinics and camps over the years encouraging youth to commit themselves to sports, wellness and healthful activities. Glen organized the first USGF Congress which was held in Colorado and recruited 20 US coaches to organize a training event in Ensenada, MX for 220 kids and 40 coaches from all over Mexico. He has hosted 6 national championships in San Diego and is sought out as a 'clinician' for many local, state, regional and national clinics.

Glen takes pride in assisting San Diego to become a model of how to successfully fulfill the YMCA Mission to develop the total person, a better community and a strong family through programs like gymnastics. Developing a solid responsible and respectful youth is always first with Glen, then, success as an athlete is just a bonus!

As a side note, Glen was given the opportunity to become the first Executive Director of the Mission Valley YMCA but chose to continue to coach, teach and mentor young gymnasts and their coaches where he felt he could make a 'difference' in each of their lives.

Glen's exemplary career and involvement would take several more pages but it is his devotion to young athletes in sports via volunteering and participation or putting San Diego on the gymnastic map through the local YMCA that sets him apart as an instructor dedicated to developing children into what Glen refers to as Good People!

JOHN 17:21 AWARD STATEMENT:

In John 17:21 Jesus prays for his Disciples "THAT THEY MAY ALL BE ONE FATHER! MAY THEY BE IN US JUST AS YOU ARE IN ME AND I AM IN YOU. MAY THEY BE ONE, SO THAT THE WORLD WILL BELIEVE YOU SENT ME". It is this application of unselfish giving and oneness for all humanity that was instilled in the Disciples that is also found in Glen Vaughan who has given of himself for the betterment of our movement, local, regional and national gymnastic organizations, the Marston AYR Chapter and for humanity.

We wish to recognize this INTREPID hero from our YMCA family who has not only excelled in his career but also in his retirement and has made significant accomplishments in developing, supporting and communicating his Christian and wellness passion with others.

In summary, 'TO BE ONE WITH THE FATHER'. This was the inherent vision of James Naismith and the inherent vision of Glen Vaughan. I think all would agree that James Naismith if he was here today would be the first to stand and say 'good work my faith servant'. Glen you have followed in the footsteps of James Naismith, with your Passion.

WELCOME GLEN VAUGHAN:

Our Praise Song reminds us of Glen's dedication and application: "I REFUSE TO SIT AROUND AND WAIT FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO DO WHAT GOD HAS CALLED ME TO DO MYSELF, OH I COULD CHOOSE NOT TO MOVE BUT – I REFUSE"!

Glen Vaughan was not able to be with us today, but I invite Bea Halk to stand and accept the John 17:21 Passion Award for Glen at this time. Glen will be presented this recognition at an upcoming Marston Chapter meeting this fall.