

## Interview with Mary Ann West

Mary Ann joined NAWGJ in 1976.

She had held the positions of SJD, RJD, National Vice President, and most recently an Iowa NAWGJ Board Member

Some of Mary Ann's Judging Career Highlights are:

1. Watching gymnasts develop from beginning levels through college
2. Teaching and mentoring new judges
3. Judging Bronze Balance Beam on a single judge panel (only Iowa judges will probably get this!)
4. And MANY more

Highlights in Mary Ann's Personal Life include:

1. Being married to her husband of 50 years, Bruce
2. Spending time with her children: Jim and his wife, Alison, and Jason and his wife, Ashley
3. And her Grandkids: Tristan (15), Corbin (12), Sylvia (3), Graham (1)
4. Mary Ann has taught Physical Education, Health, Math, and Special Education at the secondary level and was a consultant for one of Iowa's Area Education Agencies. She has coached tennis, cheerleading, and gymnastics at the high school level.
5. Some of Mary Ann's interests besides her grandkids (of course), include volunteering, genealogy, and playing golf and pickleball. She also enjoys music - playing the piano for enjoyment and relaxation,
6. In addition, Mary Ann attends classes offered by the university for retirees.

When asked what impact judging has had on her life, Mary Ann replied:

After over 40 years, it goes without saying that gymnastics has been an important part of my life. Having been involved almost from the very start of this organization, it has been very satisfying to see the growth of NAWGJ as a supportive and professional organization for judges, especially the development of the website as informational and educational tools.