

Keystone State Games, Inc.
Hall of Fame Induction



Tuesday, June 5, 2018
at the Ryan Office Building
in the Capitol Complex
Harrisburg, PA

11:00am	Reception	Ryan Office Building
12:00pm	Mr. John Wetterau KSG Board President	Introduction
12:10pm	Dr. Loren Robinson Department of Health	Active Living
12:15pm	Secretary Teresa Osborne Department of Aging	Senior Health & Wellness
12:25pm	Mrs. Janet Hall Luzerne County	2018 Host City
12:30pm	Mr. John Wetterau	Hall of Fame Induction
	Mr. Bob Parkison KSG Competition Director	Hall of Fame Honoree
	Ms. Karen Klassner KSG Field Hockey State Director	Hall of Fame Honoree
	Mr. Andrew "Sarge" Richards KSG Ice Hockey South Region	Hall of Fame Honoree
12:50pm	Mr. James Costello 2018 Games Kickoff	KSG Executive Director
12:55pm	Mr. John Wetterau	Closing Remarks

I would like to take a moment to thank
all of those in attendance today:

The Inductees, their families, friends,
honored guests from the Department
of Health, Department of Aging,
Luzerne County Convention and
Visitors Bureau and the General
Assembly Members.

A special thanks to KSG Board
President, Mr. John Wetterau, and all
of the KSG Board Members for
celebrating our rich history and to
Kickoff the 37th Annual Keystone State
Games Festival of Sports!

James J. Costello



Mr. Andrew J. "Sarge" Richards KSG Ice Hockey South Region Coordinator

During my tenure as a coach for the Philadelphia Little Flyers and the Central Bucks East Patriots the Keystone Games began and I was in the right place at the right time to have an opportunity to be involved in the very first games held at State College.

Since I am still involved today, either I am committed or I don't know when to leave, either way I cannot express the gratitude and enjoyment that the games have brought not only me, but my family and so many of my players and fellow coaches.

The KSG means a lot to so many people; the dedication to the games and the sport of ice hockey are second to none. Anyone who has had the privilege of participating in the games has been blessed to have associated with some of the finest people anywhere.

A few years ago I suggested to the ice hockey group that we establish an award to recognize anyone who has contributed at least 10 years of service to the games and exemplifies the characteristics of sportsmanship, dedication and commitment to the games. The committee agreed and said O.K. then you come up with the criteria, so I did and after some adjustments we had a new award and honor to bestow on worthy participants. Little did I know that I would be the first recipient. What an honor! How could I ever have in my wildest dreams believe that I would someday be brought into the Keystone State Games Hall of Fame.

For an old Army guy and coach this is truly an honor that I am humbled to accept and wish to thank the thousands of people who have made this possible and I accept this honor on their behalf.



Executive Summary

History of the Keystone State Games:

The Keystone State Games was created as a result of a resolution by Representative Joseph R. Pitts (Chester County) and approved by the Pennsylvania General Assembly in 1980. Keystone State Games Inc., a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation, was formed in 1983 with the help of former Governor Richard Thornburgh.

Since its inception Keystone State Games, Inc. has attracted over 500,000 participants of various age groups into our events. Our primary focus is for the athletes, their families, and all of the volunteers to have a memorable sporting event experience like no other throughout Pennsylvania.

Keystone State Games, Inc. Mission

The mission of the Keystone State Games is to promote physical fitness, sports activity, and sportsmanship as a health improvement and disease prevention strategy for all Pennsylvanians and other participants and to create an expanded, coordinated and citizen-sponsored program of amateur athletic competition.

Keystone State Games Festival of Sports

Keystone State Games Festival of Sports, modeled after the Olympic Games, are PA's largest annually held multi-sport competitions providing Pennsylvania's amateur athletes an opportunity to compete against athletes from throughout the Commonwealth in a festival atmosphere that promotes all of the positive aspects of amateur sports. For more information on all of the Keystone State Games programs offered visit our website www.premiersportingevents.com

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Robert G. "Park" Parkison KSG Competition Director

In the Spring of 1982 Bob heard Governor Richard Thornburgh make a media announcement about Pennsylvania implementing an Olympic-style multi-sports event and was intrigued. He reached out to local leaders within his community about getting involved and was introduced to Bud Lindholm.

Bob was invited to a Games Committee Meeting in June, 1982, at Penn State. In attendance were the Finals Committee, Games Committee - representatives for each sport, and "Park". Bud and Bob were the only people at the meeting not associated with a sport or the Finals Committee. He was invited to be a member of the organization at that time.

Bob worked in the media center at the first Games. The next year Bob was invited by the new Executive Director to become part of the Games family as a volunteer. He was employed by Procter & Gamble and therefore he dedicated his time for the Games mainly on weekends, with an occasional weeknight. His responsibilities were working with the sports obtaining people and setting up tryouts.

He functioned at the Finals every year from the initial year in 1982 through 2008, except 1996, when he worked the volleyball venue at the Olympics in Atlanta.

During the summers he traveled the state attending tryouts. There were two years he put over 30,000 miles on his vehicle. After he retired from P&G in May, 1995, he worked part time or volunteering, spending at least two full days in the office each week.

The first meeting of what led to the National Congress of State Games was held in Indianapolis. Annual meetings were held in a different state each year. From the 1984 meeting until 2008 Bob was the only representative of a State Games organization to attend each National Congress of State Games convention. His leadership with the State Games movement has made it the success it is today.



Ms. Karen Klassner KSG Field Hockey Director

Karen Klassner's involvement with the Keystone State Games began in 1984 as a selector for the regional field hockey team. The following two years she was the regional coordinator and from 1987 to 1998 she served as the state director of field hockey.

Karen's career as an educator, mentor and coach began at Wyoming Seminary in 1971. She took over the Blue Knights' field hockey team in 1973 and helped build Sem's program, as well as the entire Wyoming Valley Conference, into a national field hockey hotbed. She currently has a 660-171-46 record with the Blue Knights, 17 undefeated seasons and six Class AA state championships.

Karen was inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame in 2003, the National Field Hockey Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2009, and will be inducted into the Pennsylvania State Sports Hall of Fame in November. She was named the United State Field Hockey Association Coach of the Year in 2006 and the National Field Hockey Coach of the Year in 2009. Three of her Wyoming Seminary field hockey players - Kelsey Kolojchick, Kat Sharkey, and Lauren Powley - went on to play in the Olympics and more than 100 of her players went on to play at the collegiate level.

Karen graduated from Mansfield High School in 1967. She earned a bachelor of science degree in health and physical education and recreation from Lock Haven in 1971 and she earned her master of science degree in education from State University of New York, Cortland, NY.

She is a health and physical education teacher at Wyoming Seminary and has been the school's Director of Athletics since 2001.

Coach Klassner was named the Keystone State Games' Outstanding Sports Director in 1991.