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*Honoring and Preserving the Sports History of Chautauqua County*

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## Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame

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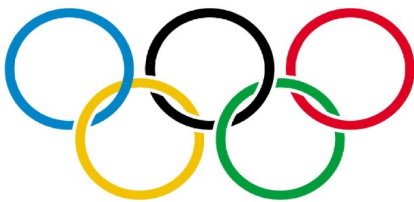
June 2024

### #Give Big CHQ June 13

## Become a CSHOF Olympian!

The Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame is excited to announce that on Thursday, June 13th, from 7:16 a.m. to 7:16 p.m. we will be participating in Give Big CHQ!

This online event, sponsored by the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation (CRCF) and the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation (NCCF), is a great way to get our community excited about giving locally, with an amazing opportunity to raise funds for the CSHOF.



The 2024 Paris Olympics begins in July and the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame will be cheering on our American athletes. USA! USA! USA!

Did you know that the CSHOF has several inductees who have participated, coached and even medaled in international Olympic competition?

**Jenn Suhr** won gold in the pole vault in 2012 after winning silver in 2008. **Tara VanDerveer** coached the USA women's basketball team to a gold in 1996. **Richard Shearman** was the team manager of the gold medal winning USA speed skating team in 1952. **Geza Farkas** won a bronze medal at the 1956 Olympic games as a member of the Hungarian gymnastics squad.

**Jimmy Clark** was an American middleweight boxer at the 1936 Games and **Alex Conti** was an assistant women's wrestling coach in 2012.

**Brad Rendell** was selected to the 1940 American steeplechase team, but the Olympics were cancelled because of World War II. **Jay T. Kearney** was a top-rated canoeist on the 1980 American team, but lost his chance at glory due to the USA boycott of the Moscow Olympics.

**Danny Bryner** won a gold and 2 silvers in roller skating at the 1995 Special Olympics World Games. In 1977 **Karen Tellinghuisen** won a gold medal throwing the javelin at the World Olympics Games for the Deaf and followed that up with a bronze at the 1981 Deaf Olympics.

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Each year since 2018 the CSHOF has participated in Give Big CHQ, a county-wide day of giving that has proven to be extremely successful. In 6 years, our supporters and community partners have raised in excess of \$30,000 to help the CSHOF deliver its mission: To Honor and Preserve the Sports History of Chautauqua County..



For 2024, the CSHOF campaign for Give Big CHQ has an Olympic theme.

We are respectfully requesting donations at the \$10 (Bronze Medal), \$20 (Silver Medal), or \$30 (Gold Medal) levels.

Our goal is have 100 donors win medals worth \$2000.

What would be really helpful is if you could ask just one other person to make a matching donation to yours. Invite your spouse, child or friend to assist the CSHOF complete our goal. The CSHOF becomes eligible for additional dollars from the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation and the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation based on the number of unique donors we attract.

For example, instead of donating \$20 yourself, \$10 from you and \$10 from someone else's e-mail address would be most helpful in our efforts to earn bonus funds.

As an added incentive, and to highlight our commitment and to demonstrate our "skin in the game," the CSHOF Board of Directors has pledged up to \$500 to match various levels of donor engagement: 20 donors = \$100, 40 donors = \$200, 60 donors = \$300, 80 donors = \$400 and 100 donors = \$500

Check out our fundraising page:

<https://www.givebigchq.org/organizations/chautauqua-sports-hall-of-fame>

Please mark Thursday, June 13th on your calendar, 7:16 a.m. to 7:16 p.m. Become a CSHOF Olympian!

## **CSHOF Night at the Ball Park – July 11**



The CSHOF invites all of our members to join us at Russell E. Diethrick, Jr. Park on Thursday, July 11th as the Jamestown Tarp Skunks play Geneva in a Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League contest at 6:30.

The CSHOF will provide a free grandstand seat and a food voucher for each member. Additional guests may attend for \$15.

The Tarp Skunks will allow early entry for CSHOF members and guests at 5:00. Game ticket and food voucher will be distributed by CSHOF representatives in front of the stadium, located at 485 Falconer Street in Jamestown. We will gather in the tent area in the right field side of the ball park for socializing.

**IT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE RESERVATIONS TO  
ATTEND THE GAME BY CONTACTING RANDY**

**CALL: 716-640-6219**

**E-MAIL: [randy28b@netsync.net](mailto:randy28b@netsync.net)**

## Save the Date – August 12

The hugely popular CSHOF Summer Picnic will be held on Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:00, at the Lakewood Rod & Gun Club. Details to follow in next month's newsletter. Members plus one guest are admitted free. Additional guests are \$10.

## Sheilah Gulas to Ashland University Hall of Fame

2018 CSHOF inductee **Sheilah (Lingenfelter) Gulas** will be inducted into the Ashland University Hall of Fame in October.

Gulas began as Ashland University's head softball coach in 1997, and it didn't take long for her Eagles to make their mark on the conference, regional and national level. Her 1998 team was 53-6 (.893), which still is the best team in the history of the program. After 21 seasons leading AU softball, Gulas finished with a record of 723-365-1 (.664), 12 NCAA Division II postseason appearances, and five 40-win seasons. Her Eagle teams

never had a losing record, and she was named Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Coach of the Year in 1998, 2009, 2010, and her last season of 2017. Gulas coached six eventual Ashland Hall of Famers, as well.

Combined with her time as head coach at both Wittenberg (1991-96) and Allegheny (1987-90), Gulas' career collegiate head coaching record is 929-487-1 (.656). That success over a 31-season career led her to being inducted into the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) Hall of Fame in 2017. Gulas also was inducted into the Allegheny Hall of Fame in 2018 and the Western New York Softball Hall of Fame in 2021.

Gulas played for CSHOF inductee **Kay Gould** at Southwestern Central and Allegheny College before succeeding her mentor as head softball coach at the Meadville, PA institution.

