

## Nomination for the Gene Sutton Award for Marta Selmezi:

This award is to honour members who have been provincial officers – Marta was a member of the very first Modern Gymnastics Federation (1969) technical section, continued as a member of the Canadian RG Federation and was one of the founding members of the AGG section within GO, as well as of the International AGG Federation, both from 2003.

She was the only coach, later head coach of her clubs, and developed her gymnasts by her own skills, without the need of importing international coaches.

She is also a very special coach in that she has developed champions and international competitors in three different branches within GO: WAG, RG and AGG – the only one in Canada.

It should also be noted that before her arrival, RG was only a performance and fitness event. It was with Marta's skills from one of the top gymnastics countries in the world at that time, Hungary, and by Marta's bringing Hungarian Olympian Maria Patosca over here, that Canadian RG became a competitive sport! Ms. Patosca introduced the ribbon to Canada, when earlier, e.g. in the first national competition, the competitive RG teams used rhythm sticks (won by Marta's club).

Marta was also a member of the first group within GO endeavouring to establish rules for AGG. And in the first AGG World Championships, her team placed higher than the other two Canadian teams that participated.

Marta has been active in provincial gymnastics a long time: WAG for 59 years, RG for 50 years and AGG from the very beginning, 16 years ago. She has produced numerous champions in both WAG and RG and her RG gymnasts were the first ones to compete internationally (the first Team Canada consisted mainly of gymnasts from her club).

Marta has been a national coach and an international judge.