

Hall of Fame - Class of 2009

Dianne Darnell

Bedford, Texas

Achievements, Honors and Awards:

- **High School:** Lettered in basketball (3 years), earned All District and All State, received District Sportsmanship Award; participated in track program (2 years)
- **LaTourneau University:** Associates in Marketing; Bachelor's in Business Management; "Academic Achievement" award for exemplary grade point average.

Texas Amateur Athletic Federation

- 1984-1986 Gymnastics State Sport Commissioner
- 1987-1989; 1993-1995 – Games of Texas Liaison
- Committee Chairperson for Constitution & By Laws 1986; Year Round Schools 1993-1995; Recognition & Awards 1998-2004; Co-Chair for 75th Anniversary Committee 1999-2000; Recognition & Awards 1991, 2005; member of numerous committees
- 1991-1997 Executive Board Member
- Assisted in setting standards for professional Hall of Fame event
- Official T.A.A.F. Hall of Fame banquet decorator – 15 years
- Assisted in the proposals that achieved a joint venture that would benefit both TRAPS and TAAF
- **Awards:** President's Award 1986, 1993, 2000; Games of Texas Service Award 1998; Member Service Award 2003; Life Membership 2005; Koger Stokes Award 2006

Texas Recreation and Park Society

- 1992-1996 Served on Board of Directors
- 1996-1997 State President
- **Awards:** Appreciation Resolution 1980, 1982, 1986; North Texas University Distinguished Service Award 1982; President's Award 1983, 1990; Fellow Award 1995; Honorary Life Membership 2007.

National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA):

- 1983-2005 Certified Leisure professional;
- 1987-1989 Council of Executive Directors
- 1987-1989 Southwest Regional Council
- 1997-1998 National President Council of Affiliate Presidents
- **Awards:** American Academy Service Award 1995; Council of Affiliate Presidents Service Award 1998; At-Risk Youth Conference Coordinator Appreciation Award 1995, 1996, 1997.

Other Professional Affiliations:

- 1987-1990 **Texas Senior Games:** Served on Board of Directors
- 1987-1990 **National Senior Olympics:** Served on Board of Directors
- 1987-Present **Texas Parks and Recreation Foundation:** Board of Directors
- 1993-1995 **Tarrant Co. United Cerebral Palsy:** Served on Board of Directors

Employment:

- 1973-1986 City of Hurst
- 1987-1990 Texas Recreation and Park Society Events Coordinator/Acting Executive Director
- 1987-1990 Texas Senior Games Executive Director
- 1989-1998 City of Fort Worth Athletic / Events Coordinator
 - Served as coordinator for the TRAPS State Conference,
 - National Youth At Risk Colloquium and the Youth Programs National School (2 yrs.)
 - Coordinated opening ceremonies for a host of athletic events including the 1996 U.S. Olympic Team
- 1998-2005 City of Lancaster Recreation Superintendent
 - **AWARDS:** TRAPS Facility Design, Lone Star Programming and National Finalist for Athletic Business Facility Design Award.
- **City/Community Awards:** Fort Worth Youth Sports Council Leadership Award 1998; Lancaster Fire Department Supporter of the Year 2001; Lancaster Chamber of Commerce President's Award 2004.

Inducted into the T.A.A.F. Hall of Fame on January 15, 2009

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