
Collen Gore

North Central Texas Hall of Fame

Collen began her bowling career in Ft. Worth in 1988. She quickly became involved with all aspects of the sport, bowling in multiple leagues. In 1995, she started coaching youth bowling at Don Carter Cityview Lanes as her oldest grandson, Justin, was now old enough to participate. This is also the same year that she joined the FWWBA board of Directors where she served as a Director for 7 years and Sergeant of Arms for 3 years, and put in time on every committee.



She is the founder and President of the Ft. Worth 500 Club, and held all offices on the State 500 Club board as well as President of the State 500/600 for 8 years after the two clubs merged. She also served as the 500/600 Club Tournament Manager for 8 years, traveling every weekend during State Women's Championship to work the tournament tables.

Her passion though has always been with the youth bowling programs, moving quickly from coaching to being the youth director at Don Carter Cityview and turning that into a paid fulltime job in 2004.

She is currently the District Coordinator for High School Bowling in Ft. Worth. She served on the board of the Greater Ft. Worth Metro USBC as a youth representative and was past 1st VP of the Ft. Worth Metro Youth. She holds Level I/II Youth Coach and Bronze Level USA Bowling coach certifications. She loves all of her bowling kids who affectionately call her "Coach Mamaw." She is a great mentor to these kids and believes in what she does to grow the sport of bowling. She travels with them to each of their tournaments to encourage them and cheer them on. She now has the wonderful benefit of bringing a new generation into the sport as she coaches her Great Grandson, Jeremy.

She currently works fulltime at Cityview Lanes as Co-Manager and Food and Beverage manager in addition to her duties as Youth director. If you don't think that keeps her busy, she also runs a league called "Get Your Gear" to bring new adult bowlers to the sport. Collen also organizes no less than 4 teams each year to bowl in the State Women's Championship Tournament and the National Women's Championship Tournament.

She has been married to Jack for 33 years, has 3 children, 5 grandchildren, 2 Great grandchildren with a 3rd on the way, so you could say she has a full plate of life. She wouldn't have it any other way!

She loves this sport very much and hopes to bring others to love it too, so that there is continued growth. It is because of all her efforts to promote bowling and her tireless work for the youth that she has earned the highest respect of our bowling community.

