

# Lea Anne Sikora

## North Central Texas Hall of Fame



Lea Anne is a life-long resident of Fort Worth. She is the fourth of four children born to the late Thomas J. and Ada Bell Sikora. She graduated from Castleberry High School in 1990. From there, she went on to earn her Associate's Degree from Tarrant County Junior College and then her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Business Management from the University of Texas at Arlington in 1998 and 2002, respectively. Lea Anne is currently an Assistant Director in the Financial Aid Office at UTA and has been employed with them 24 years. Lea Anne was born into a bowling family, as both parents and her three older brothers, TJ, Mike, and Jim, all bowled. She was in a bowling center when she was six-weeks old, namely Cowtown Bowling Palace. So, it goes without saying, bowling was her destiny. She started "bowling" as soon as she could walk. And, from there, the love of the sport began.

She joined her first league in 1976 at the age of 5 at Forest Park Lanes, back when the sanctioning body was the American Junior Bowling Congress. She bowled junior leagues not only at Forest Park Lanes, but also at Don Carter Fort Worth, Don Carter Southwest, and Brunswick Westcreek Lanes. She was an active participant in the Fort Worth youth travel league for many years, including acting as secretary. Lea Anne also enjoyed the competition of the Junior Master/Junior Queens tournaments. There, she won a few tournaments and made many lifelong friends, one of whom is also being inducted today, Kelly Ray.

While she had success at the youth level, most of Lea Anne's bowling accomplishments came when she started bowling adult leagues in the Fall of 1990. At the local level, she was the Scratch (2102) and Division 1 Handicap (2168) All-Events Champion as well as the Division 1 Singles Champion (787) of the Fort Worth Women's Bowling Association (FWWBA) 53rd Annual Tournament in 1992. In 1995, she was a member of the Division 1 first place team, "Amy's Army", in the FWBBA 56th Annual Tournament. Lea Anne had the high game for the 1997-1998 season with a 300 and had the high series for the 1998-1999 season with a 793. At the state level, Lea Anne won the Texas Women's Bowling Association (TWBA) Division 1 Doubles Championship in 1996 with partner, Connie Gonzales. She was also a member of two TWBA Division 1 Championship Teams, first in 1998 with "Dem Yankees" and again in 2000 with "Carolyn's Crew." Other accomplishments include winning two mixed doubles tournaments with long-time bowling partner and fellow Hall of Famer, David Brady. The first win was the Trinity River Doubles Tournament at Don Carter Fort Worth in 1996. And, the second win was the 1998 Professional Women's Bowling Association (PWBA) Southwest Region Ladies and Seniors Tournament at Plano Super Bowl, which would be Lea Anne's only PWBA Regional Title.

She has four career 300 games, a high series of 801, and a high book average of 220 in the 2005-06 season.

