

Ann Block - Meritorious Service

Ann is being honored for her Meritorious Service to the sport of bowling. In 1981, she became a youth coach at Skore Lanes in Taylor. Youth bowling would become, and remain, a major part of her world. Along this journey, she would become a youth director, tournament director, and a Silver Level USBC Coach. Ann dedicated over 40 years of service to the bowlers of the Metro Detroit and Michigan State USBC Associations. In addition, Ann is serving as the President of the National 600 Bowling Club and sits on the Board of Directors for the International Bowling Media Association and serves as that organization's Chuck Pezzano Scholarship chair. Ann was the last President of the Greater Detroit YABA and the last 1st Vice President of the Michigan State YABA/USBC.



Her record of service includes roles as a director, officer, committee member, bowling writer, and secretary/treasurer of the Detroit 600 Club and Detroit Women's Pioneer Club, as well as Executive Director of the Michigan Women's 500 Bowling Club. A member of the transition committee for the state. She was elected 1st Vice President of the original board. Ann is currently serving as a director of the Michigan State USBC. In that association, she has chaired the Finance, Hall of Fame, and Tournament Housing committees. As a director with the Metro Detroit USBC, Ann served on the following committees: Youth (Chair), Bowl for the Cure, Publicity, Transition, and Awards. She has attended over 25 WIBC/USBC national conventions.

Ann has been recognized by many organizations and has earned the following awards: 1997-1998 Greater Detroit YABA Coach of the Year, 2005 Howard J. McCullough Memorial Award for Distinguished Service and Performance to Junior Bowling, 2006 Detroit WBA "Woman of the Year", 2006 Michigan State Bowling Council Journalism Award, 2006 National Women Bowling Writers-Herta Kissel Bowling Writer of the Year, and the 2014 Greater Detroit Hall of Fame Thomas McKay Award. In 2022, Ann was inducted into the Greater Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame.

An avid bowler, Ann has participated in over 42 national tournaments, over 43 state tournaments, and well over 30 local tournaments. In league play, she has been the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, sergeant at arms, and has been a squad organizer for multiple tournaments.

Off the lanes, Ann and her mom, Mary Lou, have served the Wayne County "Meals on Wheels" program as drivers for 23 years. Ann has served on the school board of the Taylor School District for eight years.

Bowling is my passion, and my induction into the Michigan State USBC Hall of Fame is a huge honor. Thank you for this award.