



*Kathy Kelly*

**Past Vice President – USA Gymnastics  
Brevet Judge**



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Inducted 2016

Kathy Kelly is a very modest and reluctant inductee into this Hall of Fame but few people in the gymnastics community have greatness of contribution associated with the mere mention of their name. Kathy Kelly is one of those people.

No bigger force ever existed behind the scenes of USA's women's gymnastics program than Kathy Kelly. Through her driving force, and her vision of something bigger and better for USA Gymnastics, she battled for more funding, coaches education, and athlete development.

Kathy would never be one to take near the credit she deserves for the metamorphosis of USA Gymnastics. She was always more comfortable behind the scenes, out of the spotlight. She was always more comfortable providing encouragement, direction, advice, and guidance than standing up in front of the membership and taking bows. She would much rather give credit to others; her colleagues, the coaches and most of all the athletes.

Recently retired from a role that helped propel USA Gymnastics to the top of the world of gymnastics success, she has earned this nomination. Her devotion to the coaches and athletes that represented USA in international competitions is legendary. Few have the patience and/or people skills to manage the egos of this sports elite. Kathy was a master of implementing the over all plan, securing the funding necessary to accomplish the goals, and motivating the players to excel. She is irreplaceable.

Her efforts at the helm of the USA Gymnastics Women's program propelled our nation to two Team Olympic Gold medals and four World Team Gold medals. Prior to her leadership USA had zero.