



# 2000 COACHES' WIFE OF THE YEAR

## KAREN JAYNE

Elyria, Ohio

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This is always one of our favorite awards. Look behind the scenes in most high school wrestling programs and you will find a coaches' wife who serves as a part-time mother, assistant coach, and biggest fan. We let the nomination letter, edited slightly, do the speaking for this award.

I would like to nominate by wife Karen as the WUSA Coaches' Wife of the Year. She possesses an unbelievable amount of energy and takes on much responsibility in order to help others.

In the mid-sixties Karen began attending wrestling matches at Otterbein College and supported not only me but the entire team. When I became head wrestling coach at Delaware Olentangy High School, and later at Bishop Hartley High School, Karen helped organize the Summer Wrestling Classic Tournament, served as advisor for the Mat-Stats, and acted as hostess for many wrestling get-togethers, bonfires, hay rides, swim parties, and dinners.



In 1980 I became head coach at Elyria High School. Karen organized a stat club and the Elyria YMCA Youth Wrestling Team. For eight years she was in charge of parent volunteers, concession stands, payments, awards, attendance, equipment, banquets, and media communication.

Since 1990 she has been extremely involved at St. Edward High School, with the Eagle Wrestling Club, and the Cadet/Junior USA-Ohio programs. She runs tournaments, handles registration, and obtains volunteers. She recruits parent volunteers and organizes housing for wrestlers. And in addition to all of this she has served as an elementary school teacher for thirty-two years.

I have appreciated her endless hours of dedication. Her work has been a labor of love for the sport of wrestling.

Nominated by husband Frank Jayne, Wrestling Coach, Elyria High School, Ohio.



**Runner-up:**  
**JOYCE BENITZ**  
Lincoln High School  
Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin  
Nominated by Lewie Benitz