

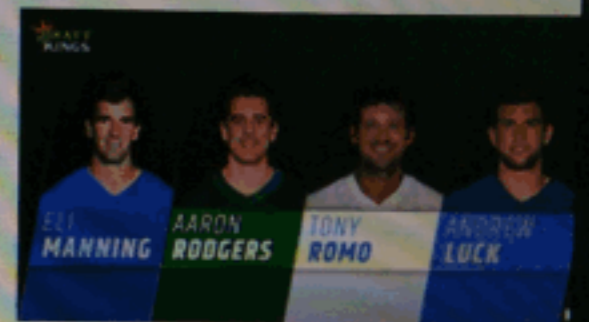


Larry G Nassar added 4 new photos — with John Geddert and 6 others.
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In the summer of 1986, Steve Whitlock was the coach of the best gymnastics club in the State of Michigan, I had been volunteering in his gym to provide medical to his gymnasts. He recommended that I call Darlene Darst to become a member of the USGF National Medical Staff. I called Darlene and she said that Kathy Kelly had just taken over as the Women's Program Director. Kathy had me contact Jack Rockwell, PT, ATC who was in charge of medical for USGF. I contacted Jack and was accepted to the National Team Medical Staff. 29 years later, the summer of 2015, and I have been volunteering to help gymnasts achieve their dreams and have enjoyed all the ups, downs, highs and lows. The stress has been unbelievable at times. The tears of sorrow and the tears of joy have been intense. The things I have experienced have been amazing. I have always tried my best to advocate for the gymnast and made a few people rather grumpy over the years since I never back down and always speak my mind. I have never wanted to be an employee of USAG since I wanted to always represent the gymnast. The summer of 2016 will be my last summer before I step down and no longer travel to competitions. I may attend some camps after that but it will be time for the next generation to step forward and lead the way.

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I first met Debbie Van Horn at the 1988 Olympic Trials and she has been my partner in the care of these gymnasts ever since. I owe so much to Debbie. Her guidance, her perspective, her beliefs, and her knowledge has guided me through it all. I am so lucky. It is said that the Man is the head, but the women, she is the neck, and the neck controls the head. Well , next to my wife Stefanie Anderson Nassar, Debbie has done so much to assist my head to turn to the left, right and around in circles at times!! Then there has been Kathy Kelly, Roe Rosenary Kreutzer, and of course Martha Karolyi. Some amazing women that have guided me, molded me and taken me to the wood shed at times. I have been very lucky to have Stefanie, Debbie, Kathy, Roe and Martha in my life.

Gary Warren and Bill Sands are two of the most influential coaches that I have learned a great deal from and continue to learn from. I hope to some day be able to repay them for helping me learn so much about this crazy sport of ours! The things they have done to assist me in my endeavors have been essential in making me who I am today.

And then there is John Geddert. WOW! Since 1988 I have been volunteering at John's gym. He may call me the Grim Reaper, Dr. Death, and LAWRENCE!!, and we go at it toe to toe but we can always sit down and smoke a cigar and have a drink together afterwards. You see, when you come from the perspective of developing and enhancing the lives of the children around you, when you have the same core purpose, you can argue, you can disagree, but in the end you are able to both be better for the

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children around you, when you have the same core purpose, you can argue, you can disagree, but in the end you are able to both be better for the relationship. I do not know where I would be without John in my life.

One more year to survive. One more World Championships. One more Olympic Team. God willing, I will walk away content and satisfied in the knowledge that I tried my best and gave my all to always, always, always, help those around me believe and achieve their dreams.

