

# "Meritorious Service"



**G**ary Lee Lehr, a native of Maryland, was born in Baltimore on November 23, 1946 to the late Leonard Lehr and his wife Ada. Gary is the second of five children, with two brothers and two sisters.

Moving to Harford County in 1962 Gary attended North Harford High School where he participated in many sports, excelling at wrestling and baseball.

In early 1971 Gary became involved in the sport of Tenpin Bowling. Making friends with coaches in the Junior Bowling

Program and members of the local Association, it didn't take him long to get involved. After his first full year of bowling in 1972, Gary was appointed to the Cecil-Harford Counties Bowling Association Board of Directors.

In 1973, Gary was Certified as an AJBC Coach, began coaching the youth at Bel Air Bowl and also became a father in September to his son, Aaron. He was coach and mentor to the youth for approximately ten years and serves as Youth Leader Advisor to the Cecil-Harford YABA today.

Gary L. Lehr has served his local bowling association with distinction; holding the offices of Secretary-Treasurer (1974 to 1978), Vice President (1978 to 1980 and 1982 to 1986). In the years not serving as an officer, Gary continued to serve the association as Director. Serving on numerous standing committees over the years, Gary is significantly recognized as Tournament Director for the CHCBA Annual Tournament (1974 to 1980) and CHCBA Senior Tournament (1983 to 1990). He was instrumental in organizing our Seniors Tournament and developed our Annual Budget and Audit process.

In 1986 he was elected a Life Member and remains an active member of the Board of Directors of CHCBA.

A valued member on the State level, he has served since 1975 as Director, 3rd-2nd and 1st Vice-President and was elected President of the Maryland State Bowling Association in 1987. Following his tenure as President, Gary was distinguished as an elected Life-Member and remains active in that capacity. He served as State Jamboree Chairman three years, State Tournament Director three years and State Senior Tournament Director three years. Special committees include Standardization of State

Tournament Entry Form (Annual and Senior) and the Men's Senior Tournament to be held in conjunction with the MD State Women's Senior Tournament. He also served as Public Relations Officer for four years.

Excelling on the lanes as well as in the board room. Gary's career highlights include a 751 High Series, a 207 High Average and a 300 Game in October of 1987. Gary lives in Marywood II in Bel Air with his wife Brenda J. Lehr.

For his outstanding contributions to the game of American Tenpins, the Cecil-Harford Counties Bowling Association is pleased to induct Gary Lee Lehr into its Hall of Fame.