

## Gary Lee Lehr

### Meritorious Service



A native of Maryland, Gary Lee Lehr was born 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 in wrestling and baseball.

In early 1971, Gary became involved in the sport of Tenpin Bowling. Making many 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 served as Youth Leader Advisor to the Cecil-Harford YABA.

Gary has served his local bowling association with distinction: holding the office of Secretary-Treasurer (1974-1978), Vice President (1978-1980 and 1982 to 1986). In the years not serving as an officer, Gary continued to serve the association as a Director. Gary served on numerous standing committees over the years. Gary is significantly recognized as tournament director for the CHCBA Annual Tournament (1974-1980) and the Senior Tournament (1983-1990). He was instrumental in organizing our Senior Tournament and developed our annual budget and audit process. In 1986 Gary was elected as a Life member and in 1994 he was inducted into the CHCBA Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service. To this day Gary remains an active member of the Board of Director of CHCBA.

A valued member on the State level, he has served since 1975 as a director, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and was elected President of the Maryland State Bowling Association in 1987.

Following his tenure as President, Gary was distinguished as elected Life Member and remains active in that capacity. He served as State Jamboree Chairman for five years, State Tournament Director for five years. Specials committees include Standardization of the State Tournament Entry Form (Annual, Senior and Mixed). He was instrumental in establishing the Policy and Procedures manual for the Maryland State Jamboree and State Tournament and is currently

working on the Maryland Mixed Tournament Procedure. He also served as a Public Relation Officer for four years.

Gary's career highlights include a 771 High Series. Gary has also bowled two 300 games, one 299 and has bowled at the ABC Nationals Tournament for 31 consecutive years.

Gary lives in Bel Air with his wife Brenda. In November of 2002, his son Aaron and daughter-in-law Jessica made him a proud grandfather for the first time with a handsome grandson Aaron Christopher Jr. and then again in October 2004 with a beautiful granddaughter Grace Audrey.

Therefore, in recognition of his outstanding service and dedication the Maryland State USBC is proud and honored to welcome Gary Lee Lehr to its Hall of Fame in the Meritorious Service category.