

CLUB CORNER

Gymnastics Coach and Breast Cancer Survivor Teams Up with AJS Pancott Gymnastics to Create the Pink Invitational~Gymnasts Unite

Sue Weldon is a four-year breast cancer survivor who believes in the importance of empowering and bringing awareness about breast cancer to young women and girls.

As a gymnastics coach at AJS Pancott Gymnastics National Training Center in West Chester, Pa., Sue's job is to coach, train, inspire, and nurture the gymnasts. Now her vision of educating athletes in the gymnastics community about breast cancer and healthy lifestyle choices is finally coming to fruition.

Sue has partnered with AJS Pancott Gymnastics owners Steve and Louise Pancott to create the Pink Invitational~Gymnasts Unite. Proceeds from this three-day competition will benefit Living Beyond Breast Cancer, which works to empower women affected by breast cancer to live as long as possible with the best quality of life. The Pink Invitational will be held February

27-March 1, 2009, at the United Sports Training Facility in Downingtown, Pa. In addition to the gymnastics competition, the event will feature educational booths that focus on breast cancer prevention, healthy eating, organic products, environmental awareness, and how to talk with girls about the affects of the disease. At present, the Pink Invitational has registered more than 1,000 gymnasts from 25 teams representing six states.

Pancott Gymnastics National Training Center began in 1997 as an expansion of Pancott Gymnastics, one of the oldest gymnastics programs in the country. It has grown to be one of the largest competitive women's gymnastics programs in Pennsylvania.

The club offers competitive training and recreational gymnastics to athletes from ages 18 months to 18 years. AJS Pancott Gymnastics is owned and operated by Steve and Louise Pancott. ✧



L to R: Sue Weldon, Louise Pancott and Steve Pancott.

Enrollment Up!

Julia Thompson, owner of TAGS Gymnastics in Minnesota, said, "Our numbers at TAGS are really good, with more than 3,500 students. Our Fall II enrollment passed up the Fall I session. The Olympics and the Tour were very timely with this current economy."

Pictured is the Adshead family. They have eight children and seven take lessons at TAGS on Tuesdays. The mom home-schools the children. TAGS tuition discount works for families with multiple children. The first three pay and the next four take free lessons! ✧

