



## Let's Get Ready to Rumble



**Congratulations to Jane Marchese and Henry Francalancia for being the 2008-09 Olympians of the Year for the Greater New Orleans Senior Olympics.**

### About Jane ...

Jane Marchese has been an active member with GNOSO since 2003. Her interests are washer pitch, shuffleboard, bowling, and the throw. Jane has no formal training in any of these venues, but that does not stop her. She is not only playing the game, but she is running it too. Jane is the GNO Senior Olympic Coordinator for Washer Pitch, and holds the position of Secretary and West Bank Representative for the GNOSO Executive Board.



Jane Marchese (left) and Bernice Bordelon (right) in Baton Rouge .

Jane is also very instrumental with the Jefferson Parish Golden Age programs. She volunteers as the Athletic Director and is in charge of many events such as shuffleboard, washer pitch, and darts. She conducts fundraisers to help support all of these events. Jane hosts the LSOG Awards Banquet held annually in May, and Intramural Awards Banquet held annually in November. Jane says, "I wholeheartedly support senior citizen athletic programs and, being involved helps keep me agile".

### And Henry ...



Henry Francalancia has been an active member with GNO Senior Olympics since 1998. His interests are in softball, table tennis, and pickle ball, but his talent in table tennis has taken him to the State and National Level. Henry makes a commitment to stay fit by staying active in softball, pickle ball, volleyball, and shuffleboard throughout the year. In addition he coordinates the softball event for GNO Senior Olympics and assists with pickle ball and table tennis.

In addition to GNOSO Henry is busy playing softball, and is an active member of the Diamond Club. His feet do more than just run bases. Henry participates in many styles of dancing at the senior centers. Henry has overcome several broken bones and surgeries during his life time, but that doesn't stop him. Henry single handedly recruited enough men to fill FIVE softball teams for GNO Senior Olympics. Wow, that's outstanding! Henry says "I enjoy being involved with Senior Olympics because I get a chance to meet new people and I enjoy the competition".

## President's Corner

Friends,

We are quickly approaching the 2009 GNOSO games. Before the games begin I would like to give a special thanks to the executive board for their restless efforts in the day-to-day running of GNOSO. The event coordinators are also working very hard to prepare for these

events, and they have everything lined up for a successful game season.

A special thanks goes out to our sponsors for their generous donations. None of this would be possible if they did not give their support.

Athletes, we need your help.

Please tell your friends about GNO Senior Olympics. The best source of advertisement is by word of mouth. Give your testimony, and help us recruit for this year's games.

Wishing everyone a good year!

John Wolken,

President



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### Director's Desk

I want to thank everyone for such a warm welcome. I am looking forward to this year's games, and I hope I get the opportunity to meet each of you. As Program Director I have relieved Bernice Bordelon and Bill Pryor from many duties. Please let me know if I can help make your experience a greater one.

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