MAGGIE MENNIGA

The Greater Cedar Valley Hall of Fame was created in 1972 to perpetuate the names of those who have displayed outstanding ability in the game of bowling or who have contributed through meritorious service to the welfare and progress of bowling.

Early Waterloo HOF inductees featured men such as Walt Harmsen, Bob Hansen and Rich Schmitt who showcased skill on the lanes and subsequently were recognized with state hall of fame recognition.

The Waterloo Women's Association created a Hall of Fame for their members shortly after in 1975 which included Eloise Geiger recognizing that every strong Association had a solid, vibrant Board of Directors lead by a strong city Secretary at it's core.

To be considered for State Hall of Fame recognition under the Meritorious Service classification a candidate should have made outstanding contributions to the good and welfare of the game through administrational or organizational work, or in a manner deemed meritorious.

Maggie Mennenga was a person who was from the "quit working" as a nurse era to stay home and raise a family.

Her social outlet became bowling where she was an Association member since the 1950s and bowled three leagues. She served as team captain, treasurer and eventually league secretary of her Triple S league for 15 years while serving as the League Treasurer in her two other leagues.

Maggie volunteered to join the Waterloo Metro Women's Association **Board of Directors** in 1973 and served as a **Director for 5-years** when she was **promoted to 2nd Vice President**. She served in that position until 1980 when she was again promoted to 1st Vice President serving in that position until the 1982 season. Maggie was the **1st Vice President** of the Waterloo Metro Women's Association in 1980 **when Waterloo hosted the largest women's state tournament in history** and played a key-roll in the success of the tournament.

In 1982 the Waterloo Metro Women's Association was in need of a new Secretary. Maggie was selected to fill that position. She served the bowlers of the Waterloo Metro area as their secretary for 9 years through the 1990 season. During the 1988 season she served as the tournament office manager for the Iowa State Women's Tournament when it came to Waterloo. With 2,376 teams the tournament ranks in the top 10 all-time for participating teams.

For 18 years Maggie was a driving force behind a very successful association.

As Association Secretary, Maggie took part in **many Iowa State Women's Association Workshops**. She was supportive of local fund raising activities and helped run the annual BVL, Bowl for the Cure and other events whenever held locally including Fund raising activities for the International Bowling Museum & Hall of Fame in St Louis Hall of Fame which opened in 1984.

She was a 12-time **delegate to the Iowa State USBC Convention** and 8-time **delegate to the National Convention**.

While Maggie would consider herself an average bowler she recorded a high series of 657 with a high game of 268 and captured the 1968 Waterloo Scratch Singles Championship. In addition, she was an active member of the local 600 club.

Maggie Mennenga represents everything you would expect from a Hall of Fame member. She was committed to her membership while serving as their secretary. She provided strong leadership in helping to run 2-state tournaments.

This all was accomplished in the pre-computer era.

E-mail was non-existent and her telephone was a party line shared with the next door neighbor.

Her office was in her home and served as a meeting point for league secretaries.

All records and finances were done manually.

And Waterloo had a top notch Association.

At this time I would like to present Posthumous Inductee from Waterloo

The late Maggie Mennenga