

MONDAY – AUGUST 8, 2005

Tonight we are going to induct one of our members into our Hall of Fame.

She has been bowling for 37 years.

She always has a smile and is always willing to help with advice and coaching. She is a very generous lady who gives 200%. She is respected by all co-bowlers from young to old – from beginners to lifers.

She has been a league Secretary and/or Treasurer for over 15 years and has been coaching the youth for 23 years.

She has bowled in 18 National Tournaments, numerous State and County Tournaments.

She is a member of the Iowa Hawkeye 600 Club.

She was the Jasper County WBA “Bowler of the Year” in 1993 with a 773 series and in 2004 with a 679 series.

I and we of the NFL League believe Bonnie Geerlings has been the most influential person to all ages over the years.

One perfect example of the true Bonnie is that in late February of this year she had surgery on her right shoulder – which is her bowling arm – and was not able to bowl for a couple of weeks, but came to the lanes and helped everyone. After two weeks of not bowling, she couldn't stand it any longer and started bowling with her left arm. She went on to bowl in the National Tournament.

Bonnie is the most deserving bowler for her love of the game. Her desire is to “Make A Difference” in the lives of other people through bowling.

She coaches kids at least twice a week and bowls leagues 3 or 4 times a week herself. She is a true bowler “Heart & Soul”. *Is a Bronze level coach.*

Bonnie's name was submitted by Roberta Albertson, Rita Cooper and the NFL Blues League.

A personal note from Roberta – This was my first year of bowling and it was a true honor to have been lucky enough to have been on Bonnie's team. She has taught me a lot and I believe that I am continuing on with my bowling because of her. I have the utmost admiration for her.

Congratulations, Bonnie Geerlings on being inducted into our Hall of Fame.