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Hurricane Katrina has devastated so many of our fellow Americans. I am sure all of you have been watching the reports and have been moved, as I have, by the experience. I have been blessed that my family lives in a northern county of Mississippi and have not lost so much as the people in the southern counties.

Region 8 has so many gymnastics professionals and gymnasts that have lost everything. In an effort to help Region 8 regain some semblance of normalcy a relief fund has been set up to help the clubs and gymnastics professions along the Gulf Coast. Included in this newsletter is a form that you can use to send whatever funds you can to help in this effort. You can also donate online by going to the USAG website at usa-gymnastics.org. Our state administrative committee has approved the sending of funds from our state account. I, as well as some other Michigan individuals have also helped in this effort. I encourage all of you to show your support of our fellow gymnastics professionals by donating whatever you can.

Thank you for your help.

Regional Camps

The regional 5 gymnastics camps are a great learning experience for gymnasts, coaches and judges. There are still two camps remaining. The next camp is the High Tech Camp which will be held Oct 7-9 at Arena Gymnastics in Joliet IL. Check online at Region5.com for all the camp information. The cost is \$95.00 per camp. Don't miss these valuable camps. Space is limited so get your registrations in as soon as possible.

Safety Certification

Helen Fry of Gym-Jester Gymnastics Center is the Safety Certifier for the state of Michigan. If you would like to schedule a safety certification course at your gym you may contact her at 989-754-7401. There is a safety certification course currently scheduled for October 9th at Gym-Jester Gymnastics from 2:00 - 6:00 PM. Remember to go to usa-gymnastics.org to register for this course.

New Clubs / Addresses

Kaleidoscope Gymnastics has moved next door to their old gym. The new address is 44 North Airport Rd.
Kimball MI 48074.

Michigan Elite Gymnastics Academy has a new home. They have merged with Conrad's Gymnastics but maintained the Michigan Elite Gymnastics Academy name. Please send all communications to

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One more gym that should be added to your list of Michigan gyms is:

CUTTING EDGE ATHLETICS

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Level 5 Award Procedure

The procedure used for awards at Level 5 state qualifying meets will change for the 2005-2006 season. All meet directors are required to incorporate the following procedure.

Achievement awards will continue to be given at each event to every gymnast based on the score received. Achievement awards will be given at the all-around awards ceremony to every gymnast except the top 10 places. The top 10 all-around score winners will receive medals.