

25TH
ANNIVERSARY
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



AND
HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

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History

The first Women's Exhibition game was played between Pierce Valley and Phoenix on national stage on March 28, 1987 with Phoenix winning the game at 28-25.

In 1988, three Women's teams (Pierce Valley, Metro Washington and Boston) participated in its first Women's Invitational Tournament in Boston on April 7-9, 1988 in which Pierce Valley's Angela Kuehn was voted as MVP. The 2nd Invitational tournament was held in Miami the following year with 8 Women teams: Tucson, Erie, Miami, New England, Pierce Valley, Capital City, MWAD and Ebony. Tucson captured the title defeating Miami, 57-46 and Barbara Hyde was voted MVP. In 1990, it was held in Phoenix which consisted of 8 Women teams: Tucson, SWAAD All-Stars, Phoenix, MAAD All-Stars, East Bay, Paradise Jets, Lobos, and NWAAD All-Stars. MAAD All-Stars won the championship over NWAAD All-Stars 56-43 and the MVP was Janet Birrenkott.

After 1990, it was decided that women would be eligible to play for the American Athletic Association of the Deaf (AAAD), which led to its first official Women's Tournament held in Atlantic City, New Jersey on April 3-5, 1991 with six teams playing: Metro Washington Association of the Deaf (MWAD), Sioux Falls, Tucson, Oakland, Providence, and Trenton. Metro Washington Association of the Deaf Women's team won its first ever AAAD Women's Basketball Championship defeating Sioux Falls, South Dakota, 95-40. Debby Sampson was the 1st Woman MVP and Emil Rasofsky was first Coach of that Women's tournament.

Over the years, Tucson/Arizona Black Widows captured a total of 11 titles and Ida Dotson was voted MVP 6 times. Arizona Black Widows continues to hold the record of winning 4 consecutive (2006-2009) championships!

More interesting facts:

Janel Birrenkott scored the highest points in Women's history, 757 points, and holds a record for the highest points in a game of 52 points.

Janice Logan was the first woman to be inducted in AAAD/USADB Hall of Fame.

In 2009, Shirley Platt became the first woman commissioner.

Ronda Johnson (MinnePaul) led a career high 57 3-pointers.

Nada Thomas (Houston Thunders) led a career high 341 rebounds.

As we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Women's program under AAAD/USADB, we look forward to many more milestones in the next 25 years.

Congratulations!

2015 Hall of Fame Inductees



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Shirley H. Platt

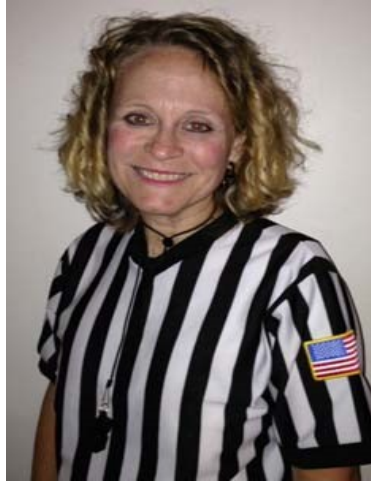
Leader



Shirley Hortie Platt, a native of Indiana, has served for 30 years as a leader and women's advocate in the deaf sports world. She started at Metro Washington Association of the Deaf (MWAD) as a club secretary and then athletic director. She became the first female officer in the Southeast Athletic Association of the Deaf (SEAAD) as their secretary-treasurer. She was the first woman to be elected secretary-treasurer in the American Athletic Association of the Deaf (AAAD). Shirley was a reckoning force in the AAAD as her drive and determination helped women's softball become an official sport under AAAD, followed by women's basketball. She served as the first and only Executive Director for the AAAD for 8 years and helped establish the AAAD Home Office in Ogden, Utah. Shirley then became USA Deaf Basketball's Public Relations Director from 1999 to 2000 and from 2002-2003. She also came out of retirement several times and helped salvage the nearly defunct USA Deaf Basketball by being the first female President/Commissioner of USADB until her final retirement. In addition, Ms. Platt, a skilled writer worked as a sportswriter for Deaf USA, Deaf Sports Review, AAAD Bulletin, DeeCee Eyes and Silent News. Shirley received numerous honors and awards including the USADSF 2006 Art Kruger Award and as "First Lady of the AAAD" into the USADSF Hall of Fame in 2012.

Marsha L. Wetzel

Official



Marsha Wetzel, a native of Connecticut who attended American School for the Deaf, is a deaf professional referee in America. She has refereed high school, college and some professional basketball games. Marsha became the first deaf referee in the history of NCAA Division I women's basketball. A skilled basketball player herself, Wetzel played at Gallaudet University, where she earned a B.S. She then earned a M.S. degree in Athletic Administration from Springfield College in Massachusetts in 1993 and a 2nd degree in Deaf Education from Western Maryland College in 1998. She earned Coach of the Year award after just one year coaching girls varsity basketball at the Model Secondary School for the Deaf in Washington D.C. from the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials. Marsha also represented the United States at two Deaflympics in 1985 and 1989 both earning gold medals. She also participated at the second International Deaf Referee Clinic that summoned 13 deaf referees from all over the world in Gallaudet University. While she was officiating NCAA Division III games, she was selected as the first deaf female referee in NCAA Division 1. Currently an instructor at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) at Rochester Institute of Technology at Rochester, NY Ms. Wetzel has played an exemplary role model with her education, hard work and commitment to the deaf sports.

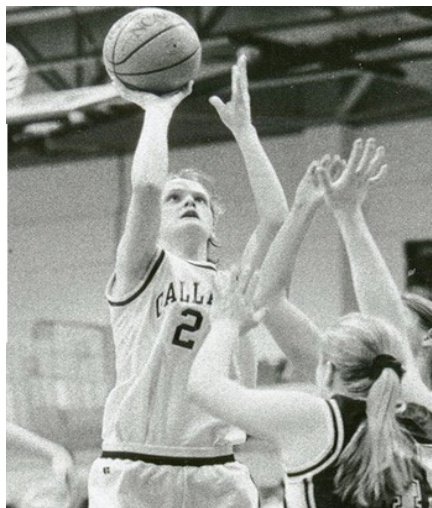
Ronald G. Johnson

Coach



Ronald Johnson, who hails from Deer River, Minnesota, graduated from Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf in 1966, was an exceptionally all around athlete. He has utilized his skills to coach his players for numerous years to win many awards and championship titles. Mr. Johnson played for MinnePaul Deaf Club basketball team from 1967 to 1978 earning his team 8 consecutive years with the Midwest Athletic Association of the Deaf (MAAD) championship title eventually leading to the win of the AAAD national championship titles in 1972 and 1973. Ron also participated in the Deaflympic men's basketball team in 1969 and 1973 winning gold medals both times. At the age of 29, Ronald married Shirley Hottle of Kansas in 1973 and they lived on a farm where they raised their 5 children, Robin, Shanada, Ronda, Shawn and Rochella Johnson. He returned to the deaf sports world as a coach for elementary, middle and high school girls and boys teams. This coaching tenure won his team the Great Plains School for the Deaf title 4 times for girl's basketball from 1994 to 1997 and the national championship title for Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf basketball title in 1995. He also coached the MinnePaul women's team to 10 MAAD titles between 1997 and 2008 and the national championship. Mr. Johnson also coached the Deaflympics women's basketball team and won the gold medal at Australia in 2005. Ronald was inducted in the USADSF Hall of Fame in 1986 as an athlete. He continued to coach for many years, recently for Faribault (MN) Deaf Club men's basketball team winning the 2015 MAAD Championship title and Coach of the Tournament award.

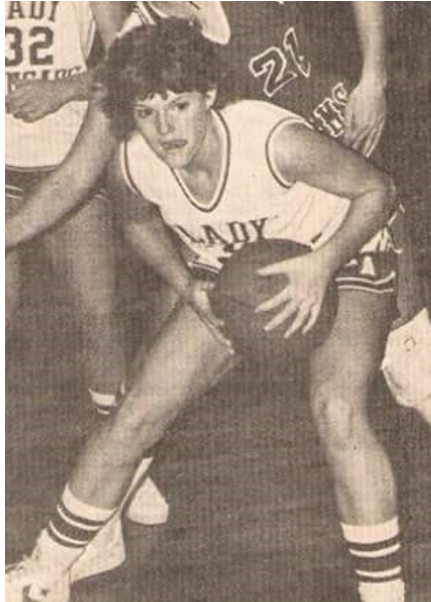
Ronda Jo (Miller) Donatucci Player



Ronda Jo attended and starred at the Minnesota School for the Deaf where she won the high school national title in 1995 along with another inductee, Ronda Johnson. She went to Gallaudet where she played for Gallaudet women's basketball team which reached to Sweet 16 round of NCAA Division 3. Miller flourished athletically leading the Gallaudet Bison to two Division III Women's Basketball championship appearances and leaving her name etched into NCAA record books as rebounding leader (1,545 rebounds) and also ranked third in scoring (2,656 points) and third in blocked shots (373). She was inducted in the Gallaudet Hall of Fame in 2008 and her jersey was retired in 2014. Shortly after, Ronda made history as the first deaf player to try out for a Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) team although she did not land a spot on the WNBA team. Before joining the Mystics, she played for Herlov in Denmark where she led the league in rebounding and helped her team win the championship and was voted best foreign player in the Denmark Elite Series League. Ronda Jo also played in 7 National Tournaments for MinnePaul averaging 22.3 points per game winning 3 championships; voted to 1st All-Star teams 5 times (2003, 2005, 2006, 2008, and 2010) and was voted Most Valuable Player in 2004. Currently, she is director of Student Life at the Metro Deaf School in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Paula Hamblin-Lorenz

Player



Paula Hamblin-Lorenz, who hails from Greenbrier, Arkansas, played basketball in high school district which led to a state championship and two times runner up; placed 4th in AAU all tournaments as top players out of 144 girls, won region and national tournaments while playing for the Jackson Mississippi Association of the Deaf in 1988-1992; Arizona team from 1993, 1995-96, 2005-06, and 2008 which placed her All Star and Most Outstanding Player and led her Arizona team to win USADB championships. Paula played in 9 national tournaments and averaged 9.7 per game; voted to 1st All-Star teams 3 times and voted Most Valuable Player in 2000. Ms. Hamblin-Lorenz also represented on Deaflympic team at 1994 Olympic Festival and played on the USA Deaflympics basketball team from 1993-2001. In 1993 and 1997, the team won gold. She received her third gold medal at the World Summer Games held in Cuba in 1995. Her fourth was received in 2001 as an assistant coach for the USA team. Currently, she is coaching girls' team at the Arkansas School for the Deaf.

Amanda Huser Player



Amanda Huser, a native of Indiana, has played for AAU since she was young and at Indiana School for the Deaf throughout high school winning the CSSD championship for 4 straight years and won two national titles (1999 and 2000). She surpassed 1,000 points at ISD too. She went on and played briefly at Gallaudet University. Then she went on and played for WSAD (Chicago), MinnePaul, Montgomery County and Indiana clubs and averaged 23.3 points per game in 7 national tournaments; voted as Most Valuable Player in 2005, two 1st All-Star team (2007 and 2010) and three 2nd All-Star teams (2002, 2009 & 2011). She is tied at third for most three pointers made and ranks 3rd in most points made in USADB history. Ms. Huser also played at the World Games for the Deaf in Greece. Amanda is currently employed at Indiana School for the Deaf and has been the school's Varsity girls head basketball coach since 2010 and led the girls to winning the 2011 Clerc Championship.

Barbara Hyde

Player



Barbara Hyde, who grew up in the San Francisco Bay area and played varsity basketball for four years at a public high school. She was named Northern California Player of the Year in 1984 and graduated cum laude from the University of Arizona on a full-ride scholarship. It was in Tucson, Arizona where she began playing basketball in the deaf club circuit mostly in the FAAD region. She also played in the Mid-west tournament and several Northwest tournaments. Barbara was just inducted in the 2015 NWADB Hall of Fame. Ms. Hyde was one of the first women to play for AAAD/USADB; she played in 7 national tournaments averaging 11.6 points per game; voted to 1st All-Star team 3 times (1992, 1995, and 1996) and 2nd All-Star teams 3 times (1991, 1999, and 2009); voted Most Valuable Player two times (1992 and 1996). Barbara was also a player and basketball coach in 5 Deaflympics winning gold medals, AAAD Goodwill Game and World Basketball championship over the course of 20 years spanning from 1989 to 2009. Ms. Hyde also volunteered for the USADB International Games from 2009 to 2012. Barbara is currently employed with the California School for the Deaf at Fremont.

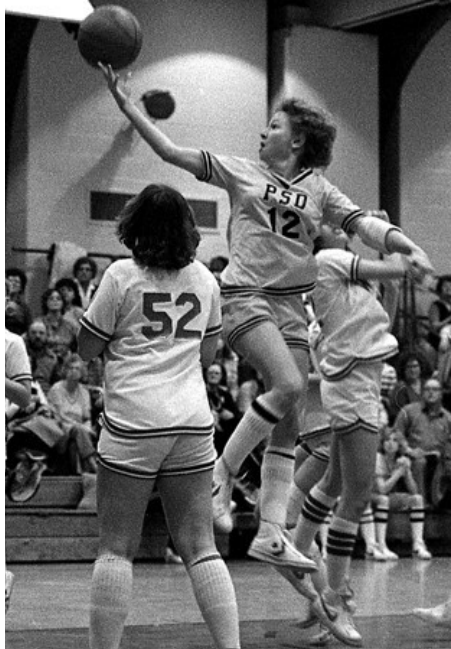
Ronda Johnson Player

(posthumously)



Ronda Beth Johnson, who was born in Kansas, spent most of her life on a farm in Minnesota. She started playing basketball when she was very young and eventually won 4 Greater Plains titles and high school national championships in 1995 along with other inductee, Ronda Jo (Miller) Donatucci. Ronda also was member of the 1,000 point club in MSAD history. Then she played for Gallaudet University from 1997-2001 and is also member of 1,000 point club at Gallaudet women's basketball history. After graduating from Gallaudet, she also played mostly for MinnePaul winning many Midwest titles and played in 9 national tournaments averaging 16.9 points per game. Voted to 5 straight 1st All-Star teams (2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004) and 2 – 2nd All-Star teams (2005 and 2009); Currently 5th in career points made with 491 points and holds USADB record for most 3 points made with 57. Ms. Johnson also played Deaflympics women basketball in 2001 and 2005 winning two gold medals. She passed away on July 18, 2013.

Sara Wummer Player



Sara Wummer who hails from Sinking Spring, Pennsylvania and was one of the first women players in AAAD/USADB history. During her freshman year at Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, she was selected on the varsity team with 4 senior players and made 1st Team All American for 4 years. Ms. Wummer had a career total of 2,064 points which still ranks in Pennsylvania history! Sara attended Gallaudet University and played basketball and held a record for the highest points in one game for 15 years before other inductee, Ronda Jo (Miller) Donatucci, broke her record. Sara was also a member of Deaflympic teams 3 times, winning gold medals each time in 1981, 1985 and 1989. Ms. Wummer currently is employed at the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf where she works as a Behavior Support in Student Life.



1991	Atlantic City, NJ	Metro Washington Association of the Deaf (DC)
1992	Little Rock, AR	Tucson
1993	New Orleans, LA	Tucson
1994	Akron, OH	Wichita
1995	Tucson, AZ	Metro Washington Association of the Deaf (DC)
1996	Hempstead, NY	Arizona Black Widows
1997	St. Louis, MO	West Suburban Association of the Deaf (Chicago)
1998	Orlando, FL	West Suburban Association of the Deaf (Chicago)
1999	Phoenix, AZ	Arizona Black Widows
2000	Providence, RI	Arkansas
2001	Atlanta, GA	Arizona Black Widows
2002	Indianapolis, IN	MinnePaul Association of the Deaf
2003	Towson, MD /Wash, DC	MinnePaul Association of the Deaf
2004	Orem, UT	MinnePaul Association of the Deaf
2005	Las Vegas, NV	Montgomery County Association of the Deaf (MD)
2006	St. Louis, MO	Arizona Black Widows
2007	Indianapolis, IN	Arizona Black Widows
2008	Orlando, FL	Arizona Black Widows
2009	Anaheim, CA	Arizona Black Widows
2010	Louisville, KY	Northern Virginia Club of the Deaf
2011	Bloomington, MN	Arizona Black Widows
2012	Spring, TX	Northern Virginia Club of the Deaf
2013	King of Prussia, PA	Arizona Black Widows
2014	Concord, NC	Showstoppers Stars
2015	Oakland, CA	

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YEAR	Women Coach	TEAM	SITE
1991	Emil Rassofsky	MWAD	Atlantic City, NJ
1992	Manuel Valencia	Tucson	Little Rock, AK
1993	LeRoy Pywell	Wichita	New Orleans, LA
1994	LeRoy Pywell	Wichita	Akron, OH
1995	Lindsey Heisey	MWAD	Tucson, AZ
1996	Manny Valencia	Arizona Black Widows	Hempstead, NY
1997	L. Heisey/D. Sampson	WSAD (Chicago)	St. Louis, MO
1998	Lindsey Heisey	WSAD (Chicago)	Orlando, FL
1999	Terry Wilding	Arizona Black Widows	Phoenix, AZ
2000	Acey Holt	Arkansas	Providence, RI
2001	Terry Wilding	Arizona Black Widows	Atlanta, GA
2002	Ron Johnson	MinnePaul	Indianapolis, IN
2003	Ron Johnson	MinnePaul	Towson/Wash. DC
2004	Ron Johnson	MinnePaul	Orem, UT
2005	Andy Duhon	MCAD (MD)	Las Vegas, NV
2006	Carolyn Wuertz	Arizona Black Widows	St. Louis, MO
2007	Carolyn Wuertz	Arizona Black Widows	Indianapolis, IN
2008	Carolyn Wuertz	Arizona Black Widows	Orlando, FL
2009	Ida Dotson	Arizona Black Widows	Anaheim, CA
2010	Chad Duhon	Northern Virginia CD	Louisville, KY
2011	Anthony Cipriano	Providence Hope	Bloomington, MN
2012	Daniel Biskupiak	Worcester Atomics	Spring, TX
2013	Gerald Brown	Arizona Black Widows	King of Prussia, PA
2014	Michael Halloran	Showstoppers Stars	Concord, NC
2015			Oakland, CA



YEAR**WOMEN'S M.V.P.**

1991	Debby Sampson, MWAD
1992	Barbara Hyde, Tucson
1993	Gwen Long, Tuscon
1994	Janel Birrenkott, Wichita
1995	Kim Cameron, MWAD
1996	Barbara Hyde, Arizona
1997	Jill Smithley, Los Angeles Paradise Jets
1998	Sarah Faber, Chicago
1999	Janel Birrenkott, Arizona
2000	Paula Hamblin, Arizona
2001	Ida Dotson, Arizona
2002	Shanda Johnson, MinnePaul
2003	Touria Ouahid, MCAD
2004	Rhonda Jo Miller, MinnePaul
2005	Amanda Huser, MCAD
2006	Ida Dotson, Arizona
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2009	Ida Dotson, Arizona
2010	Touria Boren, Northern Virginia
2011	Ida Dotson, Arizona
2012	Touria Boren, Northern Virginia
2013	Easter Faafiti, Arizona
2014	Nukeitra Hayes, Showstoppers Stars
2015	

AAAD-USADB Women All-Time Record

Championship Flight – One Game

<u>Team:</u>	<u>Player-Team</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Points</u>
Most Points	MCAD (Maryland)	2004	111
Most Points by both teams	Tucson & East Bay	1991	185
Most Most Field Goals	Tucson & Wichita	1991 & 1994	47
Most Free Throws Made	Providence	1991	27
Most Three Points Made	MCAD (Maryland)	2004	10
<u>Individual:</u>			
Most Points	Janel Birrenkott (Sioux Falls)	1991	52
Most FG Made	Janel Birrenkott (Wichita)	1994	19
Most FT Made	Joann O'Neill (Providence)	1991	16
Most Three Points Made	Connie Franks (Austin)	1993	5
	Touria Ouahid (MCAD-Maryland)	2004	5
Most Rebounds:	Easter Faafiti (Arizona)	2013	16
	Diana Rosario (Providence)	2014	16
Most Assists:	Ida Dodson (Arizona)	2004	10
Most Blocks:	Nada Thomas (West Texas)	2004	5
Most Steals:	Janel Birrenkott (Arizona)	2004	15

Consolation Flight – One Game

<u>Team</u>			
Most Points	Austin	1993	101
Most Points by both teams	Austin & Oakland	1993	162
Most Most Field Goals	Tucson	1993	43
Most Free Throws Made	Brooklyn	1993	21
Most Three Points Made	East Bay & Austin	1991 & 1993	5
<u>Individual</u>			
Most Points	MeeMee Neeley (Oakland)	1993	41
Most FG Made	MeeMee Neeley (Oakland)	1993	17
Most FT Made	Joann O'Neill (Providence)	1991	16
Most Three Points Made	Connie Franks (Austin)	1993	5
Most Rebounds	Hope Tyler (Florida)	2004	27
Most Assists	Gwen Long (Tucson)	1993	10
Most Blocks	Nada Thomas (West Texas)	2002 & 2004	9
Most Steals	Glena Gee (Lucky 8 - Utah)	2004	9

Three Games Total Record

Team

Most Points Made	Metro Washington	1993	275
Most Three Points Made	Minnesota	2004	15

Individual

Most Points	Janel Birrenkott (Wichita)	1994	102
Most FG Made	Ida Dotson (Arizona)	2004	39
Most FT Made	Ida Dotson (Arizona)	2004	21
Most Three Points Made	Touria Ouahid (MCAD-Maryland)	2004	9
Most Rebounds	Hope Tyler (Florida)	2004	51
Most Assists	Amy Seibert (DSA)	2013	15
Most Blocks	Nada Thomas (West Texas)	2001	16
Most Steals	Ida Dotson (Arizona)	2001	19
	Janel Birrenkott (Arizona)	2004	19

Four Games Total Record

Team

Most Points Made	Florida & Tampa Bay	2004	139
Most Three Points Made	Indianapolis	2002	4

Individual

Most Points	Shari Kelsch (Utah)	2002	39
Most FG Made	Shari Kelsch (Utah)	2002	12
	Hope Tyler (Florida)	2004	12
Most FT Made	Amanda Huser (Indianapolis)	2002	17
Most Three Points Made	Amanda Huser (Indianapolis)	2002	9
Most Rebounds	Shari Kelsch (Utah)	2002	66
Most Assists	Nicole Banks (Utah)	2002	23
Most Blocks	Nada Thomas (Texas)	2004	23
Most Steals	Hope Houghart (West Texas)	2004	14

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Most Tourney

1	Janel Birrenkott	13
2	Laura Edwards	13
3	Stacy Nowak	11
4	Ida Dotson	10
5	Sarah Faber	10
6	Leslie Decker	10
7	(5 ties)	9

Most Games

1	Laura Edwards	36
2	Nanette Virnig	36
3	Janel Birrenkott	34
4	Andres Anderson	33
5	Stacy Nowak	33
6	Nada Thomas	31
7	Nicole Gough	30

Most "2" Field Goals

1	Janel Birrenkott	291
2	Ida Dotson	229
3	Shari Keich-Baily	188
4	Ronda Jo Miller	169
5	Nada Thomas	168
6	Amanda Huser	152
7	Touria Quahid -Boren	146
	Sarah Faber	146

Most Free Throws

1	Janel Birrenkott	133
2	Touria Quahid -Boren	82
3	Amanda Huser	74
4	Ida Dotson	69
5	Shari Keich-Baily	65
6	Ronda Jo Miller	62
7	Nada Thomas	58

Most "3" Field Goals

1	Ronda Johnson	57
2	Rachel Nemmers	49
3	Toura Quahid-Boren	45
4	Amanda Huser	45
5	Davida Webster	34
6	Abigail Moore	27
7	Ronda Jo Miller	23

Most Points

1	Janel Birrenkott	757
2	Ida Dotson	530
3	Amanda Huser	513
4	Touria Quahid -Boren	509
5	Ronda Johnson	491
6	Ronda Jo Miller	469
7	Shari Keich-Bailey	441

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