The 2012 recipient of the NYS AHPERD Distinguished Service Award is Ed Woolston. Ed received his bachelor’s degree in health and physical education from The College At Brockport, his master’s degree in education from SUNY Potsdam and his Administrative Certification from St. Lawrence University. Ed was the Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics for 30 years at Colton-Pierrepont Central School, retiring in 1999. He served as the Town of Colton and Colton-Pierrepont Central School’s Director of Summer Recreation Programs for 20 years. Ed was the Section 10 representative on the NYS Public High School Central Committee for 20 years, and for 6 years he served on the Safety Committee. He has been involved with NYS AHPERD activities throughout his career and continues to serve the Association in retirement. He was a member of the NYS AHPERD Board of Directors for six years, serving as the board chair for three years, regularly traveling from Florida to attend meetings. He has been both the Retirees Section and Northern Zone President, a Turnkey Trainer for Goals 2000 and he organized many Zone and county staff development days. Since his retirement, Ed has volunteered at the NYS AHPERD Conference registration desk each year. He has received numerous awards including the Northern Zone Service Award, the Council of Administrators Special Service Award, Northern Zone Amazing Person Award and the Retiree Section Amazing Person Award. One of Ed’s fellow Board of Directors colleagues said “He is a true leader in every sense of the word. You will not find a more dedicated, zealous, committed and good natured person. He truly understands people and demonstrates sincere care and concern for everyone he comes into contact with.” Ed has dedicated his life to his profession, as a teacher, coach, administrator and volunteer, he is always willing to go the extra mile. President Quitoni, it is my privilege to present to you the recipient of the 2012 NYS AHPERD Distinguished Service Award, Ed Woolston.