



International Jugglers Association

Dear I JA Officers and Members,

It is with mixed emotions that I send to you and the I J A organization the hoops and clubs and many memories our family has cherished because of our connection with you jugglers.

Fifty-one years ago Eddy "Easy" Johnson and I were married in the parsonage of our church June 8, 1948. That evening we left for our honeymoon in Ocean City, New Jersey. This was the beginning of a lot of fun, love and happiness. Each day we spent time on the beach and this was the beginning of a new experience for me – learning to juggle! Before long, I found myself juggling balls, hoops and then – clubs! Over the years we, being active in church affairs, entertained many groups with juggling and magic.

At one time we were both officers in the I J A.

In the meantime, Eddy graduated from the Wharton School of the University of Pa. He was employed by the Federal Government for many years – took an early retirement and opened a Travel Agency escorting groups around the world. In 1976 he was elected to the Pa. House of Representatives until his retirement in 1992.

During these years he continued with the juggling and magic in his church.

Just before the Lord took him home to heaven, he requested that I donate our clubs and hoops to the I J A.

The clubs were made by Harry Lind, but Eddy himself designed the hoops. The clubs have had a lot of hard usage. The first set of hoops show their age; however the second set was newly painted and decorated and taken with us to the last convention we attended.

We trust these items, together with the pictures of many I J A members, will keep the enthusiasm going for more juggling and less misses!!!

Sincerely,

Eleanor M. Johnson