



INTRODUCING THE
1988
Recipient of
THE
JOSEPH G. ROGERS
AWARD
ARCHIE HARRIS

Following graduation from Gustavus Adolphus College where he competed as a swimmer and was elected to its Hall of Fame and after earning a Masters Degree from the University of Iowa, Archie Harris started a career in swimming, coaching and aquatic administration. While teaching at Monmouth, Illinois High School he developed a community aquatic program through the Monmouth YMCA. Following five years at Monmouth High School, Monmouth College and Monmouth YMCA he went to Illinois State University where he served as Swimming Coach until 1981. For a period of two years he served as Special Events Director for the Justus Aquatic Center in Orlando, Florida. While at Illinois State University he made the University aquatic facilities available to the local YMCA as opportunities to host swimming meets on local, sectional and state levels. In 1969 he served as Referee of the YMCA Men's National Swimming and Diving Championships. Except for the years of 1970 and 1971 he has served in that capacity.

Among his many accomplishments in Aquatics are:

- National YMCA Championship Referee for 17 years.
- Member of the YMCA of the USA Swimming and Diving Committee and its Executive Board
as well as:
 - Chairman of its Pool Standards Sub Committee.
 - Chairman of its Time Standards Sub Committee.
- Developed the YMCA Swimming and Diving All American Awards.
- Member of the College Swimming Coaches Association Forum Committee.
- Past member of the United States Swimming Rules Committee.
- Past member of the United States Olympic Swimming Committee.
- First recipient of the YMCA Conrad Carroll Award.
- Member of the Board of Directors of the International Swimming Hall of Fame.
- Chairman of the International Swimming Hall of Fame Honoree Selection Committee.

The measure of success or stature of a person is the effect that person has on other people. No job was too large nor too small for Archie to tackle and he did so always with a smile. Archie has touched many lives and has had a positive effect on all of them. He has instilled values in all of those he has taught, coached and associated with in his many years of education. His dedication to the YMCA and the sport of Swimming and Diving has meant a great deal to competitors, parents and associates alike.

Often it is said that the greatest gift one can give to humanity is the gift of a constructive, dedicated and creative life. Many have given these gifts to the YMCA competitive aquatic program. Archie Harris is one of these people. We are indeed proud to honor Archie Harris as the 1988 recipient of the Joseph G. Rogers Award.