

1999 Joseph G. Rogers Award

For dedication, accomplishment, and excellence in YMCA Competitive Swimming & Diving

Glenda Pae

Glenda Pae has been the cornerstone of competitive swimming and diving for various YMCA Aquatic Programs in the Central Pennsylvania area for over 30 years. As her many friends can attest, Glenda exemplifies all that is good in the YMCA competitive swimming world. A tireless and passionate woman, Glenda is truly an advocate of the benefits of competitive swimming, and through her efforts, thousands of youth continue to live enriched lives.

An outstanding leader and coach of the West Shore YMCA, Glenda Pae's teams amassed more than 24 State YMCA titles and runner up titles. During the 1970's and 1980's Glenda's teams finished in the top five and the top ten at the YMCA Nationals on numerous occasions. During her tenure as coach, Glenda produced several National YMCA and Junior Olympic Champions, as well as hundreds of Pennsylvania YMCA State and District Champions. Many of Mrs. Pae's "Y" graduates have gone on to swim competitively in college, receiving athletic scholarships at prestigious Universities all across the country.



Glenda's contributions go beyond competitive swimming. She has served as the East Field Regional Aquatic Coordinator, a Cluster Aquatic Coordinator, and as a YMCA National Trainer for aquatic instructors. Glenda has held professional memberships in the Council For National Cooperation in Aquatics, The American Association of Health Physical Education & Recreation, the PIAA and the American Red Cross.

Today Glenda serves a variety of administrative roles as the Senior Program Director of the Northern Dauphin County Branch YMCA and as the National Field Vice President of Competitive Swimming and Diving. In addition to her many career accomplishments, Glenda has worn many hats over the years. From organizing official's clinics and establishing a volunteer and officials base, to playing an instrumental role in the development of Summer League rules.

Due to her dedication and commitment to providing quality programs, Glenda's expertise has not only reached area and cluster programs, but at the national level she has served as the YMCA National Championship Assistant Meet Referee and Assistant National Championship Meet Director.

Glenda and her husband Robert of 42 years live in Dauphin, Pennsylvania. They have two sons, Robert Jr. and Jack; one daughter, Desiree; and six grandchildren.

Honors & Accomplishments

REGIONAL Inducted into the Penn State Swimming Hall of Fame (1996) / Developed the first annual M.A.R. Coaches Clinic (1984) / John deBarbadillo Aquatic Achievement Award (1984) / Cluster Program Recognition Award For Aquatics (1989-1990) / Volunteer of the Year - YMCA of the USA East Field (1994) / Senior Program Director, Northern Dauphin County YMCA (1992-Present)

NATIONAL Conrad Carrol Award for Competitive Swimming Officials (1992) / Author: "Keep Competitive Swim Programs Healthy & Fun," Perspective Journal/Association of Professional Directors / YMCA of the USA "Distinguished YMCA Competitive Swim Coach (1983) / YMCA Swim Coaches Association "Coaching Excellence" Award (1982) / Level III Competitive Swimming Official / Committee Chairman: Safe Competition Warm-Up Guidelines (1991) / YMCA National Swimming & Diving Committee (1993) / Assistant YMCA National Championship Meet Referee (1990-1998) / Assistant YMCA National Championship Meet Director (1999)

This award was established in 1974 as recognition of long and exceptional leadership, insight, dedication and friendship by a man or woman whose career touched and enriched the lives of countless young people. In his lifetime, Joe Rogers was the first recipient of the National Distinguished Service to Aquatics Award, was the organizer of the National Operating Council on Aquatics, represented the YMCA on the U.S. Olympic Men's Swimming Committee, and was the founder of the National YMCA Women's Swimming & Diving Championships established in 1966.

The Joseph G. Rogers Award statue is permanently located in the International Swimming Hall of Fame Museum in Fort Lauderdale, Florida with each honoree's name affixed in bronze to the base. A replica of the statue is presented to each honoree at the YMCA of the USA National Swimming & Diving Championships. The creator of the statue is Daniel Gluck, whose abstract religious and sports sculptures are on view in many public places around the United States. The beautifully sculpted award of bronze and marble stands over four feet in height, weighs nearly 1,000 pounds and has a mounted swimming figure that stretches nearly four feet in length.