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Recipient of

THE JOSEPH G. ROGERS AWARD

DR. HAROLD W. HENNING



Born in Lockport, New York, Dr. Harold Henning has been involved in swimming as a competitor, coach, official and administrator since age nine. Although successful in the practice of dentistry, Dr. Henning has perhaps made his greatest achievements in his avocation – Swimming. He learned to swim at the Lockport, New York YMCA, and became a member of the Lockport YMCA Swim Team at age ten. Competing in several National YMCA Championships he held a backstroke record that stood for many years. Dr. Henning served as a YMCA swimming instructor and YMCA camp staff member. Following his years as a competitor, he coached at North Central College developing world class swimmers, and at the same time worked as a volunteer for the Naperville, Illinois YMCA, whom he represented in competition years earlier. Following coaching he became involved in the administrative portion of swimming, ultimately serving as President of FINA. From competing to teaching and coaching, to officiating and administrative functions, Dr. Henning has done it all.

Some of his accomplishments are:

- Competed for Lockport, NY YMCA as an age-group swimmer.
- Participated in several National YMCA Championships.
- Broke the National YMCA Backstroke record and held that record for many years.
- Served as Chairman of the National AAU Men's Swimming Committee.
- Served as Chairman of the United States Olympic Men's Swimming Committee.
- Served as President of FINA for two terms of four years each.
- Served as Chairman of Aquatics for the 1959 Pan American Games.
- Served as Manager of the U.S. Swimming Team to the 1964 Olympics.
- Served as an official at many Olympiads.
- Served as special consultant on the President's Council for Physical Fitness.
- Founding President of the United States Aquatic Sports Federation.
- President of the International Swimming Hall of Fame.

Dr. Henning has received many honors for his role in national and international swimming, including the Decoration of Order of Sports First Class from Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, the Gold Medal of Sports from the Republic of China, the F.I.N.A. Prize Emminence, and election to the International Swimming Hall of Fame. In 1981, he was honored with the silver medal of the Olympic Order of the International Olympic Committee for his "outstanding merit in the cause of amateur sport and faithfulness to the Olympic ideal."

His participation in YMCA Aquatics, dating back to the Lockport YMCA was the foundation upon which his services to and accomplishments of competitive aquatics has benefited our sport.

We are indeed proud to honor Dr. Harold W. Henning as the 1985 recipient of the Joseph G. Rogers Award.