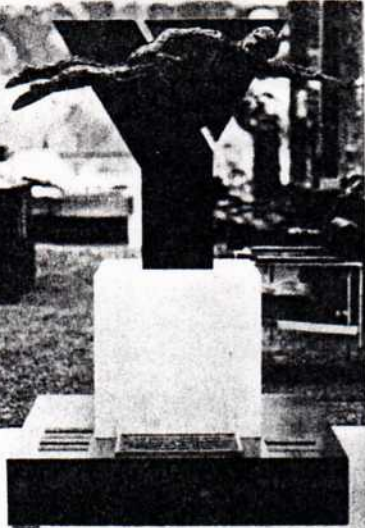


THE 1991 JOSEPH G. ROGERS AWARD

for Dedication, Accomplishments,
and Excellence
in YMCA Competitive
Swimming and Diving

is presented to

DR. JAMES E. COUNSILMAN



Growing up in St. Louis, Missouri, James Councilman swam for Ernie Vornbrock, long time coach of the Downtown YMCA. Competing in Butterfly-Breaststroke he won the National YMCA 200 Yard Butterfly-Breaststroke in Boston in 1939. He represented the Downtown YMCA in the National AAU Championships in 1941. Councilman credits Ernie Vornbrock as changing and directing his life. Vornbrock convinced Councilman he could succeed in college and made arrangements for Councilman to attend Ohio State University and to compete for the legendary Mike Peppe. While he was a college student, Councilman continued his YMCA involvement, teaching children to swim. He competed for the Downtown YMCA for a total of seven years, during which time he held most of the National YMCA records in the Butterfly-Breaststroke and several in the Individual Medley.

Among his many accomplishments are:

- Won Big Ten and AAU titles in 1946 and 1947 as a competitor.
- Coach of Indiana University from 1958 to 1990.
- His teams won 23 Big Ten Championships, including 20 in a row from 1961-80.
- His teams won six consecutive NCAA Championships.
- Coached the U.S. Olympic Men's Teams in 1964 and 1976.
- Twice named Coach of the Year in 1969 and 1970.
- Honoree, International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1976.
- Founding President of International Swimming Hall of Fame.
- Produced 59 Olympians.
- Became the oldest person to swim the English Channel, accomplishing the feat in 1979 at age 58.
- Served on the U.S. Olympic Swimming Committee for many years.
- His teams won 140 consecutive dual meets from 1966 until 1979, and went undefeated in the Big Ten from 1967 until 1979.

Participation in the YMCA Program in his early years provided a foundation for service to those whose interests and participation in Competitive Aquatics have greatly benefitted. His book "The Science of Swimming" which defined the most physiologically and biomechanically efficient use of strokes, printed in more than twenty languages, is considered a bible of the sport.

He has always held the YMCA in high esteem and has kept it very close to his heart. Jim always welcomed the opportunity to take part in YMCA coaching clinics, imparting his knowledge and support to young and aspiring YMCA coaches.

The measure of success or stature of a person is the effect that person has on other people. Jim Councilman has touched many lives. 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 sport of swimming is unsurpassed and has meant a great deal to competitors and associates alike.

The greatest gift one can give to humanity is the gift of a constructive, dedicated and creative life. Jim Councilman is one of those rare people who have given these gifts to those whose lives he has touched.

We are indeed proud to honor Dr. James Councilman as the 1991 recipient of the Joseph G. Rogers Award.

This award was established in 1974 as recognition of long and exceptional leadership, insight, dedication and friendship by a man whose YMCA career has 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 and Diving Championships established in 1966.

The Joseph G. Rogers Award statue is permanently located in the International Swimming Hall of Fame Museum, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, with each Honoree's name affixed in bronze on the base. A replica of the statue is presented to each Honoree at the YMCA of the USA National Swimming and Diving Championships.

The creator of the statue is Daniel Gluck, whose abstract religious and sports sculptures (including the Brian Piccolo Award) are on view in many public places around the United States. The beautifully sculptured 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.

