

INTRODUCING THE

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Recipient of

THE JOSEPH G. ROGERS AWARD

JAMES R. STOCKER



In his sincere dedication, leadership and service to the Y.M.C.A. in the area of Competitive Swimming and Diving, Jim exemplifies all of the outstanding qualities expected of the individual deserving of this fine award.

Some of the credits to his many accomplishments during his more than twenty years of lay leadership are:

- Responsible for rewriting and reorganizing the Girls' Competitive Swimming Program for Metropolitan Chicago Y.M.C.A. as well as the Competitive Swim Rules for both boys and girls in District I, Illinois Area in the late 1950's.
- Selected Layman of the Year, by the Illinois area Health and Physical Education Congress.
- First and only Chairman of the National Y.M.C.A. Women's Swimming and Diving Program.
- Hosted the first joint Men's and Women's National Swimming and Diving Championships in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.
- Member of the United States Olympic Committee for eight years.
- Women's Meet Manager for the 1972 U.S. Olympic Swimming Trials in Chicago, Illinois and appointed Men's Meet Manager for the 1976 U.S. Olympic Trials to be held in Long Beach, California.
- Under his guidance and direction the National Meet participation has increased from about 350 participants to more than 1500, and has elevated the Y.M.C.A. "Nationals" from minor to major status, making it the world's largest senior event.
- Selected the first Chairman of the National Y.M.C.A. Operating Council for Competitive Swimming and Diving where he initiated equal Area and Regional representation and participation and the National Y.M.C.A. Swim Officials and Coaches Certification Programs.

An inspiring and dedicated Layman in the Y.M.C.A. movement, Jim has guided and directed this National Y.M.C.A. Program to great heights and making it the finest in the country today. He has touched the lives of literally thousands of people from across the country. He has earned the respect of all people he has come in contact with. It is with great pride that we present this award to him.

Thanks, Jim, for giving us your devoted service.

