

# INTRODUCING THE

1979

Recipient of

THE JOSEPH G. ROGERS AWARD



## JOHN deBARBADILLO

John deBarbadillo spent his entire YMCA career in Physical Education at the York, Pennsylvania YMCA, a span of forty-five years, making the York aquatic program consistently one of the finest in the country. His work in the Pennsylvania area and the Middle Atlantic Region contributed greatly to those areas becoming recognized as leaders in YMCA Aquatics.

The current National YMCA Tadpole Program is the result of John's dedicated work. He authored the Tadpole Swimming Instruction Manual, "Teaching The Very Young To Swim".

deBarb, as he affectionately is known, has over the period of years received many local and regional awards. Those he has received nationally are as follows:

- Achieved and awarded title, "Director of Physical Education" (1968), (Subject of Thesis) "A Station to Station Method of Teaching the Crawlstroke".
- Elected "A Fellow in Physical Education" (1968).
- Roberts-Gulick Memorial Award (1969) granted by the Physical Education Society of the YMCA of North America. (The highest achievement award to Physical Directors in YMCA Physical Education.)
- National YMCA Aquatic Committee Award for Distinguished Service to YMCA Aquatics (1970).
- Delegate to the eighth World Consultation on Health and Physical Education, Munich, Germany (1972).
- Citation for "Contributions made through Sports and Physical Fitness" by President Richard M. Nixon via Captain James A. Lovell (1973).

John retired in 1974, but has kept active even though "retired" as a member of the Middle Atlantic Region Aquatic Committee, the Middle Atlantic Region Competitive Swimming Committee, and the National YMCA Competitive Swim Council.

The greatest gift a man can give to his fellow man is the gift of a constructive, dedicated and creative life. Many have given these gifts to the YMCA Aquatic and Competitive program, but none more than John deBarbadillo.

We are indeed proud to honor John deBarbadillo as the 1979 Recipient of the Joseph G. Rogers Award.