

# INTRODUCING THE

## 1982

Recipient of

THE JOSEPH G. ROGERS AWARD

### LOUIS A. COX



Louis A. Cox over the years has given unselfishly of all his time and talent to further the growth and development of all aspects of YMCA Aquatics. His YMCA career, both as a student and teacher, has spanned over fifty-six years.

He grew up in Dayton, Ohio and as a youth was very active in the YMCA. As a young man he decided to make the YMCA a career and enrolled in Springfield College where he earned a M. S. in Physical Education. After serving as Physical Director in Westfield, Massachusetts, he returned to Dayton, Ohio where he stayed until his retirement a few years ago.

He served as a member of the National YMCA Aquatic Committee from 1954 to 1969, being a member of its executive committee from 1963 to 1969.

Among his accomplishments in the field of swimming are:

- Participated as a swimmer in four National Championships.
- Coached three National Championship winners.
- Hosted two National Championships.
- Served as Aquatic Commissioner for the Ohio-West Virginia Area.
- Recipient of the National YMCA Leadership Award.
- Served as Chairman of the National YMCA Sports Records Committee.
- Editor of Aquatic News Section of the Journal of Health and Physical Education and later served as Editor-in-Chief of the Journal.
- Served as a representative to many National YMCA Aquatic Conferences.
- Taught and trained many present-day YMCA aquatic leaders.

In 1959, 1960, and 1961 he literally kept the National Swimming and Diving Championships alive by foresight and encouragement of Association participation in the Dayton Area.

He taught so many children to swim that he carries the reputation both in Westfield and in Dayton of having literally taught the "city" to swim during his tenure at each place.

Lou Cox is now retired and continues to reside in Dayton. He has maintained his interest in aquatics and this interest throughout his career has had a great impact on YMCA Aquatics, especially Competitive Swimming and Diving.

We are indeed proud to honor Louis A. Cox as the 1982 recipient of the Joseph G. Rogers Award.