

The 1994 Joseph G. Rogers Award

for Dedication, Accomplishments
and Excellence in
YMCA Competitive
Swimming and Diving
is presented to

Lynn L. Rickert



Lynn Rickert's involvement with the YMCA dates back to his youth as an age group swimmer at the Huntington YMCA where he later served as a lifeguard and team captain during his years in high school. A star breaststroke champion, Lynn swam on five YMCA national championship teams and participated in six national championships.

Upon graduating from high school in the 1960's, Lynn attended college at Ball State University and still found enough time to volunteer as an assistant high school coach which led him to a six year position as head coach of the Kettering YMCA.

Lynn initiated summer swim programs in Union City and Winchester, Indiana and has officiated at the local, state and national levels. A member of the National YMCA Swimming Committee, Lynn is a registered Level II and III YMCA official and has served as Assistant Meet Director at the Short Course National Championships for 6 years and the Long Course National Championships for 5 years as well as serving as the Meet Director at the Short Course National Championships for 6 years.

Lynn currently lives in Union City, Indiana with his wife MaryAnn and their children Jason, Jenny and Jill, where he works as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Union Trust Bank.

His many accomplishments include:

- ◆ **President, National YMCA Competitive Swimming & Diving Committee**
- ◆ **Member of the Olympic International Operating Committee**
- ◆ **Member of United States Swimming Board of Directors**
- ◆ **Member of United States Swimming Reimbursement Committee**
- ◆ **Past President, National YMCA Board of Directors**
- ◆ **Past Treasurer, National YMCA Competitive Swimming & Diving Committee**
- ◆ **Past Meet Director, National YMCA Short Course Championships, 6 years**
- ◆ **Member of Greenville YMCA Board of Directors, 9 years**
- ◆ **Board member of Randolph County YMCA**
- ◆ **Fund-raising campaign member for additions to Randolph County YMCA**
- ◆ **Member of Swim-A-Thon Committee of United States Swimming, 4 years**

Lynn is honored not only for his many years of dedication and service to the YMCA, but for setting an example of leadership to everyone. Volunteering and the willingness to give of yourself to others sums up Lynn Rickert.

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.

