

# INTRODUCING THE

## 1981

Recipient of

### THE JOSEPH G. ROGERS AWARD



## MARGARET KELSO

Margaret Kelso, known affectionately as Peggy, has done a great deal for YMCA Competitive Swimming. A graduate of George Williams, a YMCA College, Peg has given time and talent for more than thirty-one years to YMCA Competitive Swimming. From coaching to teaching to officiating to administrative functions, Peg has done it all. Some of her accomplishments are:

- Swim Team Coach, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.
- Women and Girls Program Director, South Chicago, Illinois, YMCA.
- Developed procedures for Chicago YMCA female swimmers to qualify for the Illinois State Swimming Championships.
- Served on the National YMCA Aquatic Committee.
- Helped develop Manuals for Progressive Swimming and Life Saving.
- Presently serves as First Vice Chairman of the National YMCA Swim Council.
- Registered YMCA Swimming Official.
- Registered AIAW Swimming Official.
- Registered Illinois High School Association Official.
- Member Northern Illinois Board of Officials for Women's Sports. (Has served as Chairman for nine years.)
- Serves as Clinic Instructor for YMCA and Aiaw Officials Certification Programs.

Peggy, currently chairman of the Women's Department of Physical Education, Rosary College in River Forest, Illinois, has received the YMCA Leadership Award.

Her contribution to the National YMCA Swimming and Diving Program has been most important. In 1965 & 1966, she chaired a committee to establish policies and procedures for a Women's National Swimming and Diving Meet. She laid her reputation on the line. The success of this program and its steady growth through the years is a tribute to her dedication and gift of knowledge.

The greatest gift one can give to humanity is the gift of a constructive, dedicated, and creative life. Many have given these gifts to the YMCA Aquatic and Competitive Program. Peggy ranks among the top of the list. Without her dedication and creativeness, the Women's Nationals, as we know them, would not be in existence.

We are indeed proud to honor Margaret Kelso as the 1981 Recipient of the Joseph G. Rogers Award.