

INTRODUCING THE

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Recipient of

THE JOSEPH G. ROGERS AWARD

G. ROBERT MOWERSON



Born in Ann Arbor, Michigan, G. Robert Mowerson became a member of the YMCA at age nine. He participated not only in YMCA Aquatics but volleyball and basketball as well. After high school, he swam at the University of Michigan under the legendary Matt Mann. Mowerson was an NCAA and National AAU Champion. After college he coached swimming at Battle Creek Central High School, Michigan State University and University of Minnesota where he coached several National Champions.

His achievements in Swimming Administration are as outstanding as his coaching. As a member of the Olympic Swimming Committee he was the principal organizer of Swimming Training Camps at U.S. Olympic Training Centers in Colorado Springs, Colorado and Squaw Valley, California.

Among his many accomplishments are:

- World Record in 400 yard Freestyle Relay (1937).
- USA Dominant High School Coach for sixteen years.
- Head Coach, U.S. Swimming Team 1971 Pan American Games.
- Assistant Coach, Michigan State University.
- Head Coach, University of Minnesota.
- President of NISCA.
- Recipient of the YMCA Conrad Carroll Award in 1985.
- Director of U.S. Olympic Swimming Trials 1972 & 1976.
- Chairman NCAA Swimming Rules Committee.
- Chairman of International Swimming Hall of Fame Selection Committee.
- Member International Swimming Hall of Fame Board of Directors.
- Secretary/Treasurer of College Swim Coaches Association.
- Recipient U.S. National Collegiate and Interscholastic Swimming Trophy.
- Vice Chairman U.S. Olympic Swimming Committee.
- Chairman of the CSCAA Swim Forum.
- Recipient of Master and Distinguished Coach Awards.
- Member of the YMCA of the USA Swimming and Diving Committee.
- Chairman of YMCA Swimming Rules Committee.
- Honoree State of Minnesota Hall of Fame.
- Honoree University of Minnesota Hall of Fame.
- Honoree International Swimming Hall of Fame.

His participation in YMCA activities dating back to the Ann Arbor YMCA is part of the foundation upon which his services to and accomplishments of competitive aquatics has benefited our sport. "No one man has had his foot, head and certainly his heart in so many levels of Swimming".

The measure of success or stature of a person is the effect that person has on other people. Bob Mowerson has touched many lives and has had a positive effect on all of them. His dedication to the Sport of Swimming has meant a great deal to competitors, parents and associates alike.

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 competitive Aquatic Program. Bob Mowerson is one of these people. We are indeed proud to honor G. Robert Mowerson as the 1987 recipient of the Joseph P. Rogers Award.