

THE 1992 JOSEPH G. ROGERS AWARD

for Dedication, Accomplishments,
and Excellence
in YMCA Competitive
Swimming and Diving

is presented to

SUSAN D. CLAYTON



Susan Clayton over the years has given unselfishly of her time and talent to further the growth and development of YMCA aquatics. Born in Wayne, Pennsylvania, Sue competed in swimming in her younger years. Following graduation from the Sargent College of Physical Education, Boston University, she taught at Friends Select School in Philadelphia where she introduced many new and innovative activities, including a program for young swimmers. Swimming was Sue's true love and found her leaving the famous Suburban Swim Club in 1964 to begin a new career in the YMCA. This career continued until her retirement in 1990. She continues her Y work as a volunteer swim instructor at Western Main Line, Pennsylvania, YMCA.

Among her many accomplishments in the field of swimming are:

- State Board Aquatic Director for the Eastern Middle Atlantic Region (East Field).
- Her women's teams were State Champions for seven straight years.
- Her men's teams were State Champions for five consecutive years.
- Formed Little Pines Day Camp, providing camp activities and swimming lessons for underprivileged youth.
- Did pool therapy work with heart attack, accident and cerebral palsy victims and others suffering from mental disturbances.
- Coached Masters teams, winning the National YMCA Masters Swimming Championship in 1977.
- Initiated infant water safety programs.
- Member of the YMCA of the USA Swimming and Diving Committee as the East Field Competitive Coordinator.
- Served as Records Chair and Top Sixteen Chair for the YMCA Competitive Swimming and Diving Program.
- Chosen to be the central figure in "EVERYBODY SWIMS, EVERYBODY WINS", a film presentation of the National YMCA Swimming and Diving Committee.

"Sue's contributions to YMCA Competitive Swimming and Diving have affected the lives of literally thousands of youth and professionals across the country. There are not many people who have made such a significant impact. The impact and magnitude of her organizational expertise and decisive nature has served all of us in her professional examples."

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 Program. Sue is one of those people. We are proud to honor Susan D. Clayton as the recipient of the 1992 Joseph G. Rogers Award.

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.

