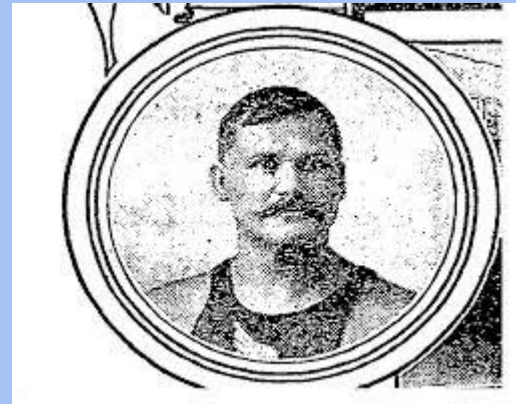


Edgar Holmes Adams -2019

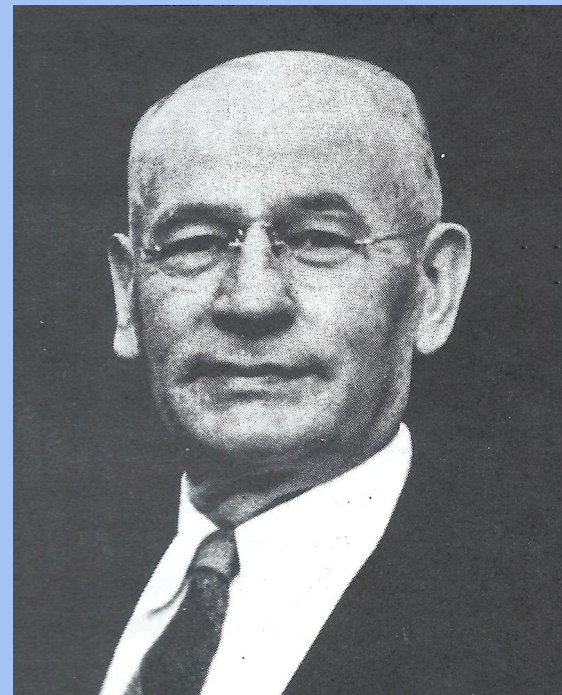
Edgar was a competition diver and swimmer. He represented the United States at the 1904 Summer Olympics in St. Louis, Missouri, where he won a silver medal in the men's plunge for distance event, finishing behind compatriot William Dickey. Competing in the swimming events at the 1904 Summer Olympics, he finished fourth in the 220-yard freestyle, 880-yard freestyle, and the 4×50 yard freestyle relay. He also competed in the one-mile freestyle but did not finish the race. In 1880 he was severely injured when a shotgun blast accidentally hit him in the leg, leaving him with difficulty walking and requiring use of a cane for the rest of his life. To overcome this disability he took up swimming for exercise. Adams joined up with the Bath Beach Swimming Club and later swam for the Human Fish Club and the New York Athletic Club. He won the Metropolitan AAU Championship for plunging from 1902-05.



J.C. “Doc” Ainsworth

Ainsworth came to Erie in 1914 to become physical director of the Y.M.C.A., where he developed Olympic calibre swimmers — many of whom learned their first strokes from him — like Adam Smith, Tommy O’Dea, Allan Cross and Achilles Pulakos. With good reason, Ainsworth came to be considered one of the world’s best swimming coaches. He trained and developed the Central High School relay team that broke the world’s 160-yard freestyle record three times in one year. That same team held the High School Championship of the United States from 1919 through 1923. Ainsworth’s Y.M.C.A. swimming team won the International Y.M.C.A. Championship. He was most influential in bringing about the building of the new municipal swimming pools in Erie; he has been honored in the naming of a large athletic complex; and he selected as Erie’s leading citizen in the first half of the 20th Century.

Ainsworth served as Physical Director at the Y.M.C.A. for 25 years. He was also a key figure at the Erie Boys Club and went on to serve for years as a principal in the Erie School District. Throughout his career, he developed everything from talented basketball players, swimmers and gymnasts to the coaches themselves. It was during his successful sports and administrative career that Doc came to influence many of the top coaches in Erie history — like Art Weibel, Carmen Mazza and Reno Strand, to name a few.



Jane Louise Barkman -2017

Jane, also known by her married name Jane Brown, is a former American Olympic champion and world record-holder. Jane grew up in the Philadelphia area and competed for Vesper Boat Club. During her swimming career, Barkman had won three AAU titles and earned 2 Olympic Gold Medals and 1 Bronze. She represented the United States as a 17-year-old at the 1968 Summer Olympics in Mexico City. She won a gold medal as a member of the winning U.S. team in the women's 4×100-meter freestyle relay. She and her relay teammates set a new Olympic record of 4:02.5 in the event final. Individually, she also received a bronze medal for her third-place, and American sweeping performance, in the women's 200-meter freestyle. Four years later at the 1972 Summer Olympics in Munich, Germany, she was also part of the U.S. team that won the gold medal in the women's 4×100-meter freestyle relay, setting a new world record of 3:55.19 in the final, narrowly edging the East German team. Jane Barkman was formerly the coach of the Princeton Tigers women's swimming and diving team at Princeton University. She is the mother of two sons and a daughter. She now resides in a small town in Pennsylvania and is a kindergarten teacher.



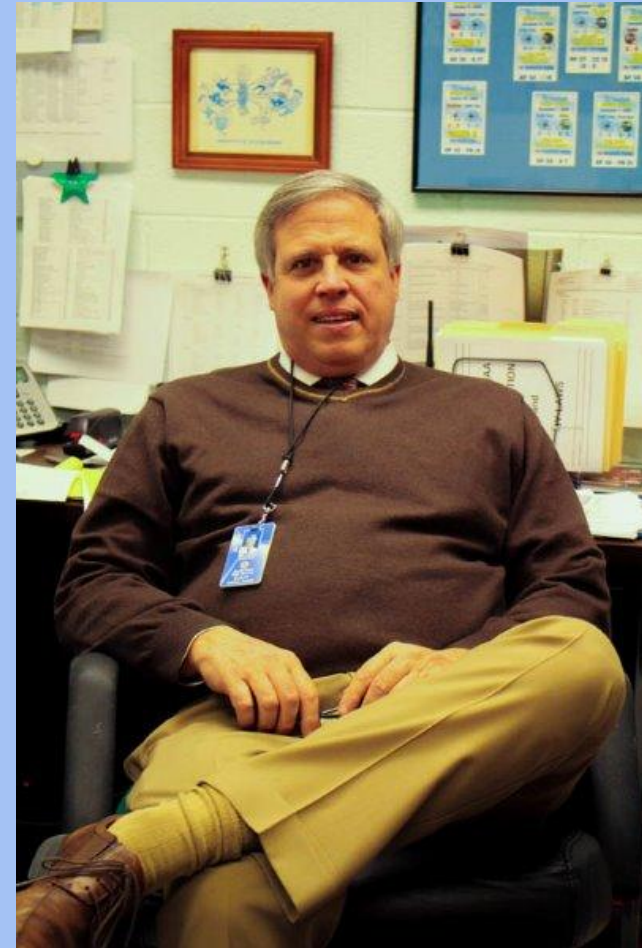
Paul Barren -2011

Mr. Barren was a standout high school athlete who participated in football, basketball, and baseball. While in school, Paul also participated in boxing and swimming at the local Norristown YMCA. Paul played football at Kutztown State for two seasons before transferring to West Chester State where he was a member of the swimming team and broke team records in the butterfly and freestyle events. He also played on the West Chester Club water polo team. After graduation, Paul competed for the Philadelphia Water Polo Club composed mostly of German and Hungarian ex-patriots. The level of play that he encountered with that team piqued his interest in the sport, and it was pursued with vigor. While teaching math and serving as the line coach in football at Lower Moreland High School, Paul received permission to start a water polo team. He coached the team for the next 20 years, taking them to Europe twice to compete in tournaments. Overall, his record was 444-117-5. Mr. Barren began officiating games in the early 70s and quickly advanced to AAU and USWP games in the summer. He received his National Certification in 1973. As Paul's stature in the officiating community grew he was able to earn a FINA rating in 1978. Barren worked in major National Championships at the collegiate level and many major international tournaments including the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World University Games, among others. Paul finished his career working high school games in Pennsylvania.



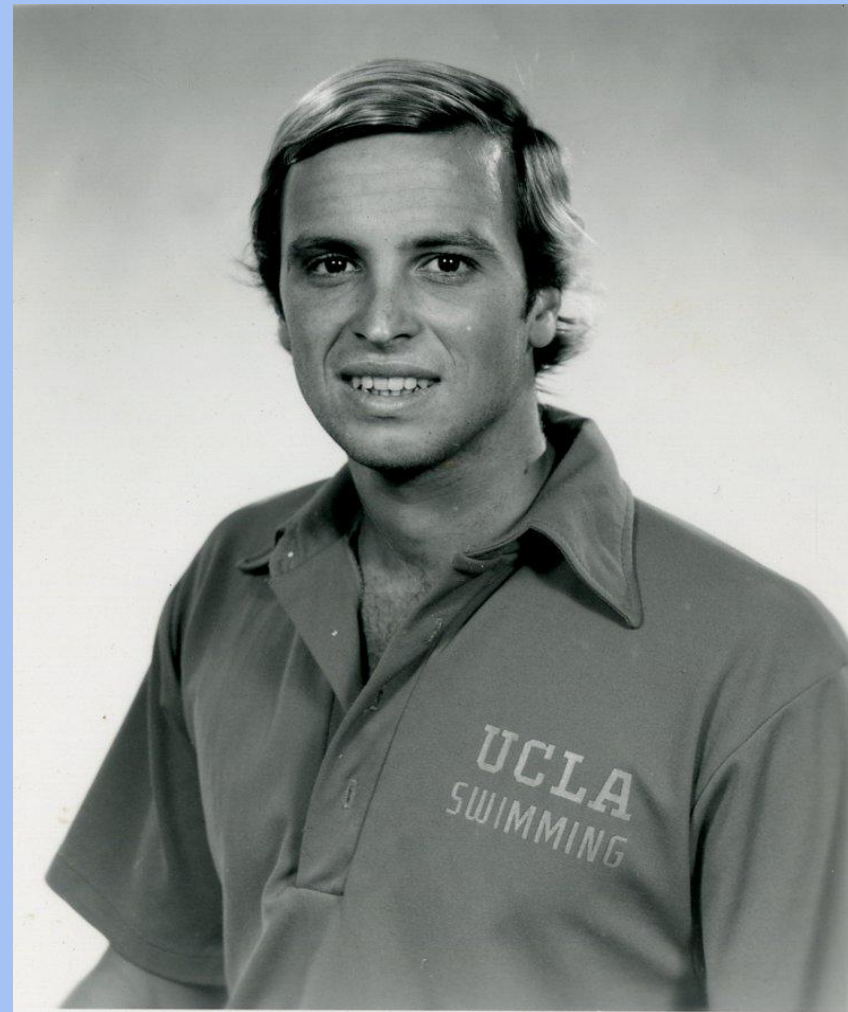
Bill Bartle -2013

Simply put, Bill has quite an extensive resume in the field of aquatics. Beginning in 1975 as a swimmer for North Penn High School, Bill competed at the State Championships every year earning All-American status in the 400 free relay three times, 200 IM two times, and 100 free once. He won state gold in 1978 in the IM and 100 free in record time, while also winning gold three consecutive years as a member of the NP 400 free relay team which broke the state record each year. During his years swimming at North Penn, the team record was 56-1 with 2 State Championships and 1 State Runner-Up. Also, it was during these years that he was part of the Middle Atlantic Europe Team in 1976 and was a National Qualifier in 1977 and 1978. This success led him to a scholarship to the University of Maryland in 1978, the same year he was named Captain at Team Foxcatcher. At Maryland he was awarded All East Coast and All Atlantic Coast Honors while also earning the William R. Campbell Award which is given to the individual swimmer who contributed the most to the program during his tenure. Furthermore, Bill's aquatic career was only just beginning as he became Head Boys and Girls Swimming and Water Polo Coach at Reading High School in 1985 until 1994. During his tenure, he coached 17 Swimming and 2 Water Polo All-Americans. In 1989 his Reading Girls Swimming & Diving Team brought home the PIAA State Championship. This success led him back home to North Penn, where he continued to coach both Water Polo and Swimming which culminated in numerous All-Americans and Coaching Awards. Most notably, in coaching the Boys Swimming & Diving team, Bill compiled a record of 81-0 with 6 League and District Championships, 4 PIAA State Championships and 1 Runner-Up from 1996-2000. The 2000 season concluded with a National Interscholastic Coaches Association Number 1 ranking in the country. On the water polo side, Bill coached the North Penn Boys to 4 League and Conference Titles, and 1 PIAA State Title while posting a 120-36 mark. He is presently the Girls Water Polo Coach where he is nearing 300 wins and only 42 losses and 4 PIAA State Titles.



Anthony “Tony” Bartle -2020

Tony was a four-year high school All-American swimmer who competed at LaSalle College before attending North Penn HS for his senior year. He was a two-time Catholic MVP. While at North Penn HS, Tony was the PIAA State Champion in the 200 and 500-yard freestyle as well as a member of the 400 free relay. After high school, Tony attended UCLA on a full scholarship where he was a 9 time All-American and NCAA finalist in the 500 yd. free, 200 yd. butterfly, and 800 yd. freestyle relay (1977-1980). Other accolades at UCLA were: Team Captain, MVP (1977), Most Inspirational Swimmer (1980), and Coaches Award (1980). On the National and International level, Tony was a 6-time High Point Award winner at the Middle Atlantic Swimming Championships and a two-time Kiputh Award winner at the Eastern Long Course Swimming Championships. Most impressively, Tony is a two-time American record holder. He placed fourth at the US Olympic Trials in the 200-meter butterfly and was ranked fifth in the world in that event. Tony was a silver medalist at the US National Championships on three different occasions and was a 5 time US National team member. Over the years he was ranked in the top 10 in the world in 4 events (200 butterfly, 200, 400 and 1500 freestyle). Tony closed his career at the 1980 US Olympic Trials with a 4th place finish in the 400 Freestyle and a 6th place finish in the 200 Butterfly. In his last swim at that meet, all 8 finalists bettered the silver medalists time from the 1980 Olympics in Moscow. Tony proudly joins his brother Bill, as a member of the PA Aquatics Hall of Fame.



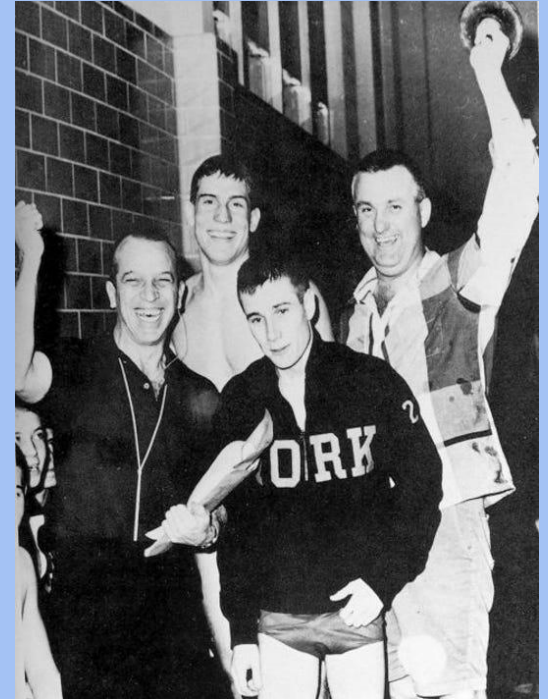
David Charles Berkoff -2017

David Charles Berkoff is an American former competition swimmer, Olympic Champion, and former world record-holder in two events. Berkoff was a backstroke specialist who won a total of four Olympic medals during his career at two different Olympic Games. He is best known for his powerful underwater start, the eponymous "Berkoff Blastoff". At the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul, South Korea, he won a gold medal by swimming the backstroke leg for the winning U.S. men's team in the men's 4×100-meter medley relay. Individually, he also won a silver medal by placing second in the men's 100-meter backstroke. Four years later at the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona, Spain, Berkoff earned another gold medal by swimming backstroke in the 4×100-meter medley relay. He also won a bronze medal by placing third in the 100-meter backstroke. David Berkoff was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame as an "Honor Swimmer" in 2005.



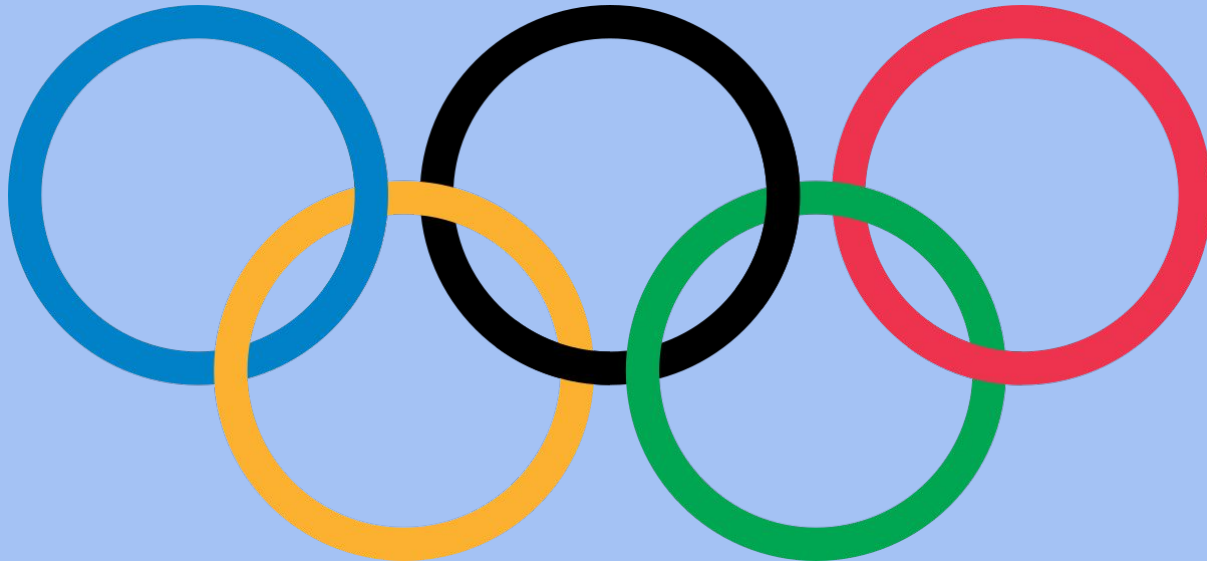
Charles L. Boeckel

During his 21 years as the swimming coach at York High School, his teams won 20 of the District III Championships, 13 Eastern Regional Championships, 9 State Championships, and 2 Pittsburgh Invitational meets. Thirty-seven of his swimmers attained All-American status; three of his relay teams and one individual swimmer held National Interscholastic records. He coached 74 state champions in 34 events. And under coach Charles Boeckel, the Bearcats embarked on an unprecedented string of team and individual state titles. The program won 11 of the state's first 24 team titles, and York swimmers claimed at least one individual or relay gold from 1939-48 and 1950-69. Former standouts Bill Schmidt, who took part in five Olympic Trials, and '48 bronze medalist Bob Sohl, are just two of the names that bolstered the team's lasting legacy.



Frank Bornamann- 2021

Frank was the United States Champion on the 3-metre springboard indoors in 1909, 1911, and 1912. He was born in Allentown and represented the Chicago Athletic Association. Primarily a diver, Frank Bornamann also competed in swimming at the 1906 Olympics. On the trip to Athens aboard the ship *Barbarossa*, the US athletes were on the deck when a huge wave hit the ship. Distance runner Harvey Cohn was almost thrown overboard but was saved by the quick action of Bornamann. Bornamann was injured during the incident, which probably prevented him from being at his best in the games.



Julia Bowers *****

Richard D. Bradshaw -1984

University of Pittsburgh Head Coach: Men's 1971-81, 1987-89;

University of Pittsburgh Head Coach: Women's 1976-1981

Wins -133, 17 losses, 1 tie

40 All American, 3 Olympians, 9 Conference Championships.

Bethel Park High School Head Coach (1965-1969)

Men: Wins -58, 3 losses; Women: Wins -21, 0 losses.

AAU Club Team coaching 1957-70: Wins -48, 2 losses

League champions 12 out of 14 years

Director 1982-88 Big East Swimming and Diving Championships

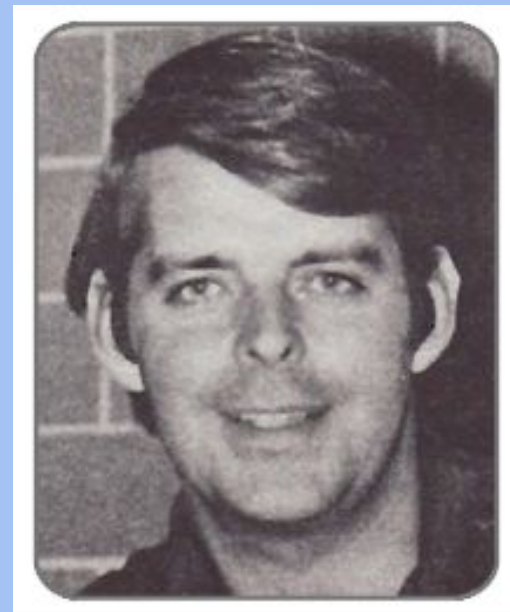
Director 1979 AIAW National Swimming Championships

Olympic and National Development Swim Program Coach.

Founded the Pennsylvania High School Swimming Coaches Association in 1967

Eastern Athletic Conference Coach of Year -1976, 1977, 1978

1984 inducted PA Swimming Hall of Fame

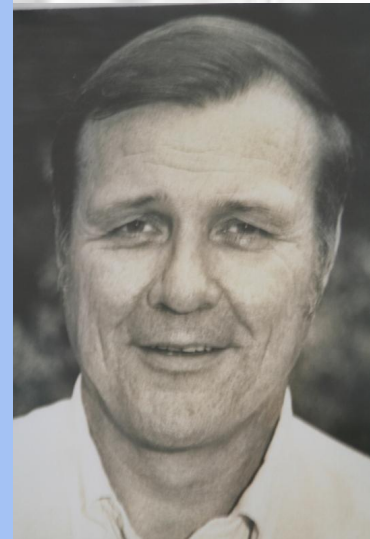


George Breen

Breen was born in Buffalo, New York. He was a champion rower for Bishop Timon High School in Buffalo, and the West Side Rowing Club. He began swimming competitively as a 17-year-old freshman at Cortland State University under coach Doc Counsilman, almost a decade later than most of his future rivals. Breen represented the United States at the 1956 Summer Olympics in Melbourne, Australia. As a member of the second-place U.S. team in the men's 4×200-meter freestyle relay, Breen earned a silver medal, together with Dick Hanley, Bill Woolsey and Ford Konno. He also took bronze medals in the 400-meter freestyle (4:32.5) and men's 1,500-meter freestyle (18:08.2) – after setting a new world record of 17:52.9 in the qualifying heats of the 1,500. At the 1959 Pan American Games, he won a gold medal for his first-place finish in the 400-meter freestyle and a silver as the runner-up in the 1500-meter freestyle. He was elected team captain of the U.S. men for the 1960 Summer Olympics in Rome, and earned another bronze medal while competing in the men's 1,500-meter freestyle (17:55.9). In 1975, Breen was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame.

Breen coached the Penn Quakers men's swimming team at the University of Pennsylvania from the late 1966 until 1982, and served as a coach and manager of several US National teams, was appointed head manager of the 1980 US Olympic team, and served as a television commentator. His other achievements included serving as president of the American Swimming Coaches Association, chair of the USA Swimming Olympic International Operations Committee, a Board of Directors member for Middle Atlantic Swimming and a member of the USA Swimming Board of Directors as Coach Vice President of USA Swimming. He was also inducted into several halls of fame: the American Swimming Coaches Association, Cortland State and the Helms Foundation.

He formerly coached for Gloucester County Institute of Technology (Deptford, New Jersey) swim team (now separate from the school, it is known as the Greater Philadelphia Aquatic Club) and at the Jersey Wahoos Swim Club in Mount Laurel, New Jersey.



Betty Mullen Brey -2019

Betty was a competition swimmer who represented the United States at the 1956 Summer Olympics in Melbourne, Australia. Brey swam for the silver medal-winning U.S. team in the preliminary heats of the women's 4×100-meter freestyle relay. In addition to her Olympic appearance, Betty Brey won two gold medals at the Pan-American Games, winning with the 4x100 freestyle relay in 1951 and the medley relay in 1955. She also won individual silvers in the 200 freestyle in 1951 and the 100 butterfly in 1955. Brey won three national titles, swimming with the winning Walter Reed Swim Club medley relay at the 1956 AAU Indoors and Outdoors, and winning the 100 yard butterfly at the 1955 AAU Indoors.

Brey graduated from Purdue University in 1953, and served in the United States Army as an officer. She later coached swimming at George Washington University. Her husband Paul was a high school athletics director in Maryland. Brey is a member of the Indiana Swimming Hall of Fame. Her son, Mike Brey, became a well-known college basketball coach in the United States, serving as an assistant coach at Duke from 1987-1995, as head coach of the University of Delaware from 1995-2000 and as head coach at Notre Dame beginning in 2000. Her daughter Brenda was a swimmer at Louisiana State University and is a physical education teacher, while son Shane is the assistant athletics director at the University of Central Florida.



Bob Bright -2012 PHOTO

Bob was the Head Coach of the Wilson-West Lawn High School girls' team from 1982-2010. During that time, Bob's overall dual meet record was 300-40. From 1991 until his retirement, Bob's girls won 145 consecutive dual meets within the Central Penn League. His teams won 21 Central Penn League Championships, 21 District III Team Championships, finished in the Top 10 at the PIAA State Meet 17 times, and were Team Champions twice. During his tenure, he coached 100 NISCA All-Americans, 77 District III Champions, 3 PIAA Meet Record Holders, 2 National High School Record Holders, and 1 Olympic Silver Medalist. In addition to Bob's coaching accomplishments, he served as the Pennsylvania High School Swim Coaches Association Secretary for many years and was the Pennsylvania Representative at the National Committee for more than 20 years. Coach Bright's other honors include, NISCA Outstanding Service Award, Berks County Chapter of Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, Berks County Aquatic Hall of Fame, Wilson-West Lawn Sports Hall of Fame, and the Conrad Weiser High School Hall of Fame.

Richard L. Brown PHOTO

In 1951, Dick became the National Director of Water Safety for the American Red Cross. However, he began his journey at the Reading Y where he was an age group swimmer and worked his way up to the Assistant Physical Director. He was a strong swimmer who participated locally as well as in long distance open water events such as the Potomac River Swim. In 1933 he competed in the 25 mile Canadian Expedition Marathon Swim. In 1936, he placed sixth in a 15 mile Canadian Swim. As a coach, he headed up the swim team at Muhlenberg High School and in 1940 became the head swim coach at Lehigh University. But World War II changed his plans as he began to focus on Water Safety as he developed swimming survival skills for the Armed Services. In 1944 he joined the staff at the Red Cross, rising all the way to their highest aquatics office in just 7 years. His writings on competition and water safety is voluminous.

In 1964, Dick was made an honor fellow in the American Association for Health Education and Recreation, awarded to him for distinguished services in the field of swimming. He served as chairman of the Conference for National Cooperation in Aquatics which united many swim groups. Dick also served on the aquatic committee of the Boys Clubs of America and Boy Scouts of America. Finally, Richard L. Brown was inducted into the Berks County Swimming Hall of Fame in 1971.

Melanie Buddemeyer -2010

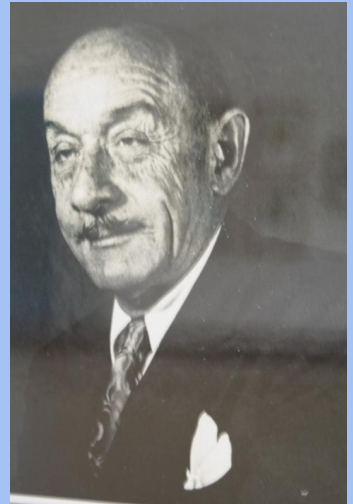
A 1984 graduate of Penn Hills High School, Melanie was both Female Athlete of the Year and Valedictorian. She was an 8-time WPIAL Champion who set 5 WPIAL records, a 5-time PIAA Champion who set 3 PIAA records--100 Butterfly record stood for 25 years--and in 1983 set the National High School Record in the 100 Butterfly. In her career at the University of North Carolina, Melanie was undefeated in every dual meet and conference championship in the 100 and 200 Butterfly, while breaking the team and conference records in both events. She was an 8-time ACC Champion and was an NCAA All-American from 1985-1989. From 1981-1989, Melanie was an Olympic Trials finalist, a World Record Holder, a World University Games Champion, and a Goodwill Games finalist.



Fred A. Cady

Honor Coach (1885-1960) was born in the beach resort town of Asbury Park, NJ and died near a swimming pool in Los Angeles. While the water was his first love, swimmer, diver, gymnast Cady was a man of many talents. He did sculptures of his famous divers and sketches of the famous swimmers of his time. He did many oil paintings and especially liked to paint westerns and horses. He began coaching in 1904 in Philadelphia at the YMCA. Fred was an American Olympic coach from 1928 through 1948. His youngest Olympic champion was 13-year-old Marjorie Gestring (1936 team). About 1918 he trained Olga Dorfner who became the first American girl to break a world record. Fred Cady toured Southern California in 1919 then moved west to coach at the Los Angeles Athletic Club and the University of Southern California for 33 years. In both men's and women's swimming and diving, he produced National and Olympic champions including Dutch Smith and Mickey Riley. At one time Cady divers held all U.S. and World Diving Championships. In addition to Olga Dorfner, Cady's famous swimmers included Olympians Buster Crabbe, Paul Wolff and many others.

Cady, once a circus strongman and gymnast, was well known for his wit and well-waxed mustache. The year the Olympic team wore berets, someone asked why the Americans had a French coach!



Betty Becker Campbell

Betty was born in Philadelphia in 1903. At age 8, she recovered from a very severe case of diphtheria. On her doctor's recommendation, she took up swimming. Through her father, she became a member of the Turngemeninde Club, where they held a monthly handicap competition among members. They were judged on form and diving besides swimming. At the age of 12, Betty entered national competition, taking seconds and thirds in swimming. It was at this time that she became very interested in diving. She won the Middle Atlantic State Championship at 15 and was hooked forever. Diving held a special attraction for Betty. She loved the sport and eagerly practiced it every day. Having no 3 meter board to practice on in Philadelphia, she moved to Atlantic City where she joined the Ambassador Swim Club to work at her specialty every day.

Betty narrowly missed the 1920 Olympic team. By 1922, Betty Becker had won her first national springboard diving championship at 3 meters. She repeated in 1923, adding the National 1 meter in 1924. In defending her 3 meter title at Pasadena, California, in 1924, Betty was defeated by Carol Fletcher. Betty lost her title but met her future husband, Clarence Pinkston, the Olympic 10 meter diving champion in 1920. 1924 was the Olympic year. Betty had to make the team or take a chance on "Pinky" going to Paris without her.

She won her Olympic gold medal in August and her gold ring in December. Her Olympic scores were first in the springboard, second by 1/8 point off the 10 meter tower. In April of 1926, Betty Becker Pinkston went to Tampa, Florida, where she won the 3 meter National Diving Championship. Four months later, on August 11th, she was another kind of double winner as Clarence and Betty Pinkston became the proud parents of twins, Betty and Clarence, Jr. In 1928 she made another Olympic team, traveled to Amsterdam and won her second gold medal, this time the 10 meter Platform, where she had missed by 1/8 of a point in 1924. Between them, the Pinkstons -- husband and wife-- won 7 medals in three Olympics. Betty and Clarence Pinkston spent their adult lives coaching swimming and diving in Detroit, helped organize the Michigan Inner-Club Swimming Association, prototype of suburban country club leagues everywhere.



Patrick E. Campbell --1985

Pat was a graduate of Clairton H.S. and was a state qualifier 3 years. He then furthered his education at Slippery Rock University, where he was a 4 year Varsity letter winner, State and National qualifier, Won Penn-Ohio Championship 3 years, and was 5th in Nation his junior year.

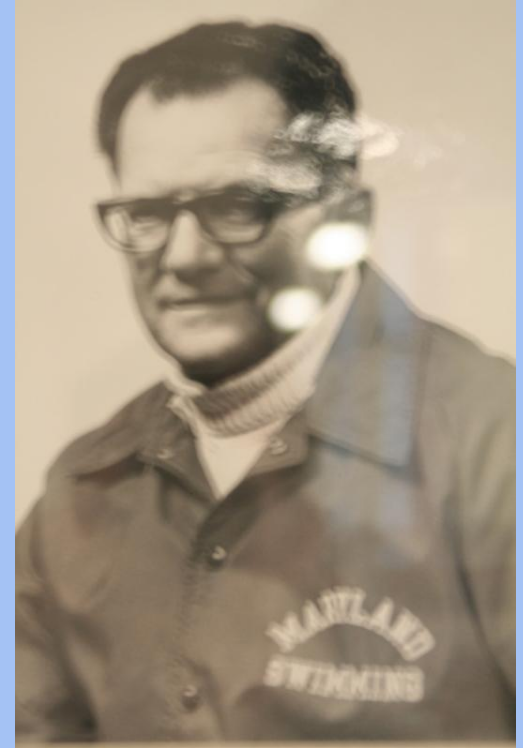
Patrick Campbell has become synonymous with successful high school swimming in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. His accomplishments at Bethel Park High School as of 1989 were initiating Adaptive Physical Education Instruction, coaching the team with a record of 250 wins and 25 losses, WPIAL Swim Coach of the Year 5 times, 10 WPIAL Championships, 5 Western Conference Championships, 8 Western Pennsylvania USS Championships, 12 WPIAL Section 8 Championships, 100 All-State Swimmers, 50 High School All-Americans, and 5 PIAA State Championships.

Patrick E. Campbell represents the excellence of those previously inducted into the Hall of Fame and sets a standard for all in the future.



William R. Campbell

Bill Campbell was an outstanding athlete and springboard diver from Pittsburgh. His entire life has been devoted to all aspects of Aquatics. He was the Aquatic Director and Head Swimming Coach at the University of Maryland for 20 years. During his tenure, he won 7 Atlantic Coast Conference Championships, 7 Penn State Relay Titles, NCAA Coach of the Year, Master Coach, and Distinguished Coach honors. He was extremely active professionally at the regional and national levels. He developed the National Job Corp Drown Proofing Program. Bill is also an accomplished Master's Swimmer and is best known for motivating and inspiring those around him.



Richard Carroll -1990

Graduated from Taylor HS where he lettered in football, basketball and baseball. Graduated from East Stroudsburg in 1962 where he was captain of the baseball team. Rick was inducted into the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Swimming Hall of Fame in 1990. He was the founder of the North Penn Aquatics Program and its director for 26 years. He also started the NP Aquatics Club. The Natatorium at NPHS is named in his honor. Rick was President of the Pennsylvania State Aquatics Council from 1980-82. He was Chairman of the Bux-Mont H.S. Swim Coaches, President of the Bux-Mont Swim Officials Chapter, and was the PIAA District I Swimming Chairman for 12 years. Rick was the recipient of the National Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association (NISCA) 25-Year Distinguished Service Award, and was recently honored by the PIAA for 35 years of high school sports officiating (football, baseball, basketball, track, field, and swimming). Coaching career: Assistant Swim Coach at Easton HS from 1964-70. NPHS 1971-88 Boys Swim Coach: 213 wins, 14 losses (93.8 winning %); 9 undefeated seasons; 69 meet win streak; 17 consecutive league championships; 9 District I Championships; 2 State Championships; 1 State runner-up; 19 All-Americans; over 50 All-State selections. He received Pennsylvania High School Swim Coaches Award of Excellence.



Richard “Splash” Cavill

Dick was born in Australia and originated from a family of swimmers. He was the first swimmer to win the “Grand Slam,” first to break the 1 minute barrier in the 100 yard freestyle, and the first to use the Australian crawl in competition. At the time of his fame, he was virtually unbeatable.



Virgil H. Chambers -1988

Chambers was raised in Emporium, Pennsylvania and received his B.S. in Education from Clarion University in Pennsylvania. He completed advanced studies at Clarion and Penn State. After five years teaching at a senior high school where he took his biology students on canoe field trips during the environmental sessions of the class, Chambers joined the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, where he served as chief of the Boating Safety and Education Division from 1978 to 1995. One of Chambers' most significant accomplishments was the development and implementation of the Public School Boating and Water Safety Manual and Program. Many public schools have used the program with favorable results. He also founded the Pennsylvania Water Rescue Training Program which was then adopted by the National Association for Search and Rescue (NASAR). He served as director of this national program from 1987 to 1997. Mr. Chambers retired from Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission in 1995.

Chambers has been recognized by local, state, national, and international organizations for his work in boating safety and training. In 1988 he was inducted into the Pennsylvania Swimming Hall of Fame for his development of boating and water safety education programs and, in 2010, he was inducted into the National Safe Boating Council Boating Safety Hall of Fame. He has received numerous awards including the National Water Safety Congress' (NWSC) highest national award for accomplishments and contributions to water safety (2008), and the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) National Leadership Award (2008), Boating Safety Award (1994) and Lifetime Achievement Award from both NASBLA and NWSC (2008 – 2013 respectively).



Bob Clark -2011 PHOTO

Mr. Clark's coaching career spanned 24 years. He is best known for his achievements as the Head Coach at Parkland High School from 1989-2004. During this time, Coach Clark amassed an overall combined dual meet record of 362-33-2. His boys and girls teams combined to win 14 League Championships, 20 District XI Championships, 2 PIAA State Championships, and were PIAA Runner Ups five times. Coach Clark was the guiding force behind 16 PIAA Relay Champions, 5 PIAA Individual Champions, 6 PIAA Record Setting performances, more than 100 All-American swims, and 1 National Individual Champion (Tif Houser-100 Butterfly- 1995). Bob finished his career by serving as the Vice-President and President of the Pennsylvania High School Swim Coaches Association from 2003-2007.

Mary Ellen Clark

Mary Ellen Clark attended Radnor High School where she was a 4-time All-State diver and 1-meter PIAA Champion in 1979. Clark attended Penn State where she was a 2-time All-American diver on the 3-meter board. She later attended and received a masters degree in health and physical education from The Ohio State University. While at OSU, she continued to train and compete with a focus on the 10-meter platform. Mary Ellen is the first Penn State swimmer or diver elected into the Pennsylvania Aquatics Hall of Fame.

As a competitor, Clark won bronze medals in the 10-meter platform at both the 1992 and 1996 Olympic Games. In 1992, she was voted Diver of the Year and received the Whosam Character Achievement Award. In 1994 she was a triple national champion, winning the platform and on both springboards. She is a seven time National Champion and a three-time member of the United States Pan-American Team. Clark was also a member of the United States National Diving Team for 10 years. In 1996, the United States Olympic Committee voted her one of the top ten female athletes in the country.

Clark later became a motivational speaker, a personal trainer, and a diving coach. She is a member of the Women's Sports Foundation Board of Trustees and an athlete representative for the World Olympians Association. She is also certified as a personal fitness trainer by the National Strength and Conditioning Association, an experienced motivational speaker, serves as a mentor for the US Diving National team, and is a FINA judge.



Shirley Butler Comstock -1975

Shirley Comstock was born 40 years too soon. Since her graduation from Slippery Rock University in 1940, Comstock dreamed of sports competition for high school girls. An outstanding athlete, coach, teacher, administrator and newspaper columnist, Shirley Butler Comstock was a pioneer in Erie women's sports.

A graduate of Strong Vincent High School, she went on to Slippery Rock University where she excelled as a swimmer. After graduation, Comstock returned to Erie to teach physical education at Academy High School where she also simultaneously coached volleyball, softball and cheerleading.

She was active in the Red Cross Swimming Program, having served as a volunteer for more than 30 years. She taught aquatics at Behrend College and initiated and directed the City Rec winter swim program. Her column "Among Us Gals" through which she fought for and promoted aquatics and other sports for women, appeared in Erie newspapers for more than 30 years. She was among the first class to be inducted to the Slippery Rock Sports Hall of Fame in 1983, and she was inducted into the Pennsylvania Swimming Hall of Fame in April of 1975.

It wasn't until Title IX came into being (1972) that Shirley could begin to see her dreams for female athletes come true, and it was due to the relentless determination of women like Comstock that Title IX became a reality. The Shirley Comstock Award, presented to the outstanding female senior athlete was established at Academy High School in 1975 and then continued at Central when Academy closed.

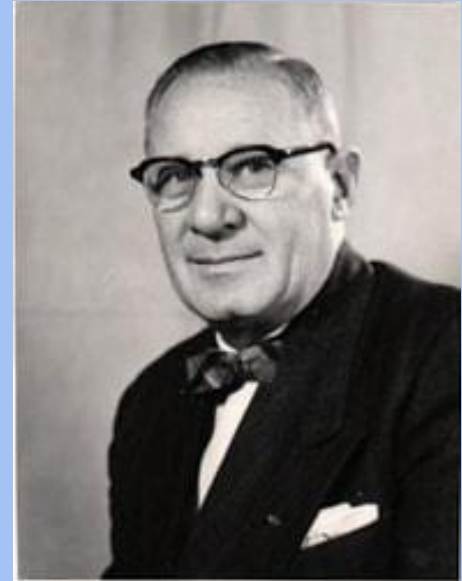


Elmer B. Cottrell --1970

Anatomy, physiology, statistics... these are the names of classes that strike fear in the hearts of students. These were some of the classes that Dr. Elmer B. Cottrell taught when he worked for Slippery Rock University. Yet, he also taught gymnastics and lifesaving. In fact, Dr. Cottrell was a diverse and talented man who wore many hats while a faculty member on campus. "Cottie" was well-known in high school athletic circles throughout the state, especially in Western Pennsylvania where he served as teacher and coach. At "The Rock" he served as assistant football coach, assistant basketball coach and head gymnastics, tennis, golf, and swimming coach.

Dr. Cottrell drew up plans for the East-West Gym swimming pool which was the first swimming pool on campus and then started the competitive swimming program. This tireless man worked at SRU for 25 years from 1923 to 1948 and then retired to work for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as the Director of Health, Physical Education and Recreation. He served in that position until his death in 1957.

Dr. Cottrell was also founder of PSAHPERD, The Pennsylvania State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Each year PSAHPERD gives out 16 Awards including Teacher of the Year Awards and Athletic Director of the Year. The *highest* award that this organization gives is the Elmer B. Cottrell Award to recognize exceptional service and leadership to PSAHPERD and the profession.



Robert Elmer Cowell -2019

Robert was a competition swimmer, Olympic medalist, and U.S. Navy officer. At the 1948 Summer Olympics in London, England, he received a silver medal for his second-place performance in the men's 100-meter backstroke, finishing with a time of 1:06.5 immediately behind fellow American Allen Stack. Cowell attended the U.S. Naval Academy, where he was a member of the Navy Midshipmen swimming and diving team in National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) competition from 1944 to 1946. He was a member of Navy's NCAA championship team in the 3x100-yard medley relay in 1944, and won the individual NCAA national championship in the 150-yard backstroke in 1946. He was also the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) national champion in the 100-meter outdoor backstroke in 1945 and the 150-yard indoor backstroke in 1947. After graduating from the Naval Academy, he became a career U.S. Navy officer. In his memory, the Naval Academy annually presents the Robert E. Cowell Award to the graduating midshipmen who has shown outstanding swimming ability, leadership and good sportsmanship.



Bill Crawford

Bill has over 30 years of competitive coaching experience in swimming at the age group, high school, college, and masters levels. He later became a very active official in the state, and he actually initiated the certification process for swimming officials in the Commonwealth, as well as served on numerous aquatic committees in the Philadelphia area.



Francis Crippen -2018

Fran swam at Germantown Academy in Philadelphia for legendary coach Dick Shoulberg where he was four-year high school All-American, Easterns MVP, and National Prep record holder in the 500yd. freestyle. After high school, Fran attended and swam at the University of Virginia where he was an 11-time All-American and two-time Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) swimmer of the year. He earned a bronze medal as a member of USA Swimming at the 2001 Goodwill Games in Brisbane, Australia. At the 2003 Pan American Games, in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, he won two individual silver medals in the 400 and 1500 m freestyle. Fran was a loyal ambassador of sport, fair play, and humanitarian goodwill. After competing in pools for most of his career, in 2006 Fran made the transition to open water swimming, where he had tremendous success. Fran represented the United States at the Pan Pacific Championships in 2006, where he earned a silver medal in the 10km open water swim. From 2006 to 2008 Fran represented the Mission Viejo Nadadores in California and swam for coach Bill Rose. In 2007, he earned a gold medal in the 10 km distance event at the Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Two years later, Fran won a bronze medal in the 10km open water race at the 2009 World Aquatics Championships. A year later, Fran again won silver in the 10 km at the 2010 Pan Pacific Swimming Championships in Irvine, California. Fran was a six-time US National Champion. He won two national titles in the 800m freestyle, two in the 5km open water, and two in the 10km open water event. Fran died while swimming the last race of FINA's 2010 10K series in Fujairah, UAE, having won the penultimate race in Cancun, Mexico, the weekend before. The Fran Crippen Elevation Foundation was developed by Fran's family and friends to continue Fran's legacy. The FCEF empowers athletes who exemplify the principles Fran embodied as they journey to elevate themselves, by providing aid for athletes as well as advocating for safe competitive environments.



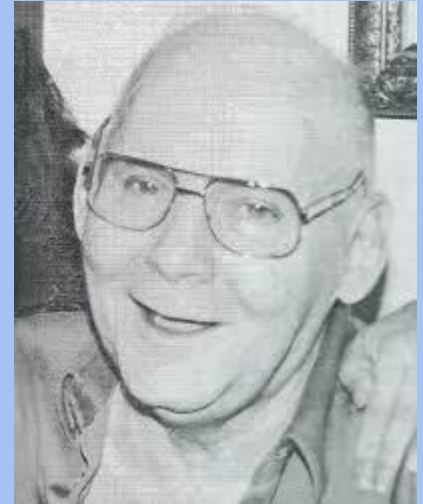
Maddy Crippen Plankey -2018

Maddy swam at Germantown Academy in Philadelphia for legendary coach Dick Shoulberg. She was a four-year high school All American, team record holder in the 100 yard breastroke, and a two time Easterns Champion in the 100 yard breastroke and 200 yard IM. She participated in championship relays all four years and was named Easterns MVP her senior year of high school. As a junior in high school, she was named to the National Junior Team. Her first international meet for the USA was the 1997 Pan-Pacific Games, where she won silver in the 400IM. She competed at the 1998 World Swimming Championships, finishing fifth in the 400IM and sixth at 200IM. After graduating from high school in 1998, Maddy attended Villanova University. She represented the United States at the Pan Pacific Championships in 1999 where she placed fourth in the 400-meter individual medley. During her college career, Crippen won an NCAA championship in the 400-yard individual medley, ten Big East championships, and was named Big East "Swimmer of the Year" in 1999 and 2001. She represented the United States at the 2000 Sydney Olympics in the 400IM. Afterwards, she continued to compete at the 2002 Pan-Pacs and the 2003 World Swimming Championships in Barcelona, Spain. She was a three-time National Champion, twice in the 400IM, and once in the 200 breaststroke. Crippen retired from swimming in 2004 and later worked in marketing. She has been a member of USA Swimming's Board of Directors and their Athlete's Executive Committee.



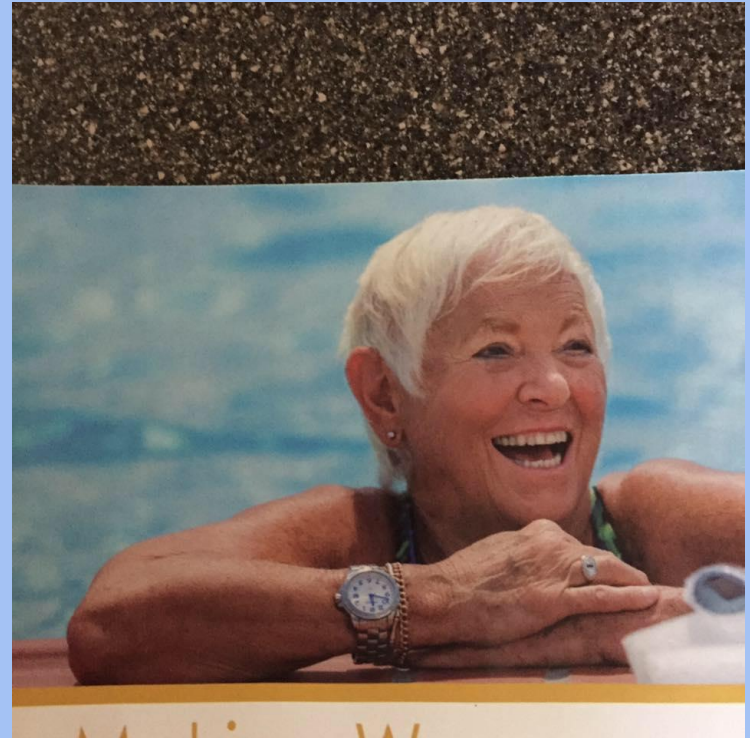
William E. Daisley - 1983

Bill was a graduate of Edinboro University where he played basketball for the Scots. A swim coach and official, he coached swimming at the YMCA for 27 years, posting a dual meet record of 318-8. He served as the YMCA National Swimming Committee Vice President for 17 years and past president of the YMCA Swim Nationals. He was a YMCA National rules interpreter and PIAA rules interpreter for 22 years. Daisley started the Port-A-Pools program in Erie. He hosted the YMCA State Swim Meet in Erie and twice hosted the YMCA National Swim Championships in Edinboro. He was a PIAA basketball official for 17 years, coached both swimming and volleyball at Mercyhurst College. He was inducted into the National and International Swimming Halls of Fame in 1984. Nationally recognized in the swimming world, he provided coaching analysis for the USA Olympic swim team, and is the only person ever to earn both the “Connie Carroll” Award as outstanding national swim official and the “Joe Rodgers” Award for his contributions to competitive swimming.



Ann Dallam

Ann was Aquatic Director for the Cumberland Valley School District and furthered all aspects of aquatics in the Commonwealth for over 25 years. She is the founder of the Pennsylvania Aquatic Council which organized in 1975. She received the council's Achievement Award for Outstanding Accomplishments in 1978-1979. She has served as president of the Pennsylvania High School Swim Coaches Association, instructor-trainer for the American Red Cross, a member of the National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association, and an advisor to student directors of the Special Olympic Swim Team.



Ellie Daniel -2018

Ellie is a former American Olympic champion and world record-holder who over a 10 year period competed in two Olympic Games, earned four Olympic medals, eight total world records, and seven US National Championships. As a teenager, Ellie trained at the Vesper Boat Club in Philadelphia. With a background in distance swimming, she switched to butterfly and won 7 National Championships. At the 1967 Pan Am Games, she won gold in the 100M Butterfly and 4x100 Medley Relay, which propelled her to the 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico City. Ellie swam 3 events in the Olympics and once again won gold as part of the Team USA 4x100 Medley Relay which set a new Olympic Games Record. Individually, she won a silver medal in the 100M Butterfly, and a bronze medal in the 200M Butterfly. At the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich, Ellie won a bronze medal again in the 200M Butterfly, an event she held the World Record in prior to the games. In 1975, at the Mexico City Pan American Games, and again in 1976, at the Montreal Olympic Games, Ellie was elected by the United States Olympic Committee to serve as athlete liaison for all sports between the US athletes and the USOC administrators. From 1973 through 1980, she was an Athletes Advisory Council member and from 1977 through 1980, she was a United States Olympic Committee Board member. In helping to prepare for the 1984 Olympic Games, she served on the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee, Cultural/Fine Arts Commission, Olympian Advisory Commission, Olympic Spirit Team and the LA Olympic Committee Speakers Bureau. In 1997, she was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame.



ELLIE DANIEL

Doris Kelman Dannenhirsh

Doris Dannenhirsh began her competitive swimming career in Rhode Island, capturing titles in the 50 and 100 freestyle and also the 100 breaststroke at the New England Junior and Senior Swimming Championships. From 1939-42, Dannenhirsh and three of her teammates comprised the "Formation Swimmers." They delighted thousands of viewers attending Sportsmen Shows in cities like Boston, Providence, Cleveland, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh with their water ballet presentation. This group was known as one of the pioneers and forerunners in what today is known as Synchronized Swimming, now an Olympic sport.

Shortly after arriving at the University of Pennsylvania in 1943, she formed one of the nation's first synchronized swimming clubs, the Pennguinettes, in 1946. Dannenhirsh graduated from Penn with a bachelor's degree in physical education in 1947 and stayed on at the University to earn her Master's degree in education and to coach swimming. From 1947-54, her teaching career spanned the field of aquatics. She coached the varsity and junior varsity swimming teams at Penn while also teaching courses in swimming techniques to the physical education majors. The Pennguinettes went from a merry band of eight participants at its infancy to a hearty 51 student-athletes by the 1950s. In 1950, Dannenhirsh was selected to serve as the guest speaker at the "Synchronized Swimposium" held at Brooklyn College. She spoke on the approach to synchronized swimming at Penn and the teaching of the progression of skills. After her talk, Dannenhirsh directed a clinic on synchronized swimming skills.

In 1955, the Pennguinettes helped found the Association for Synchronized Swimming for college women. The Penn group was a charter member of this organization and took part in many of its conferences. Dannenhirsh remained with the University as the director of the Pennguinettes until her retirement in 1977. Throughout those years, she put together 25 consecutive water shows, with shows taking place both on and off campus. Dannenhirsh also served as a member of the Academy of Aquatic Art, secretary of the Executive Examining Committee and as a judge and referee for swimming and diving competitions.

From 1982-83, she sat on the University of Pennsylvania Athletic Advisory Council and the National Board of the United States Committee for Sports for Israel. In recognition of her extraordinary service, achievement and contribution through aquatics, Dannenhirsh was inducted into the Rhode Island Aquatic Hall of Fame in 1982 and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Swimming Hall of Fame in 1984. She was also inducted into the Rhode Island Jewish Hall of Fame as its first female member in 1975. Following this honor, she was inducted into the Philadelphia Jewish Sports Hall of Fame in 1998.



Bertram “Birch” Davidson

Bertram "Birchie" Davidson has been involved in swimming for more than 50 years. His swimming accomplishments began as a scholastic star when he won the national YMCA 100-yard backstroke. Before entering Franklin & Marshall College, he led the Tome School to the Harvard Interscholastic Swim championships, and set a National Prep School record as a member of the school's 120-yard medley relay. In 1940-41, he won National Junior titles in the 200 meter breaststroke, 150 meter individual medley, and the 2 mile Championships swim. After his brilliant youthful swimming career, Birch remained active in swimming by assuming the role of coach of the Lancaster YMCA Swim Team. He was a very positive influence on the lives of many of his swimmers by being instrumental in getting young men into college through their swimming ability. Birch was willing to give first hand expertise to anyone who asked for instructional help. He attended F&M and graduated in 1942, but he has been no stranger to Fackenthal Pool or to F&M swimming since then.

He is well known to former F&M swimmers, both as an encouraging friend, an official, and as a person "working out" in the pool. In this later years, as a master swimmer, he won more than 32 National YMCA titles, more than 250 Masters Gold Medals, and has been selected to the Masters All American Swim Team five time in the early 80s. He lived in Lancaster and was associated with Zimmerman Industry in Ephrata.

Birch was inducted into the Franklin & Marshall Athletic Hall of Fame in 1984.

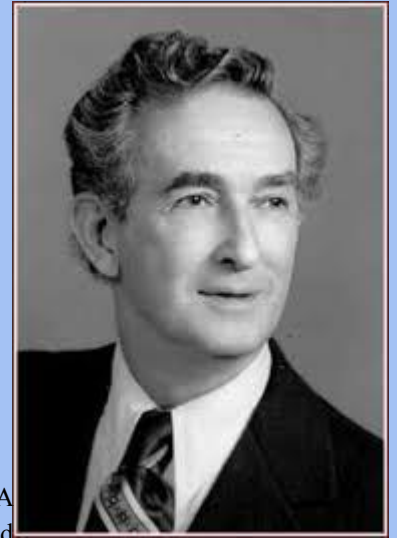


John deBarbadillo

John deBarbadillo joined the York, PA, YMCA in 1930 as an assistant in the youth department. He was a competitive gymnast, but he took an interest in the growing sport of competitive swimming. His collection of swimmers from the Y Neptune club quickly gained local prominence. Through summer courses at Springfield College, John became acquainted with Red Silvia, the Springfield coach and then with Thomas Cureton, Matt Mann and Bob Kiputh. During the 1930's, he brought the best concepts of stroke mechanics and physiology into the York program. A friendship with Bob Hoffman, the founder of the York Barbell Club, introduced him to weight training and nutrition. He applied this knowledge to build the York Y team to national prominence by the mid 1930's. The York Y and York High School teams under John and the coaches he trained dominated competitive swimming in Pennsylvania from the 1930s through 1970, when he retired. During this period York produced dozens of high school All Americans and college swimmers and one Olympic medalist. Following his mandatory retirement from the YMCA, he coached the York Outdoor Country Club team and then the York YWCA Blue Dolphins. He is thought to have been the oldest active swimming coach in the world.

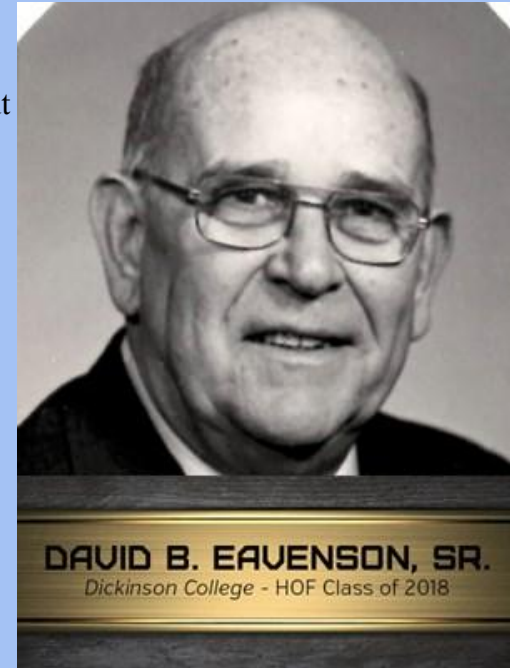
John was a leader in organizing competitive swimming on the YMCA level. His teams participated in the first truly national YMCA championship in the early thirties. Later, York would go on to host this meet. Following his retirement from the York Y, John served for a number of years as the meet director for the Y Nationals in Fort Lauderdale. He also championed the idea of a YMCA Masters program and hosted the first YMCA Masters National Championship meet in York.

Throughout his career, John was an active swimming official at the AAU, USS and NCAA levels and served on many regional and state committees. He was scheduled to officiate a York College meet a week after his death. John's contributions to the field of swimming instruction were equally important. He had a particular interest in teaching basic swimming skills. He had started a "learn to swim" campaign in York, which involved students from all of the city elementary schools. Handling several thousand children over a six week program was a challenge for his limited YMCA staff. To deal with the problem he broke the process down into discrete steps and developed what became known as the "station-to-station" method of teaching. It was nothing more than an assembly line method, but it was extremely effective. Eventually this method became a national YMCA standard. John was ultimately credited with having taught 30,000 youngsters to swim (virtually everyone in York, just ask them!). The method also came in handy in World War II. John joined the Navy in 1943 and was assigned to various posts in the US and later in the Pacific where he was responsible for teaching swimming skills. As the YMCA mission expanded, John became interested in teaching swimming to very young children and developed the "toddlers" program. This also became a national YMCA standard. As a result, The John deBarbadillo Award was established to recognize accomplishment, dedication, and excellence in the advancement of YMCA Masters competitive swimming.



David Eavenson

David B. Eavenson, Sr. is still a familiar name in the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC). The MAC currently gives out four awards in his memory, including the men's and women's swimming David B. Eavenson Award recognizing the male and female conference swimmer of the year recipients given out at the annual MAC Swimming Championships, and the David B. Eavenson Award given out at the MAC Outdoor Track & Field Championships by the PIAA Track & Field Officials to the winners of selected men's and women's events. Eavenson coached swimming for 24 years and compiled a 151-84-2 record. He saw four undefeated seasons, three MAC Championships, 10 Little Three Championships and a still-to-be-equalled record of 36 consecutive league victories. Eavenson was named "Master Coach" by the College Swimming Coaches Association of America (CSCAA). While coaching swimming he also served as the athletic director and men's soccer coach. He served as a member of the NCAA Swimming and Diving Rules Committee. Eavenson was a founder of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the PIAA Track & Field Officials where he served as its secretary-treasurer. He also founded the officials' chapters for football, track and swimming. Through his employment at Dickinson, Eavenson served the MAC as the conference Vice President (1970-72) and as the Executive Director from 1976 until his death in 1988 at the age of 74. Eavenson was inducted into the Dickinson Athletics Hall of Fame in 1983. He was also inducted into the Wyoming Seminary Hall of Fame, the National Athletic Directors Hall of Fame, the Pennsylvania Swimming Hall of Fame and the South Central Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame.



G. Robert Evans *****



Greg Fastrich -2017

Greg has been the head coach at Hershey High School and Hershey Aquatic Club since 1997. Under his guidance Hershey has taken their program to another level, all the while moving from AA to AAA. At the conclusion of the 2016 season, he has a 353-55 combined boys and girls team record which includes a number of undefeated seasons for both. His girls' teams have won 14 Mid Penn Division Championships while the boys have won 16. In addition, the boys have won 15 District 3 Championships and the girls 9. At the PIAA State Championship level, his girls' teams have won two AA Championships and four AAA, and the boys have won five AA and one AAA State Championship. He has been honored with the NISCA David H. Robertson Excellence in Coaching Award and as the PIAA Coach of the year 6 times while coaching almost 400 All-American performances by over 70 All-American athletes. Greg has coached National Record Holder David Nolan to records in the 200IM, 100 Free, and 100 Back. He also has coach National Record holding relays in the Men's 200 Free Relay and Women's 400 Free Relay. At the USA Swimming level, he has served on the Middle Atlantic Board of Directors as a Coaches Representative, had Hershey Aquatic Club recognized as a Silver Level Club of Excellence, coached 4 Olympic Trial Qualifiers, and 3 swimmers who qualified for the National Junior Team. Most impressively in his body of work to date is that David Nolan, who he coached from age group to senior level is the current American Record holder in the 200 yd. IM.



Theodore “Ted” Fitzgerald -2016

Ted was born in Darby, Pennsylvania and was an age group swimmer for Aronomink and Swarthmore Swim Clubs. Since his high school did not have a competitive swim team, Ted competed for both Suburban and Vesper Swim Clubs. Afterwards, Ted attended and competed at Millersville University from 1963-1967, where he was a Team Captain and holder of school records in the 200IM and 200 backstroke. Notably, he was also the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) Champion with record breaking times in the 200 backstroke in both his junior and senior seasons.

Upon graduation, Ted became an English teacher in the School District of Lancaster, where he performed many other duties including Athletic Director and Head Swimming Coach for McCaskey High School. In 2002, he retired from education, but has continued his involvement in PIAA athletics. He has been the recipient of the National Federation Interscholastic Officials Association Boys’ Swimming and Diving Official of the Year in 1999. Ted is regularly seen throughout the Lancaster-Lebanon area as a referee for both swimming and diving where he also has been secretary of his local chapter of officials. Most importantly, Ted is seen yearly at our PIAA Swimming & Diving Championships as both a starter and diving referee. In 2012, Ted also provided the PIAA with an effective presentation for officials of swimming and diving at the 18th Annual PIAA Officials’ Convention. Ted has been a standard of excellence to all who attend the PIAA events, and his passion for the sport continues today.



Paul R. Flack

One of Pennsylvania's premier springboard diving coaches, Paul Flack has had a significant impact on the sport, not only in Pennsylvania, but nationally and internationally. During the 1960s and 70s, Paul was the head coach at the University of Pennsylvania. In addition, he headed up a highly successful age-group diving program at the Philadelphia Aquatic Club which in 1972 landed him the highest national coaching honor... "AAU National Coach of the Year." During his career, he produced more than a dozen PIAA State Champions, several National Catholic H.S. Champions, and numerous Prep School Champions. Four of his divers competed in the Olympic Games. He also produced ten U.S. Senior National Finalists, and a World Champion on the 10-meter platform.



Prudence Fleming

An authority on women's sports, Prudence Gunson Fleming served Temple University 42 years as an athlete, coach and administrator. She was named to the Pennsylvania Swimming Hall of Fame in 1968 and also starred in basketball at Temple. She was a member of the Temple faculty from 1931 to 1973 before retiring. She coached the Owl swimming team for 15 years besides teaching numerous swim courses, She designed the aquatics wing of Temple's Pearson Hall. She was the faculty advisor to the Women's Athletic Association for seven years. She was the founder of the Philadelphia Women's Swimming Officials in 1936 and served as chairwoman of the group from 1936 to 1940 and from 1957 to 1959. Her publications include numerous articles in educational journals and swimming guides.



William Ronald Forrester, Jr. -2020

Bill was born in Darby, Pennsylvania and is an Olympic medalist and former world record-holder. He represented the United States as an 18-year-old at the 1976 Summer Olympics in Montreal, Quebec, where he won a bronze medal in the men's 200-meter butterfly, finishing behind U.S. teammates Mike Bruner and Steve Gregg. At the 1975 World Championships, Bill Forrester won the gold medal in the 200m butterfly and the bronze in the 100m. He bettered that performance at the 1978 World Championships, winning golds in the 200 freestyle and on the 4x200 freestyle relay, adding a bronze in the 400m free. Forrester also won the AAU 200m butterfly in 1976. He graduated from Auburn in 1980 and later became a swim coach, founding the Georgia Coastal Aquatic Team in 1994.



Benjamin Franklin

Benjamin Franklin was a competent swim coach and teacher; he advised on water safety, lifeboat rescue escape from shipwrecks, sea anchors and even on the advisability of universal learn-to-swim classes for peace of mind and safety in modern life.

One of United States first "ornamental swimmers", on a Thames River excursion in 1726, he swam from Chelsea to Blackfriars (3½ miles) "performing on the way many feats of activity, both upon and under water, that surprised and pleased those to whom they were novelties."

Franklin, an early oceanographer, also charted and measured the Gulf stream, advised on using it for America to Europe speed packet crossings, avoiding it on return. Franklin was also a competent coach and teacher. He taught his friend Wygate and a friend to swim "at twice going into the river" but turned down an offer by Sir William Wyndham to open the first American swim school in England. He was homesick and returned to Philadelphia where among other things, he proposed that all commonwealth schools should have swimming programs.



Millard D. Freeman, Jr.

Millard graduated from West Chester State Teachers College in 1955. Captain of his swim team his senior year, member of the Red Cross S.E. Pennsylvania Chapter Water Safety Committee 25 years, member of the Pennsylvania Hall of Fame Selection Committee 10 years, YMCA SCUBA Commissioner 1970-1975 and Aquatic Commissioner 1975-1983.



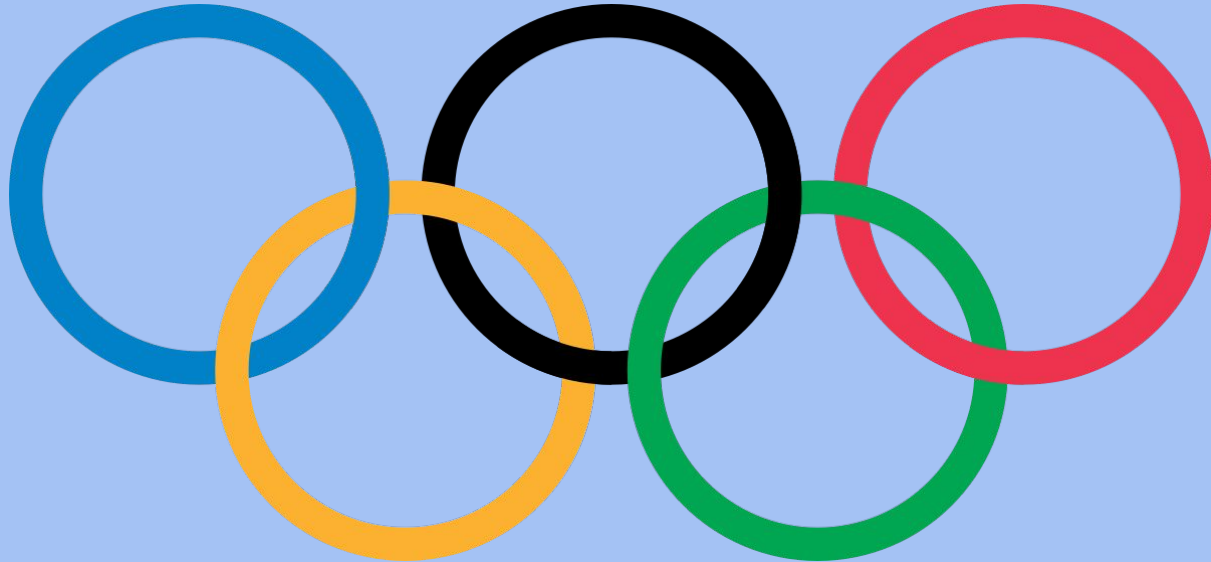
Eleanor Uhl Gash

Eleanor was fresh out of high school and represented the Meadowbrook Club of Philadelphia when she was chosen for the U.S. Women's Olympic Swimming Team and taken to Antwerp in 1920. This was the first year American Women competed in the Olympic Games. Uhl competed in the women's 300-meter freestyle, advanced to the event final, and finished fifth overall. During the 1940s, 50s, and 60s, Eleanor was actively involved in developing various swimming teams and programs.



David Gaul- 2021

David hails from Lafayette and represented the Philadelphia Athletic Club where he was an American competition swimmer. He represented the United States as a 17-year-old at the 1904 Summer Olympics in St. Louis, Missouri, where he finished in fourth place in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle events.



Edward Geisz --1973

Geisz grew up in Philadelphia and graduated from Northeast Catholic Boys High School, where he was captain of the swim team. As a senior, he became national Catholic interscholastic 100-yard breaststroke champion. He was a member of the La Salle College swim team that won an Association of American Universities outdoor swimming championship. For several years, he coached the swim team at Malvern Preparatory School. Geisz came to Villanova College in 1953 to direct the intramural department and it was during that same year when he proposed that a men's swimming program be revived at the school. The Villanova men's swimming program had been cancelled during World War II and had yet to be returned until Geisz's efforts in 1953.



In his first season at the helm of the Wildcats, Geisz's squad posted a 1-2 record. The `Cats were 4-2 in 1954, and with the exception of his first season one year earlier, Geisz's team always had a winning record. This tremendous feat allowed him to reach a milestone few collegiate coaches had reached before him - the 300-win plateau. It was on January 12, 1989 in a 166-77 dual meet win over Delaware that Geisz earned his 300th victory. He would go on to record an incredible 308-167-4 dual meet record during his career. Directing 18 of his swimmers to NCAA All-America status on 46 occasions in either individual or relay events, Geisz helped his student-athletes to achieve national and international fame over the years. In 1985, Geisz saw one of his most important dreams come true when construction was completed on the Villanova Swimming Center. Through his efforts, an ultra-modern swimming facility he had at one time only dreamed of became a reality. A well respected figure in the collegiate coaching ranks, Geisz has earned a number of honors and awards throughout his career. He received the 15, 25 and 30 year service awards from the College Swimming Coaches Association, and went on to receive a lifetime membership by the CSCA in 1989. He also received the Masters Coach Award and the Distinguished Coach Award from that group and in 1987 was a finalist for the National Collegiate and Scholastic Swimming Trophy.

For his accomplishments as a swimmer and coach, Geisz was inducted into the Pennsylvania Swimming Hall of Fame in 1973, the Villanova Varsity Club Hall of Fame in 1975, and the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in 1987. In 1987, he was the Villanova Varsity Club Man of the Year and one year later was named the National Catholic Collegiate Championships Coach of the Year. In 1989, he was named the Big East Conference Coach of the Year along with the Eastern Regional Coach of the Year. In addition to his collegiate legacy, Geisz re-established Villanova as the home of the National Catholic Interscholastic Swimming & Diving Championships in 1953.

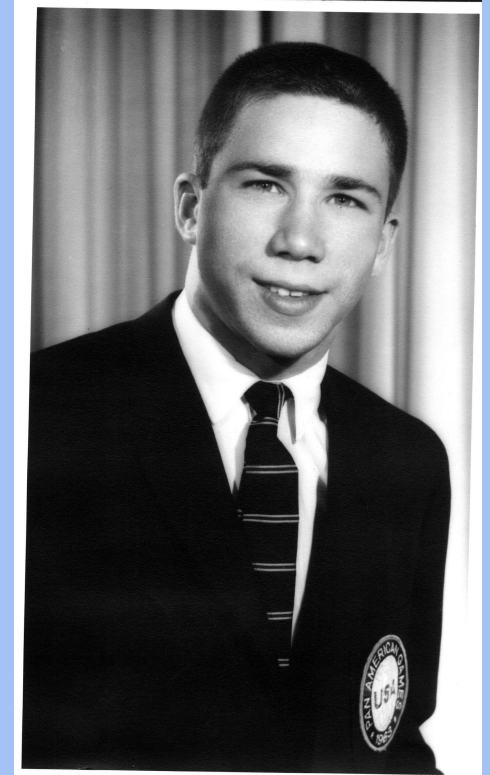
Don Geyer --1979

Donald has made a name for himself playing and coaching many sports including football, baseball, volleyball, soccer, and track and field. His greatest contribution to Shaler Area, however, came in his roles as Supervisor of Health and Physical Education and varsity swimming coach. As Supervisor of Health and Physical Education, Donald supervised 15 schools and 32 different teachers. Under his leadership, the school district implemented an innovative physical education curriculum which permitted students to specialize and allowed teachers to better utilize their skills and expertise. Donald is also credited with building the Shaler Area Swimming Program into one of the most dominant in the state. Throughout his tenure as coach, the boys and girls varsity swim teams were always at the forefront of any section in which they competed. Don laid the groundwork for Shaler's state champion teams in 1977, 1978 and 1979. Donald was inducted into the Penn State University Hall of Fame for swimming in 1979. He also served as the WPIAL's Chairman for Swimming and was on the state committee in charge of organizing the championships. Donald has also been very active as a local and national official for 30 years.



Rick Gilbert -2019

Rick was one of the greatest divers ever to come out of Pennsylvania and was a 3 time PIAA diving champion (1959-1961) and two-time Eastern Interscholastic Champion. Gilbert lost one high school meet his junior year finishing 2nd, 7/10th of a point behind the winner in the EISL championships. He was 7th in the 1 meter at the NAAU Championships at Yale his senior year. He won two World University (FISU) Games Gold Medals, was Silver Medalist on 3 meter in the 1963 Pan American Games and amassed five Big Ten and seven national titles while at Indiana University. He was a six-time NCAA All-American and four-time AAU All-American and won one NCAA and six national AAU titles. A sprained ankle hampered him at the 1968 Olympics where he finished 17th on platform. After Mexico City, he became coach of diving at Cornell University where he coached 39 years until his retirement in 2007. Gilbert was named Eastern Intercollegiate Swimming League Women's Diving Coach of the Year in 1991 to 1993 and Men's Diving Coach of the Year in 1984. He is a past Chairman of the NCAA Diving Rules Sub-Committee from 1976 to 1980. He was inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in 1973 and the Indiana University Athletic Hall of Fame in 1997.



G. Michael Gobrecht -2020

Mike has been a part of the Central Pennsylvania aquatic scene his entire life having swum all of his life for teams such as Elizabethtown Aquatic Club, Hershey Aquatic Club, and the West Shore YMCA (WSY). Mike has been the Director of Competitive Swimming at the WSY since 1989. Mike has coached High School teams at Central Dauphin East ('92-'94), Trinity High School (2002-2013) and since 2014 has been the Head Coach for Cumberland Valley High School. Mike's philosophy, in and out of the water, is one that allows the ambitious student-athlete to excel both in the pool and in the classroom. In this philosophy, goals and preparation must match and athletes are taught and expected to budget their time effectively. Coach Mike participates actively in swimming legislation and political bodies. A member of the Olympic International Operations Committee, Coach Mike has served on the Olympic International Operations Committee, as well as previously served on the YMCA of the USA Coaches executive committee and the Middle Atlantic Swimming Inc, Board of Directors. Mike has also previously served on the YMCA of the USA National Swimming and Diving "Steering Committee" as well USA Swimming Open Water "Steering Committee." Under his leadership, WSY student-athletes have been accepted to and have earned athletic and academic scholarships to many prominent colleges and universities in the United States. Mike has also coached athletes that have represented the United States at major swimming championships including the FINA World Championships, USA Swimming National Junior Team, USA Olympic Team Trials, and Open Water Pan American Games. Coach Mike has won awards such as YMCA National "Coach of the Meet" and well as the American Swimming Coaches Association "Awards of Excellence." Mike was the appointed head coach of the FINA Open Water World Championship Team in Roberval, Quebec Canada in 2009 and has been an assistant coach for the USA Swimming Junior Team at the FINA World Youth Swimming Championships, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in 2006.



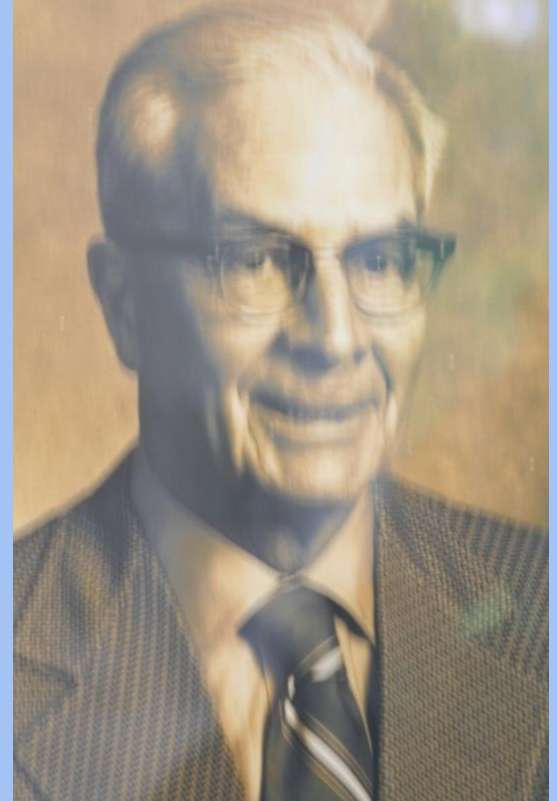
Henry W. Goodwin

Hank has held numerous teaching and coaching positions for over 30 years. His main interests and efforts throughout his teaching career has been with the adaptive program. For over 10 years he worked at Camp Daddy Allen, a special needs children's camp in Hickory Run State Park, first as a counselor and finally as the director. Hank was co-director of the Special Olympics from 1969-1973. He has served on numerous workshops and institutes across the country for such widely known organizations as the Devereux Foundation, American Red Cross, and professional organizations.



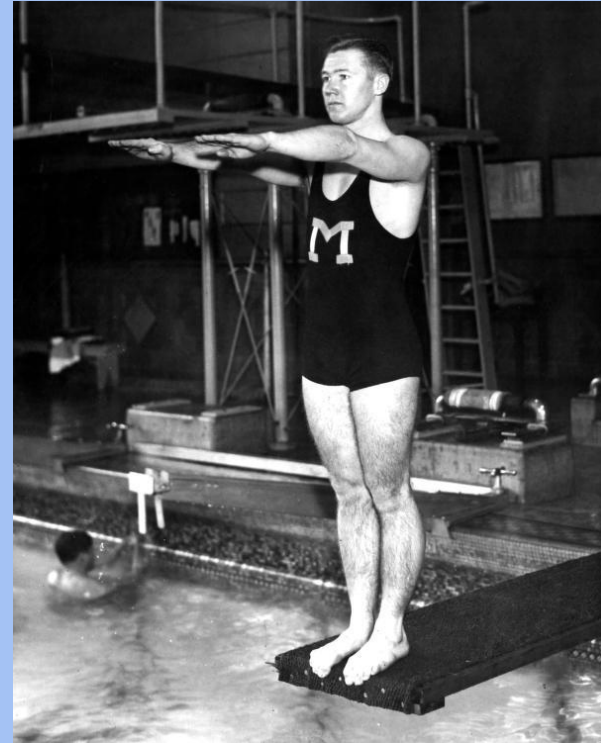
Raymond A. Gotwalt

A graduate of Enola High School, Ray spent all of his adult working years with the YMCA. He began as an assistant physical director of the York YMCA in 1925, later went to the Hazelton YMCA as the physical director, and finally went to the Germantown YMCA, where he served as physical director for 34 years until his retirement in 1969. Ray started “age-group” swimming in the East.



Ben Grady

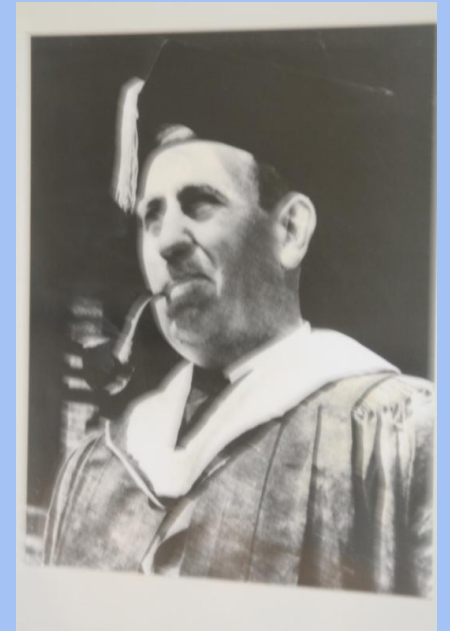
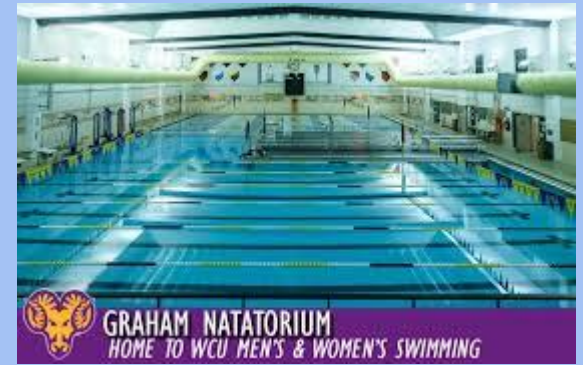
Ben Grady Head Coach -- Swimming and Diving University of Pittsburgh (1939-1966) Ben Grady was a three-time All-America diver in high school and a three-time All-American at the University of Michigan as well. In 1937, Grady was the NCAA 3-meter springboard champion in his senior year with the Wolverines. During his coaching career at Pittsburgh, with the exception of 1942-45 (served as an officer in the U.S. Navy), Grady molded one strong team after another at Pittsburgh. He had 14 winning seasons and led the 1948 team to an undefeated season. From 1939-59, Grady's teams finished no lower than third place in the Eastern Collegiate Swimming Association Championships and won an unprecedented five straight ECSA titles from 1952-56. He accomplished it all without a pool of his own until 1962 when he spearheaded the planning and design of Joseph C. Trees Pool. At the 2003 ECAC Championships, the Panthers' new Daktronics scoreboard was dedicated to Grady, for his commitment to the swimming and diving program. Upon his retirement his record was 125-88-4 making him the winningest coach in Pitt's history.



Charles L. Graham

Charles Graham left an indelible mark on the West Chester University as both a professor and coach of six different sports from 1936 until his untimely death in 1951. Graham is perhaps most associated with the school's swimming and diving program, which he began back in 1936. West Chester University's nationally ranked swimming programs currently compete in the Graham Natatorium, named for Charles Graham and dedicated in his honor in 1995.

Graham authored a 52-49 record as mentor of the swimming team at WCU. He started the Mid-Atlantic Swimming Conference while coaching the Golden Rams' swimmers. Graham is also credited with beginning the swimming program at Williams College in Williamstown, Mass., as well as the New England Swimming Conference during his time there. A graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y., Graham also led the West Chester cross country team to three undefeated campaigns in 1943, 1947 and 1948. He compiled a career record of 48-19-1 while heading up the harriers at WCU between 1939-50. Graham also registered a 13-11-3 record as head coach of the men's soccer squad from 1942-45.



Tom Griffiths -2009

Recognized as an international leader in Water Safety, Dr. Tom Griffiths has spent 38 years teaching coaching, and managing aquatics at 3 major universities. During his 23 year career as the Director of Aquatics and Safety Officer for Athletics at Penn State's McCoy Natatorium, he provided outstanding water safety service by producing four videos, six textbooks, and hundreds of articles in various areas of aquatics. Perhaps his two most significant contributions are the Five Minute Scanning Strategy developed to increase lifeguard vigilance and his research on Shallow Water Breakout, the leading cause of sudden pool deaths to swimmers. After retiring from Penn State in August of 2009, Dr. Griffiths hopes to continue his international water safety efforts through the Aquatic Safety Research Group, LLC.



Virginia Grindle

Ginny was a graduate of Slippery Rock University. Coached and officiated competitive and synchronized 1953-78, last 10 years at Pitt. A.M.A. -A.A.U. Synchronized Coach of Pittsburgh Synchronettes 13 years. Started Western Pennsylvania Girl's High School Swimming 1972. Master Synchronized Clinician and Judge National Association for Girl's and Women's Sports in 70 r s. Edited NAGWS Synchronized Swim Rules Guide 1969-78. Professional Honor Award -AAHPER 1974. She was an officer in the Pennsylvania Aquatic Council and in 1982 received the National Aquatic Council Service Award. She was integral in hosting national clinics and competitions at Pitt in the 1970s. She was involved in aquatics for over 40 years and even received the American Red Cross Service Award for her over 40 years of activity and support.



Paul C. Grubb -1968

He was the retired Director of the Harrisburg Area American Red Cross First Aid and Water Safety Programs for 36 years. During that time he directed National Aquatic Schools at Camp Lutherlyn and Camp Indian Trails in Pennsylvania and Camp Hanover in Virginia. He served on the Red Cross Disaster Team during Hurricanes Agnes and Eloise in Harrisburg, and the 1977 flood in Johnstown. He was the originator of the Red Cross-Patriot-News Learn to Swim Program in Central PA, and was inducted into the PA Swimming Hall of Fame in 1968.

He was inducted as Commodore in the Longfellow Life Saving Society in 1975 and served as National Membership Chairman. His professional associations included Committee Memberships on PA Emergency Health Services Council, the Governor's Traffic Safety Council, and the original PA Ambulance Association.

He served as Red Cross liaison with various State Departments including, Environmental Resources, Division of Emergency Medical Services, Health Department, Department of Parks and Department of Education. He was a life member of the Susquehanna Yacht Club, having served as its Commodore in 1982.



Irene May Guest -2018

Irene is a former American competition swimmer, Olympic Champion, and World Record Holder. Irene grew up in Philadelphia and swam for the Meadowbrook Club. She then represented the United States as a 19 year old in the 1920 Olympic Games in Antwerp, Belgium. At the Olympics she won a gold and a silver medal. She was runner up to an American teammate in the 100M Freestyle, and then joined 2 other Americans to take gold in the 4x100 Meter Freestyle Relay. Irene Guest was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1990.



Richard A. Guyer



David R. Hackett *****

34 years of success as William Allen's High School Swim Coach in Allentown.

22 straight District XI Championships, 8 regional titles, and 5 PIAA Championship Teams, 10 undefeated seasons, 50 All-Americans, 235-32-1



Elizabeth Ryan Halpin

Elizabeth was an outstanding swimmer, coach, and official for over 40 years. She was National AAU 50 yard and 220 yard freestyle champion in 1917 and 1918. Her 220 yard record was not broken until the mid 1960s. For over 20 years, she taught swimming at the Flanders Hotel in Atlantic City, and later coached the girls team at Temple University and Wombat AAU Swimming Club of Philadelphia. She was a nationally rated referee in the Philadelphia Board of Women's Officials, and has officiated at many AAU, high school, and college meets.



Henry Jamison "Jam" Handy -2020

Jam Handy was born in Philadelphia and was an American Olympic breaststroke swimmer, water polo player, and leader in the field of commercial audio and visual communications. Handy was noted for the number of training films that he produced over the years. As a swimmer, Handy introduced a number of new swimming strokes to Americans, such as the Australian crawl. He would often wake up early and devise new strokes to give him an edge over other swimmers. Swimming led to him earning a bronze in the 1904 Olympics in St. Louis, Missouri. Twenty years later he was part of the Illinois Athletic Club water polo team at the 1924 Olympics in Paris, France. He broke the record of the longest period of time between first and last competition. The team won the bronze at that Olympics. Handy briefly attended the University of Michigan and competed for the Chicago AA and the Illinois AC while working for the Chicago Tribune. He was forced to do most of his training at 3 AM after the newspaper had been put to bed. Handy was an innovative swimmer and would have won more championships had all his ideas stood the test of competition. However, in many fields he was years ahead of his time; he was, for example, the first to use the alternate arm style in the backstroke. He also pioneered underwater photography for stroke analysis and in his later years, set up the Jam Handy Corporation, which specialized in motivational and training films, notably producing many films for the auto industry. The Jam Handy Organization was probably best known for producing the first animated version of the then-new Christmas story Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer directed by Max Fleischer.



Brendan Hanson -2010

A 4-time PIAA State Champion in the 100 Breaststroke, in 1999 Brendan set the US Public High School record which still stands today. He went on to the University of Texas where he became a 12-time NCAA Champion, and was the only collegian to win both the 100 and 200 Breaststroke events during all 4 years. In addition, he was a 13 time All-American, 8 time National Champion, 8 time World Champion, 7 time World Record holder, 4 time Olympic Medalist, and was the first American to go under 1 minute in the 100 Meter Breaststroke. In 2006, Brendan was named United States Swimmer of the Year and has twice received the Golden Goggle Award.



Bruce Harlan

Bruce Harlan was a wrestler, and pole vaulter, at Lansdowne Pennsylvania High School . . .graduating into the Navy in 1944 where he became an Athletic Specialist in the "Tunney-Fish" program named after its organizer Gene Tunney. His skill at diving was observed by Ensign Adolph Kiefer who took him to his first national Indoor AAU Championships at the New York Athletic Club (1945). This was the last Nationals at which Bruce Harlan failed to place.

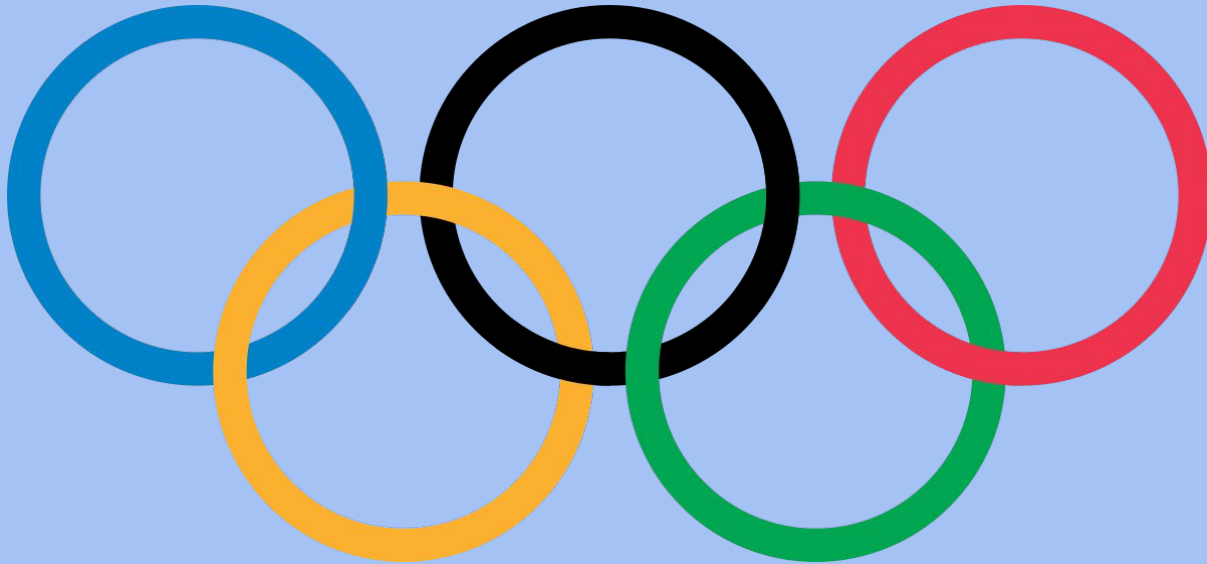
In the Spring of 1945 he was sent to duty at the Jacksonville, Florida Naval Air Station where he was coached by Lt. R. Jackson Smith. Under Smith's tutelage Harlan soon became one of the nation's most outstanding divers, climaxing his Navy duty by capturing his first National AAU 3 meter springboard title at San Diego during the summer of 1946, winning by a close margin over Ohio State's perennial intercollegiate diving champion Miller Anderson. That fall, Bruce Harlan enrolled at Ohio State joining Anderson, Jack Calhoun, and Jim Strong to form the strongest combination of divers in the nation. Repeatedly, these boys achieved top honors in AAU and Intercollegiate competition. While at Ohio State, under Mike Peppe, Bruce captured a total of 19 individual diving titles form 1947 through 1950, including 5 Big Ten, 5 NCAA, and 8 NAAU plus Olympic gold and silver medals at the 1948 Olympics.

After graduate work at Stanford and High School coaching at Redwood City, California, Bruce coached at the University of Michigan from 1954 to 1959 when his untimely death terminated a coaching career as brilliant as his diving. Giving a diving exhibition with Hobie Billingsley on the evening of June 21, 1959 at the Fairfield Country Club (Fairfield, Conn.), Bruce fell from a 27' diving tower while dismantling the scaffolding they used for the exhibition. He had continued to dive as a professional and was said to be the finest diver in the world and was diving the best of his career at the time of his death.



Margaret “Peg” Hoffman- 2021

Peg was from Wilkes-Barre and swam for the Scranton Swimming Association, placing fifth in the 200 meter breaststroke at both the 1928 (Amsterdam) and 1932(Los Angeles) Olympics. She attended Kingston’s Wyoming Seminary and later Mount Holyoke College. Hoffman won the AAU championship outdoors in the 220 yard breaststroke in 1930 and 1933, and was AAU indoor champion in the 110 yard breaststroke in 1931 and 1933.



B.J. Howat

A native of Pottsville, PA, Betty Jane graduated from Pottsville, where she participated in gymnastics and track and field. Howat captained the women's swim and cheerleading teams during her time as a student at Temple (1950-53). As a member of the swim team, Howat concentrated on diving. In her senior year she captured second place for diving in an intercollegiate championship.

After graduating, Howat coached Temple's female divers from 1954-58 and was a physical education instructor for several years until the birth of her first child. She founded the swimming program at Abington Friends before moving on to William Tennent High School in Warminster where she coached the girls swimming and diving team for 15 years. Before her arrival at the school, the girls swim team had never had a winning season. During her coaching stint at William Tennent, the team never had another losing season and two of her swimmers broke state high school records in the 50-yard freestyle. In addition, she served on the District One Steering Committee for swimming.

For 26 summers she was the coach at the Hideaway Swim Club in Horsham, and in 24 of them Hideaway's team won the Colonial Swim League Championship. In 1993, Howat retired from a life of teaching and coaching.



Dr. Richard Hunkler -2014

Richard initiated The Rock water polo program in 1972 as a club sport, led it into varsity status in 1991 and ultimately coached the women's teams for 27 seasons and men's teams for 24 seasons in addition to serving seven seasons as women's swimming coach. On the varsity level alone, he compiled 316-82 record in 23 seasons: 162-20 in eight women's water polo seasons, 116-53 in eight men's water polo seasons and 38-19 in seven women's swimming seasons. For his efforts as a water polo pioneer, Richard was one of two men who in 2002 comprised the inaugural class of inductees into the Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Hall of Fame. Two years earlier, he earned the ultimate honor in the sport of water polo: Induction into the U.S. Water Polo Association Hall of Fame. Even more evidence of the respect with which he is viewed by water polo coaches and administrators is the fact USA Water Polo established the Doc Hunkler Distinguished Women's Coaching Award in 2010. The CWPA also honored him by putting his name on its Women's Eastern Region "Coach of the Year" award. He earned national "Coach of the Year" honors three consecutive seasons after leading The Rock to Collegiate National Championships runner-up finishes in 1993 and 1994 and the national championship in 1995.



All told, he led The Rock women to six third-place and three national runner-up finishes in addition to the 1995 national championship. Doc's Rock men's water polo teams never had a losing season and claimed two top-eight national finishes in NCAA Division I competition, two Eastern regional titles and two regional runner-up finishes. He also held posts on the national level where he was an assistant for the 1982-83 national women's team which finished second at the World Cup Championships. As a coach at the U.S. Olympic Festival, he became the only person to ever direct both a men's and women's squad to a water polo gold medal. He also served as a member of the U.S. Water Polo Women's International Committee and was instrumental in the administration of the Mid Atlantic Conference, now known as the CWPA, in its early years. He served six years as the organization's president and several more as its secretary. His women's swimming teams claimed three top-25 finishes in AIAW Division II national-championship events, earned two Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference runner-up honors and never finished lower than fourth place in PSAC championship meets. As a result of these many accomplishments, he is also in the Slippery Rock Hall of Fame. Doc's prowess wasn't limited to coaching; he also won 10 U.S. Master's national titles as a competitive swimmer. A retired SRU computer science and elementary education professor, Richard received his bachelor's (1957), master's (1960) and Ph. D (1968) degrees from Texas A&M University. He was inducted into the Texas A&M Hall of Fame in 1981.

George H. Ingram *****

George has instructed and coached swimming at every level, has introduced community-wide aquatic programs in 6 communities. He has served as a Red Cross Water Safety Director, has instructed district, regional, state, national, and Olympic Swimmers, and has directed hydrotherapeutic work with all types of mentally and physically challenged swimmers.

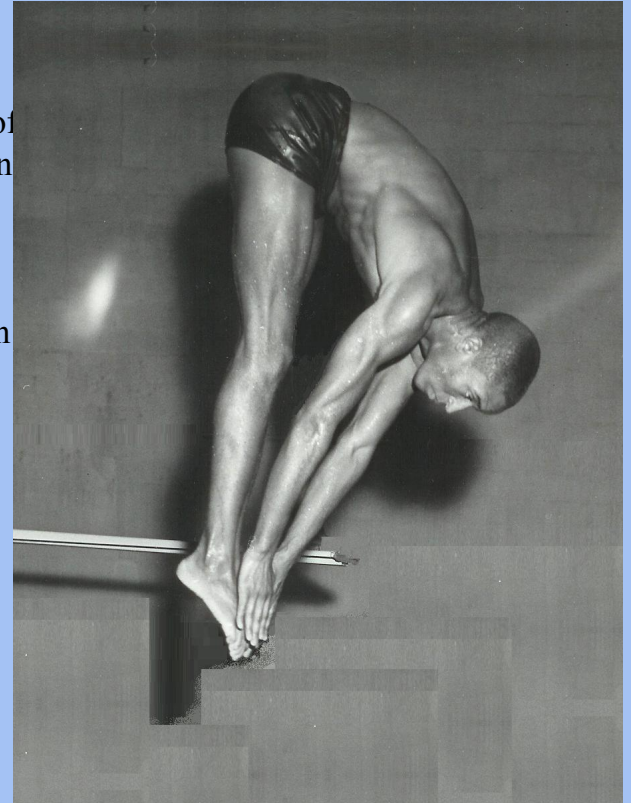
Temple

Towson Swim award



Dr. Ronn Jenkins -2014

Dr. Ronn has coached over 40 seasons at his alma mater as the men's and women's diving coach. Throughout his illustrious career, the legendary diving mentor in the Greater Philadelphia region has tutored numerous All-Americans and conference champions both at the university and through private lessons. In February 2009, West Chester University honored Jenkins by inducting him into the school's Athletics Hall of Fame. Considered one of the top diving coaches in the country, Dr. Ronn Jenkins won a PSAC individual diving title while also capturing a Mid-Atlantic Conference diving championship during his college career. He was named the school's most outstanding athlete in 1964. Jenkins also captured two Junior Olympic national titles during his diving days in the early 1960s. Jenkins' reputation in the diving community has grown exponentially over his coaching career to the point where he was appointed the coordinator of diving officials at the 1996 Olympic Games held in Atlanta, Ga. He served in the same capacity for the World Games one year earlier in Atlanta. Jenkins has also served as chairperson on the U.S. Diving Committee on Diversity from 1991-94 and was a member of the NCAA Swimming & Diving Committee from 1995-99. In 1995, Jenkins was named the national diving coach of the year. Jenkins worked as a counselor at West Chester University, eventually moving his way up to director of the advising center as well as chairman of the department of educational services, before his retirement a few years ago. Jenkins earned his master's degree from Bucknell University in 1972 and his doctoral degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1981. He coached the diving team at Bucknell while working towards his master's diploma.



George W. Jones --1977 *****

George Jones (Meyers High School staff) inducted 1977

George Jones as a clown diver.

TRIBENDIS asst. Turley (wife's father!!!)

Nathan H. Kaufman

Nathan H. “Nate” Kaufman (1910-1993) taught himself how to swim as a child while playing in the pool at the Irene Kaufmann Settlement House. At fourteen, he saved a man from drowning at Oakmont Beach. The incident inspired Kaufman to become a swimming instructor. He passed the Junior Life Saving Examination in 1925 and the Senior Life Saving Examination in 1927. He worked for the Irene Kaufmann Settlement, first as a junior counselor at the Emma Farm Camp starting in 1925 and then as assistant athletic director and swimming coach from 1929 to 1938. During those years, Kaufman gained a reputation as a coach, an athlete and an inventor of aquatic games. He competed in a marathon swim at the Chicago World’s Fair in 1933, published the book *Water Games and Stunts* in 1935, wrote the “Splashes” column for various trade publications, and developed a number of National AAU and Collegiate Champions. He was a WPIAL and PIAA official for over 40 years.

He had a longstanding interest in water rescue. While volunteering with the American Red Cross during the 1936 St. Patrick’s Day Flood, Kaufman rescued 40 families in the Strip District. He was hospitalized after his boat capsized on the final trip.

Kaufman joined the staff of the Allegheny County Department of Parks in 1938. That year, as part of the County Sesquicentennial Celebration, he directed “Aqua Ballet,” which was billed as the largest amateur water show ever staged. The following year, he produced a two-hour water show at the Young Men and Women’s Hebrew Association called “Aqua-Treasure.” The show included “a cast of forty-five young men and women, including singers, musicians and actors, all first-rate swimmers.” He topped that performance in 1941 with “A Night in the South Sea Islands,” featuring a cast of 60. In addition, Nathan H. Kaufman is also in the Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame.



Frank Keefe -2018

Frank Keefe is a 1960 graduate of Villanova. He's a member of the Villanova Athletics Hall of Fame and American Swimming Coaches Association (ASCA) Hall of Fame, as well as a United States Olympic Coach. Locally, Frank coached at Suburban Swim Club, Foxcatcher, Monsignor Bonner High School, and at St. Joe's where he actually designed their pool. A native of East Haven, Connecticut, Keefe began his 32-year coaching career at Yale University in 1978. In 2001, the Ivy League named the annual women's swimming championship trophy in his honor. Keefe, who earned a 2009 American Swimming Coaches Association Award of Excellence, is a two-time Eastern Intercollegiate Swimming League Coach of the Year. During his tenure at Yale, he guided the women's team to five Ivy League championships and the men's team to one. His women's teams had undefeated seasons in 1992-93 and 1996-97. He finished his Yale coaching career in 2009 with 488 wins combined between men's and women's teams. Since retiring from Yale, Keefe has coached at Villanova, Swarthmore, the Shipley School and is presently an assistant coach at LaSalle University. In addition to a successful collegiate background, Keefe boasts an extensive coaching career in the international ranks. He served as an assistant coach for the 1984 United States Olympic team at Los Angeles and was the head manager for the 1988 Olympic team at Seoul. He also served as the U.S. coach for the 1975 and 1979 Pan American Games and as an assistant coach at the 1978 World Championships. Keefe coached nine Olympic swimmers including gold medalist Carl Robie, silver medalist Tim McKee; and George Gleason and Stephen Fahy from the 2000 Olympics in Sydney.



The Keiser Brothers: David S., James R., and Paul S.

These remarkable brothers dominated Berks County Swimming from 1910 until World War I. Their swimming careers began in 1904, when after the death of their father, they were provided annual season tickets to the Reading Natatorium. David swam at the pool every day and at least 3 times on Saturdays. He was coached by Sam Davis and Tom Whitaker. David coached and taught swimming, including his brothers, James and Paul. In a YMCA vs. Reading High meet in 1911, Reading High Captains- Dave and Jim- each won first places. These three brothers cleaned up in the local swimming competitions including winning the first River Swims in 1913, 1914, 1915, and 1921. Each of the brothers captained one or more Reading High School swim teams and won many local championships.



David- in 1913 was a member of the University of Pennsylvania relay team that won a second place in freshman racing in the Intercollegiates at Princeton. On one occasion he beat the Canadian champion Bob Dippy in a 100 freestyle championship held in the Reading Natatorium.

Paul- in 1916, when Paul was just 18 years old, he defeated Gilbert E. Thomlinson, the American half-mile champion in the 440 freestyle Astor Cup Race. Paul also captured the 500 yard freestyle interscholastic championship of America. He also won the Pawling 5 mile swim on the Schuylkill River by besting his brother Jim.

James- in 1915 won the Pawling 5 mile swim. The following year he was 3rd place in the backstroke at the Intercollegiates. In 1918, he won the 220 freestyle at the Intercollegiates and earned 2nd at the National AAU mile distance championships.

The Keiser brothers last scheduled race was in 1922 at Fairview Lake in the Poconos when Dave beat Jim in a sprint event. All brothers attended and competed at the University of Pennsylvania and were inducted into the Berks County Hall of Fame in 1971.

Mary Freeman Kelly

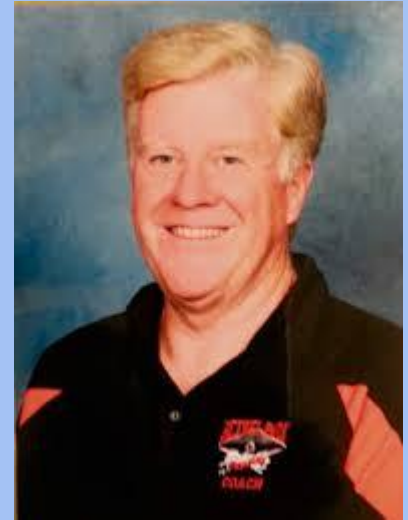
Mary Freeman began swimming as a beginner in the Walter Reed Army Hospital pool in Washington where her chemist father was on the staff. She went quickly from the worst to one of the best of Jim Campbell's champions who trained at the hospital pool. Campbell trained his swimmers at six in the morning so the pool could later be heated up for the hospital rehab swim program. Since Walter Reed quickly became national champions, U.S. swim coaches decided six a.m. workouts should be the law of the land. By 1951, Mary Freeman was national champion in both backstrokes. The following year, she made the U.S. Olympic team going to Helsinki. Her best swimming year was 1953 when she won the nationals in the 300 yard individual medley, the 880 yard freestyle relay and the 330 yard medley relay.

Mary retired in 1953 but missed the sport. After her marriage to the late Jack Kelly, she started the swimming team at Philadelphia Vesper Boat Club in 1955. The club quickly became the best in the east and by 1961 they had won their first national team championship. Mary, generally considered the best American woman swimming coach, (if not the world) produced 15 national champions who went on to win 26 national championships between them, set 10 world records and made the Olympic finals nine times. Mary Freeman coached both Vesper and the University of Pennsylvania women's team with the philosophy of "Ladies first, swimmers second." She retired in 1968, at the top.



Bill Kennedy -2012

Bill began his coaching career in 1978 at Bethel Park and coaches all levels from developmental to high school. During his tenure, he compiled a record of 259-41 which includes an undefeated streak of 81 consecutive dual meets. His girls' teams have won 7 District VII Championships, finished in the top 4 at the PIAA State Meet 10 times, were PIAA Runner Ups twice, and won the PIAA State Championship twice. His teams were twice ranked the #1 team in the Nation according to the NISCA Dual Meet Points rankings. Coach Kennedy's athletes set several state records, produced state championship performances, and were presented with countless All-American awards. Since 1991, Bill has also been the Head Coach of the Bethel Park USA Swimming team. His swimmers have had success at all levels including Sectionals, Junior Nationals, and Nationals thus earning scholarships to some of the top universities in the U.S. The Bethel girls have been represented in the 2000, 2008, and 2012 Olympic Trials. Outside of the pool, Coach Kennedy has been involved with the Pennsylvania High School Swim Coaches Association for more than 15 years. He has been involved with the PHSSCA Spring Coaches Conference since 1995, and is a member of the District VII Swim Committee, as well as numerous other USA Swim Committees since he began coaching.



Joseph Kirk

La Salle's swimming coach from its debut in 1941, Joseph Kirk posted a 26-year record of 213-65 (.780) until his death in 1970. His teams captured the 1947 Eastern Catholic College Swimming Championship and the MAC title in 1957. From 1955-1958, he strung together 39 consecutive victories towards his overall record of 215-71-1. He posted a third place NCAA finish in 1964 (College Division) and would win the MAC title again in 1966, as well as place fifth in the in NCAA (College Division) Championships that same year.

LaSalle now swims at Kirk Pool.



George Kistler

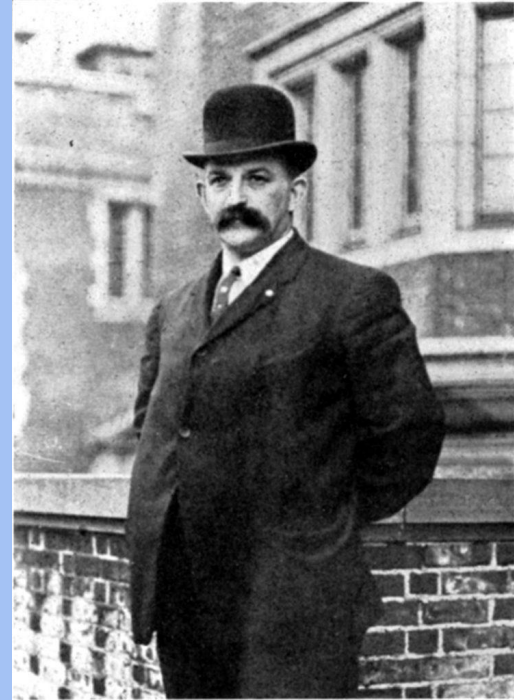
George Kistler was born on February 21, 1864, in Penzance, on England's west coast. Swimming came naturally to George Kistler. He began swimming competitively at the age of 10. While living in England and working in his father's shop, George Kistler reached the high point of his competitive swimming career in 1887, when he won the mile championship of the World Race at the Jubilee of Queen Victoria. Shortly after, in 1891, he traveled to the United States in hopes of becoming a swimming instructor. Having trouble finding such an opportunity he was forced to work as a miner in Summit Hill, Pennsylvania, for four years. Sometime in 1897 a group of Penn alumni discovered Kistler's residence in the U.S. and approached him with a proposition to coach swimming at the University. They created a fund that would guarantee his livelihood until more definite provisions could be made for him. He accepted.

On April 5, 1897, Penn announced that the Houston Club had hired former world champion swimmer and instructor, George Kistler, to take on the responsibilities as overall director of the Houston Hall Pool. Kistler would successfully develop both swimming and water polo teams, but his first responsibilities at Penn involved the swimming exhibitions held in Houston Hall to showcase various aquatic activities. Kistler took over these exhibitions soon after he was hired. On April 24th, 1897, Kistler gave his first swimming exhibition immediately following the University's Athletic Carnival on Franklin Field. Under the guidance of Kistler, the members of the Houston Club faced off against the National Swimming Association (N.S.A.) in a water polo match, claiming victory in every event.

The opening of Weightman Hall at the University of Pennsylvania in 1904 marks the beginning of Kistler's transition from his job as the University's swimming instructor to his career as a swimming coach. As a result of his influence, the Board of Trustees and the faculty of the University made it mandatory that every student be able to swim. With George Kistler acting as the administrator, every student was required to complete the minimum requisite of two lengths of the pool (200 feet) to be eligible for graduation.

Kistler was one of the few men to be awarded the varsity letter at Penn without actually representing the red and blue in intercollegiate competition. The honor was given to him at the time of his retirement in June of 1934.

Two of Kistler's best performances were swimming in the Delaware River. He swam from Philadelphia to Red Bank and back, a fourteen-mile trip taking three hours and fifty seven minutes. On another occasion he swam in the Delaware River from Philadelphia's Market Street pier to one and a half miles beyond Chester and back. This trip amounted to thirty seven and a half miles and took him eleven hours and eleven minutes.



Chuck Knoles -2013

Chuck is the Head Swimming & Diving Coach for both the Men's and Women's programs at the University of Pittsburgh. Prior to being named the coach at Pitt in 1990, Chuck earned degrees from Northern Arizona and Arizona State. This is where he began to develop his extensive coaching and administrative background in High School, USA Club, and College coaching in Arizona. He was named the High School "Coach of the Year" for the Arizona Skyline Division seven times from 1977-1988 while coaching Shadow Mountain High School. And yet, before 1990 he gained much experience in the collegiate ranks at Arizona State and the University of Arizona where he coach the 1989 NCAA Women's Champion in the 1650. However, in 1990 he was named the Head Coach of Team Pittsburgh Aquatic Program as well as Head Coach of the University of Pittsburgh's Men's team. In 1994 he solidified his commitment to the area by becoming Director and Owner of Team Pittsburgh. His success in the aquatic arena led to him being named the Head Coach of the University of Pittsburgh's Women's team in 2002. His success as Head Coach at Pitt has been unmatched as he has the most wins of any coach in the program's history. His teams have accomplished high honors in both the pool and the classroom, as his teams have been awarded recognition for having the Highest GPA's on campus. In addition, Pitt has been dominant in the Big East during his tenure, with his Men's Team placing top 3 in the conference in all of his years except 1 which has led him to be named the Big East's Coach of Year more than 5 times. Chuck has coached over 40 High School and Collegiate All-Americans and over 20 Olympic Trials Qualifiers. He has earned the College Swim Coaches Association "Outstanding Achievement" Award over 10 times, while also earning the "Master Coach Award" in 1996.



Kristy Kowal -2009

A 1996 graduate of Wilson-West Lawn High School and the University of Georgia in 2000, Kristy has had a stellar competitive swimming career. Her accomplishments include being a 2-time World Champion, a 2000 Olympic Silver Medalist, a 24 time NCAA All-American, 8 time NCAA Champion, 2 time NCAA Swimmer of the Year, NCAA Woman of the Year, 2000 NCAA Today's Top VIII Award Recipient, 9 time National Champion, 8 time American Record Holder, and 1 World Record.



Robert S. Krimmel -2000

A 1973 graduate of Penn State with a bachelor of science degree in secondary education, Krimmel competed on the Nittany Lions' men's swimming team and is a former school co-captain and record-holder in the 100 and 200-yard freestyle events. He earned 3 varsity letters and his master of education degree in counseling from PSU in 1974. Upon graduation, Krimmel became a varsity assistant coach until 1981 when he was named Head Coach for Women's Swimming.

Krimmel compiled a 162-38-1 head coaching record during 17 years at the helm of Penn State (1981-98). Krimmel coached 61 All-Americans, 11 Academic All-Americans seven Big 10 Conference individual champions and four U.S. Olympic Trial qualifiers during his head coaching career. Krimmel sent at least two swimmers to the NCAA Championships 16 times in his 17-year head coaching career. Penn State was the only Eastern women's team in the nation to qualify swimmers to the NCAA Division I Championships every season from 1982-96. He served on the Eastern Women's Swimming League Executive Committee from 1983-90 and won 3 Eastern League Titles and the first in the school's history. Upon the move to the Big Ten Conference, Krim posted a 38-18-1 record in 7 seasons and coached PSU's first Big Ten Champion in Fran McDermid.

Voted the Eastern Coach-of-the-Year in 1988 and 1990, Krimmel guided his program into Big 10 competition in 1992. In 1996-97, Penn State's women's swimming team led the nation (Division I, II and III) in team grade-point-average, maintaining a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.335.



Julian Krug -2011

In 1972, Julian was one of the best divers in the United States. In 1974, he was the first to execute a 5 ½ front somersault dive from a 10 meter board. For the last 31 years, Julian has been the Head Diving Coach for the University of Pittsburgh and Pittsburgh Aquatic Club. Since his tenure began in 1979, Coach Krug has produced 18 Individual Big East Champions, 43 overall titles, 8 All-Americans, numerous Honorable Mention All-Americans, 7 repeat NCAA Qualifiers, 6 school record holders, and 16 Big East Championship *Most Outstanding Divers*. In 2000, Krug was elected to the U.S. Diving Board of Directors and also spent time on the NCAA Rules Committee. A member of the U.S. Diving Education Committee, Krug is a National Spotting Certifier and has served as a member of the Senior National Rules Committee. In 2008, Julian was appointed U.S. Diving Vice President for Senior Diving. In addition, Krug and his wife Dorothy worked the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing as diving advisor for the NBC telecast. They served in a similar capacity at the 2004 Athens, 2000 Sydney, 1996 Atlanta, and 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games. In 2007, Julian was joined by his wife and daughter Cassidy, as all three became the first family of recipients to earn the prestigious Whosam Inc. Award for commitment to excellence and dedication to the highest physical and spiritual ideals at the U.S. Aquatic Sports Award banquet.



Susan Laird- 2021

Susan participated in the 1928 Olympic Games in Amsterdam as 100 freestyler and a member or the World Record setting 4x100 freestyle relay. She also attended Temple University, graduating in 1930. She started swimming at age 14 as therapy after developing Sydenham's chorea (often called St. Vitus' Dance), a neurologic disorder characterized by spasmodic jerking of the limbs and head. Laird was US Junior Champion in the 100 yard freestyle in 1926. After college she became a girls' coach and physical education at Homestead High School near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Laird died tragically when only 25-years-old from a rare blood disorder and subsequent pneumonia.



Donald Leas -2015

Don Leas started high school diving in 1953 and he has been inseparable to the sport ever since. He competed for Michigan State in NCAA competition in both diving and gymnastics (Big 10 Champion on Flying Rings). Most of his years coaching diving were at Clarion University of Pennsylvania (1966 –1990) developing 36 National Champions. But his contribution to the sport goes far beyond his athleticism and coaching. Don has participated in a variety of roles regarding USA Diving; he has been the Chairman for almost every committee including rules, certification, safety and membership. He has been the technical and administrative liaison to numerous organizations and events including the FINA World Trials, Goodwill Games, FINA World Cup, U.S. Olympic Festival, NCAA, AAU, and the USOC. He has been an advisor and referee to over 10 international events. Most notably, at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, he served as the diving coordinator. In addition, Don has consulted with many diving videos for the Athlete Institute and been involved with the writing of the Rules and Regulations regarding Competitive and Technical Diving. He has been author or editor to over 12 book publications on diving and diving rules. Don has been the recipient of many awards and distinctions, including being named NCAA Diving Coach of the 1980s and in 1984 NCAA Swimming Coach of the Year. In 1997 he was inducted into Clarion University Hall of Fame, while in 1999 Don was the Paragon Award Winner according to the International Swimming Hall of Fame. Most impressively, in 2012 Don was the recipient of the Duraflex International Diving Award, which is presented to recognize outstanding international contributions to the sport of diving. Don is a unique contributor to aquatics and has devoted a lifetime of service to advancing and improving the sport he loves.



Frank Lichtner -2019

Frank was a former Council Rock swimming standout who graduated in 1971, was a six-time PIAA champion for the Indians, winning the 200- and 400-yard freestyle events three times each and was a high school All-American in all of those swims. During his high school years he swam for the Philadelphia Aquatic Club where he swam US Nationals and Olympic Trials in 1968, which put him on the USS All American Team. After high school, Frank attended the University of Florida from '71 to '75 where he received First Team All-American honors in the 800 meter freestyle relay.

Frank returned home where he taught and was the head coach at La Salle College High School from 1990 to 2015. He led the Explorers to the Philadelphia Catholic League title every year he was the coach. His team was also the National Catholic League Champions 5 times and Eastern Interscholastic Champions once. La Salle has won every District 12 Class AAA team title from 2009-2015 and the PIAA Class AAA team titles in boys swimming from 2012-2015. Lichtner is a member of the Council Rock Hall of Fame, the Bucks County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, and La Salle's Hall of Athletics.



Jeremy Linn -2010

Jeremy is a 1994 graduate of Central Dauphin HS and was the Top USA HS breaststroker from 1994-98. He took his talents to the University of Tennessee where he earned a BS of Science in Psychology. The Harrisburg native established many records while in high school and at the University of Tennessee. Jeremy won 6 SEC individual championships and helped 5 relays win titles as well. A 3 time SEC Swimmer of the Year, Jeremy became only the third swimmer to win the same event, 100 Breaststroke, 4 consecutive years. He also went on to win the NCAA Championship in the 100 and 200 Breaststroke a combined 4 times. At UT, he was a member of their SEC Championship Team in 1996, earned 17 All American honors, and in his senior season he was team captain. Jeremy currently lives in Virginia and is Head Sr. Elite and SR. Performance Coach for Curl Burke West Swim Club.



In international competition, Jeremy won the silver medal in the 100 Meter Breaststroke while establishing an American Record in the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. He was also a member of the Gold Medal winning 400 Meter Medley Relay that beat the World Record by more than 2 seconds. 1995-1999 U.S. National Swim Team. 1998 World Championship Team, Perth, Australia. 1998 Goodwill Games team, NY. 1997 Pan-Pacific team, Fukuoka, Japan. 1996 U.S. Olympic Trial champion. 1995 Pan-Pacific games, Atlanta. Awards: 1996 Olympic Gold Medalist and World record-breaker, 400-meter Medley Relay. 1996 Olympic Silver Medalist and American record-breaker, 100-meter Breaststroke. 1997 U.S. Open champion, 100-meter Breaststroke.

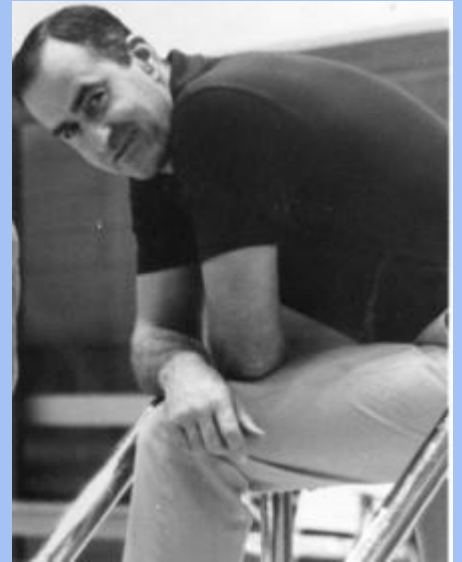
Fred W. Luehring

Fred Luehring embodies the spirit of the lifetime athlete. Frederick William Luehring was an educator, sports historian, and Olympic Games committeeman. He attended North Central College in Naperville, IL (B.A.), 1905, the University of Chicago (M.A., 1906), and Columbia University (Ph.D. 1939). At Princeton University, he coached a championship water polo team. As athletic director at Minnesota from 1922-33, he undertook construction of a 50,000-capacity stadium and an 18-hole golf course. His Doctoral dissertation at Columbia became a published book "Swimming Pool Standards." As Chairman of the Men's Olympic Swimming Committee, he wrote the report on the 1936 Berlin Olympics. He was secretary of the Men's and Women's Swimming Committee in 1932 and Referee of the Olympic Trials in both 1932 and 1936. He was a member of the University of Pennsylvania faculty from 1931-1953 where he was director of the division of instruction of the Physical Education Department. He was known to swim laps at Coach Frank Keefe's Suburban Swim Club. He served on the American Olympic Executive Committee (1930-1942), was notable for his contributions in establishing the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) rules for swimming, as well as for his leadership in the summer camp movement during the 1920's. Before retiring from the University of Pennsylvania in 1953, he came under pressure for standing by his belief in sport for sport's sake, opposing turning collegiate athletics into a lucrative means of fundraising. Fred, instead, chose to emphasize the broader aspects of wholesome individual and team competition. His biggest contribution, however, was the prestige of his physical education background lent to swimming as a worthwhile educational sport activity. He was the first editor of the Intercollegiate Swimming Guide from 1916-1922. He served on the NCAA Rules Committee as member, secretary, and chairman, from its founding until 1944. Fred Luehring was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1972 for more years in service to swimming to date than any other physical education leader.



Louis D. MacNeill

Louis MacNeill was an Assistant Professor of Health, Physical Education & Recreation, Director of Aquatics, and Penn State's Men's Swim Coach. He earned degrees from Springfield College and the University of Missouri. He was the founder and Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Swimming Hall of Fame & Aquatic Institute. In addition, he was on the Founders Committee for the International Swimming Hall of Fame in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He was a well respected swimming coach and received numerous awards, as well as provided tremendous leadership and service in aquatics to the state of Pennsylvania.



John Macionis

Born in Philadelphia, Macionis swam for Big Brothers, Germantown Y.M.C.A., and Central High School, where he captained the swim team and set a world's record in the 200-yard freestyle in 1933. He spent the next year at Mercersburg Academy ('34), where he swam under the famous coach John "King" Miller (1924–1953), and set two additional national freestyle records: According to school legend – as reported in the *Mercersburg Magazine* in Summer 2008 – it was Macionis who gave Coach Miller the nickname "King". Continuing his swimming career at Yale University ('38), he swam under their legendary coach Bob Kiputh.

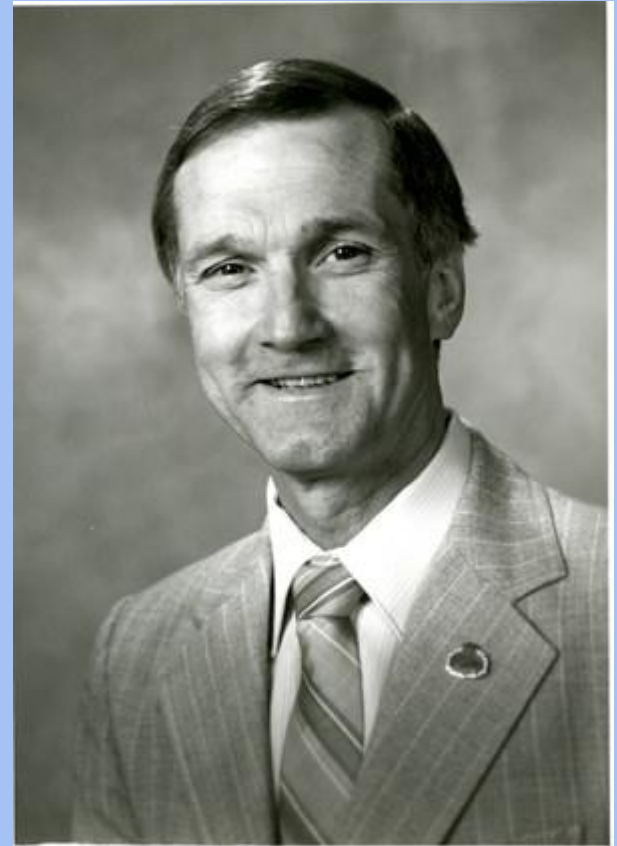


During Macionis' freshman and second years at Yale, the swim team was undefeated (12–0 in 1934–35, and 14–0 in 1935–36). He soon held all of Yale's freestyle records, as well as the school records for the individual medley and the 220-yard breaststroke. He was named captain of the swim team his senior year 1937–38, when the Bulldogs went 10–3. At the 1935 AAU outdoor national championships, held in New York City's 50-meter Manhattan Beach pool in July of that year, he won the 440-yard Freestyle, beating such luminaries as Jack Medica, Ralph Flanagan, and James Gilhula, all of whom were world record holders at varying freestyle distances. In 1936 he became the first Yale swimmer to compete in the Olympic Games. John Macionis won the NCAA title in 1937 in the 1,500 Meter Freestyle at the University of Minnesota pool; Macionis then successfully defended his collegiate title in 1938, at Rutgers University. At the 1937 NCAA championships, Yale finished third to the University of Michigan in the team competition, and was fifth in 1938. At the March 1938 NCAA championships, Macionis was also described as "fast closing" when he took third place in the 220-yard Freestyle. He continued to swim in master's competition and, at age sixty-five, he held five world records for his age group. Macionis was also an active swimming official in the northeast, and especially in the Philadelphia region, for more than fifty years. He retired from officiating in 2009, and the last meet he officiated was a NCAA dual meet between LaSalle University and the University of Pennsylvania. He continued swimming every day until the age of ninety-four, when his health would no longer allow him to continue.

Patrick Madden

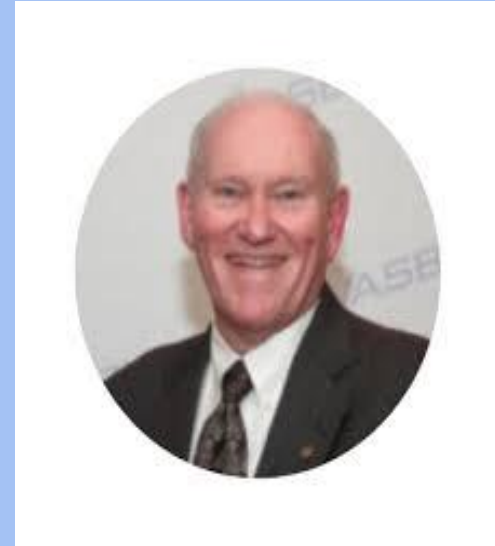
The former Butler High School swimming coach was also the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania High School Coaches Association. He coached 115 All-State Swimmers, 23 All-Americans, had a record of 673 Wins, 6 time PA State College Champion, 4 time Penn-Ohio Champion. In 1970, he was the WPIAL Coach of the Year. He moved on to coach both the men's and women's teams at Slippery Rock University.

He qualified as competitor for Olympic trials in 1960 and was also ranked as one of the best Master's swimmers in Pennsylvania. While at Slippery Rock University his teams had numerous conference honors and he compiled an overall record of 100-45 at The Rock, becoming the second winningest coach in SRU swimming history.



John Michael Malatak -2002

Born in Pittsburgh, John M. Malatak served as Chief, Program Operations for the Department of Homeland Security/United States Coast Guard, Boating Safety Division, Washington, DC from 1992-2012. Prior to his assignment with the U. S. Coast Guard he held various educational, technical and management positions within the American Red Cross from 1970-1992. John has been involved in boating safety for over 35 years. He has been a key figure in boating safety programs in more than ten national organizations. His positions in these various boating organizations have allowed him to contribute significantly to safe boating on both a professional and personal level. As Chief of the Programs Operations Division for the United States Coast Guard Headquarters, Mr. Malatak coordinated all aspects of the United States Coast Guard's Recreational Boating Safety Program including funding implementation and outreach and awareness programs. Mr. Malatak has taught and continues to teach numerous boating safety courses, ranging from general boating and water safety as volunteer for the Red Cross to more advanced safety topics such as Coastal Navigation and Search and Rescue as a Boating Safety Master Instructor. John's national and international contributions to water and boating safety are unparalleled. He has earned a variety and myriad of international safety awards and service recognitions including the International Swimming Hall of Fame and the prestigious "Paragon Award" and the National Honor Award presented by the Council for the Cooperation of Aquatics.



Stu Marvin -2020

Stu is a 1978 graduate of Bloomsburg, Stu was an 11-time All-American performer for the Huskies, winning five PSAC titles, and setting six conference records. He was a two-time winner of the school's Underclassman Athlete of the Year award and received the Robert B. Redman Award as the school's top male senior athlete in 1978. He was the first swimmer inducted into the university's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1990. In 2002, the YMCA of the USA named him the recipient of the 2002 Joseph G. Rogers Award for outstanding service to their National Competitive Swimming & Diving Committee. In addition to the BU Athletic Hall of Fame, Marvin has been enshrined in three other Halls of Fame: the Florida Gold Coast Masters Hall of Fame (2005), the Broward County Florida Sports Hall of Fame (2011) and the Upper Dublin High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Marvin is a two-time FINA Masters World Champion and former world record holder, a 28-time US Masters National Champion, and a 13-time YMCA Masters National Champion. He is a certified Level 5 member of the American Swimming Coaches Association, as well as a member of the College Swimming Coaches Association of America. Coach Marvin spent 30 years in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where he oversaw the operation of the aquatic complex at the International Swimming Hall of Fame. He was involved in coaching with the Fort Lauderdale Swim Team and Fort Lauderdale Aquatics. Marvin was also an administrator for the College Swimming Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) during their annual Swim Forum. Stu returned home to become the Head Coach of the men's and women's swim teams at Bloomsburg University in 2008. Since his return, Marvin has coached 16 All-Americans, 34 individual PSAC champions, and 56 All-Conference performers between the two programs. Under Marvin's guidance, the women have broken 19 of the school's 20 records, including the PSAC championship meet record in the 200 medley relay, and his swimmers now own 169 of the 210 times on the all-time top ten list. On the men's side, the Huskies now hold six PSAC Conference records and six PSAC championship meet records. Every team record has been broken multiple times since his arrival and his swimmers occupy 197 of the 210 spots on the BU All-Time Top Ten list. Additionally, Bloomsburg posted its first-ever undefeated season in program history when it went a perfect 7-0 in 2016. As a result of these accolades, Coach Stu Marvin has been named the PSAC Coach of the Year multiple times during his tenure.

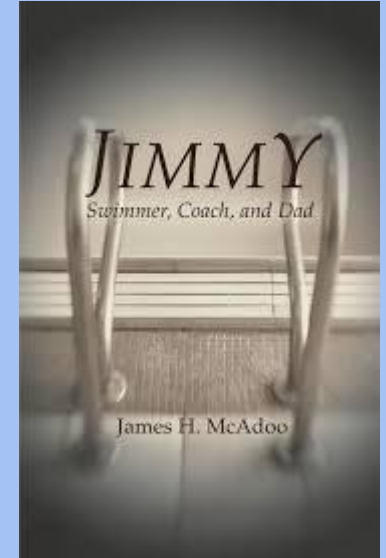


James J. McAdoo *****

Dead on a High Hill: Essays on War, Literature and Living-- “Knock their Jocks off boys”

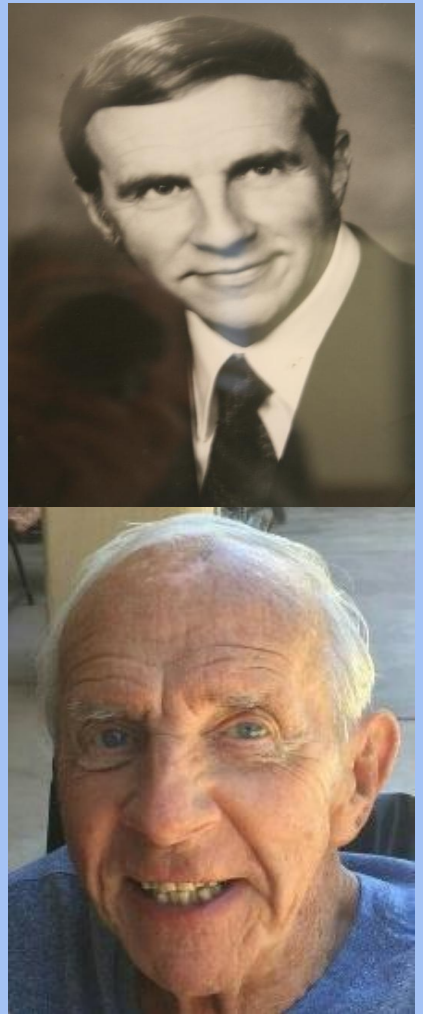
One of the founders of the Philadelphia Swimming Director’s Society and helped develop age-group swimming.

He was the recipient of the Helms Athletic Foundation Hall award honoring him for his noteworthy achievements in swimming



Dennis A. McGinley

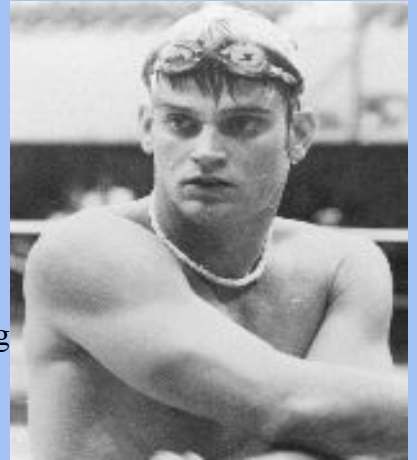
Dennis was a teacher and swim coach at Dieruff High School in the Allentown School District for 36 years, retiring in 1992. He was a 1946 graduate of Allentown High School, leading the swim team to the championships in 1945 and 1946. He coached four state championships at Dieruff where he produced five All-American Swimmers. He directed the PIAA State Swimming and Diving Championships for 34 years and the PIAA District 11 Swimming and Diving Championships for 38 years. He wrote the first swimming rules casebook for High School Swimming. He was inducted into the Dieruff Hall of Fame, the Pennsylvania Swimming Hall of Fame and the International Swimming Hall of Fame. The Dieruff swimming facility was named after him: Dennis A. McGinley Natatorium. He founded the Allentown City Championships, the Allentown Summer League, the Allentown Mack Meet and the Lehigh River Swim. He was saluted by the American Red Cross with its highest honor, The Clara Barton Volunteer Award, after teaching swimming and water safety courses for 50 years. He founded and chaired the American Cancer Society's Swim-For-Life Campaign for 29 years. Dennis was also the Jewish Community Center's aquatic director for 47 years. "Swimming is Fun!"



Alexander Timothy McKee -2019

Tim is a former competition swimmer and three-time Olympic silver medalist. He was a successful medley and backstroke swimmer. McKee was born in Ardmore, Pennsylvania, but grew up near Newtown Square, Pennsylvania. He and his siblings walked through a path to the Suburban Swim Club to practice, where his father served as coach from 1962 to 1968. McKee graduated from Malvern Preparatory School in 1971. After high school, he accepted an athletic scholarship to attend the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida, where he swam for coach Bill Harlan's Florida Gators from 1972 to 1974. As a freshman in 1972, he finish fourth in the 200-yard backstroke and fifth in the 400-yard individual medley, as the Florida Gators finished seventh overall at the NCAA men's swimming championships. In his three years as a Gator swimmer, McKee was recognized as the SEC Swimmer of the Year in 1972, won six SEC individual titles, and received four All-American honors. As a result, McKee was inducted into the University of Florida Athletic Hall of Fame as a "Gator Great" in 1987.

In regards to international competition, McKee was chosen as a member of the U.S. National Team for the 1971 Pan American Games in Cali, Colombia. He finished second in the men's 200-meter backstroke earning his first silver medal in international competition. Following his freshman college season, McKee qualified for the 1972 U.S. Olympic team. He represented the United States in three different events. Most memorably, McKee won a silver medal in the men's 400-meter individual medley in the closest swimming decision in Olympic history by a margin of two one-thousandths (0.002) of a second. At the 1972 Olympics, McKee garnered a second silver medal in the men's 200-meter individual medley and also placed fifth in the final of the men's 200-meter backstroke. At the 1976 Summer Olympics in Montreal, he repeated his second-place performance in the men's 400-meter individual medley event. During the course of his career, McKee set six American records (short course 200- and 400-yard individual medley, 400-yard medley relay; long course 100- and 220-yard backstroke, 200-yard individual medley). In 1998, Tim McKee was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame as an "Honor Swimmer". He is also a veteran celebrity swimmer for Swim Across America (SAA), a charitable organization that raises funds for cancer research.



Josephine Eveline McKim -2017

Josephine, also known as Josephine Chalmers, was an American swimmer born in Oil City who won three medals at the 1928 and 1932 Olympics. Initially Josephine McKim represented the Carnegie Library Club of Homestead, Pennsylvania, but she later moved to the Canal Zone and competed as an unattached swimmer. In 1928 she won the bronze medal in the 400-meter freestyle event. She also swam in the preliminaries of the 4×100-meter freestyle relay, which won the Olympic Gold Medal. Four years later she won the gold medal in the 4×100-meter freestyle relay and was fourth in the 100-meter freestyle. During her career, McKim set five world records in various freestyle events. She originally specialized in the longer distances and won the AAU 440y in 1929 and the one mile in 1928 and 1929. Following these successes, her second place in the 100m freestyle at the 1932 U.S. Final Trials caused a major surprise; she swam to a creditable fourth place at the Los Angeles Games before winning a gold medal and a share in a new world record in the Olympic freestyle relay. She later had a brief acting career, appearing in several movies. Her most notable appearance was a nude underwater dance scene with [Johnny Weissmüller—another Pennsylvania Aquatic Hall of Fame member] in the 1934 movie *Tarzan and his Mate*, when she was Maureen O'Sullivan's body double. In 1991 McKim was inducted to the International Swimming Hall of Fame.



James Price McLane, Jr. -2017

James Price McLane, Jr. is a three-time American Olympic champion, and former world record-holder swimmer. Jimmy was born in Pittsburgh and McLane represented the United States as a 17-year-old at the 1948 Summer Olympics in London, England. He won a gold medal as a member of the winning U.S. team in the 4 × 200-meter freestyle relay, which set a new world record of 8:46.0 in the event final. Individually, he won another gold medal for his first-place showing in the men's 1,500-meter freestyle, with a time of 19:18.5, finishing almost 13 seconds ahead of Australian John Marshall (19:31.3). He also earned a silver medal for his second-place finish in the men's 400-meter freestyle (4:43.4), finishing behind fellow American Bill Smith (4:41.0). Four years later at the 1952 Summer Olympics in Helsinki, Finland, he won another gold medal by swimming the anchor leg for the first-place U.S. team in the 4 × 200-meter freestyle relay. The Americans set a new Olympic record of 8:31.1 in the final. In individual competition, he finished fourth in the men's 1,500-meter freestyle (18:51.5), and seventh in the men's 400-meter freestyle (4:40.3). In 1944, Jimmy McLane became the youngest-ever men's AAU swimming champion by winning the long distance event at the age of 13. In a long career, which ended with his retirement in 1955, McLane won, in addition to his four Olympic medals, three golds at the 1955 Pan American Games – 400m freestyle, 1500m freestyle, and 4×200m, 21 AAU titles, and while attending Yale, the Bulldogs won two NCAA championships in 1953.



Joseph D. McQuillen

As swimming coach at Haverford School since 1935, his teams have compiled 227 wins, 99 losses, 4 ties, 5 undefeated seasons, and a National Prep School Championship. In addition, he has served as swimming coach on a part-time basis at Haverford College, producing winning teams in most of those years. A leading official in swimming, he has been chief starter several times for the NCAA National Championships and Eastern Championships. He served as President of the National Interscholastic Coaches Association in 1968.

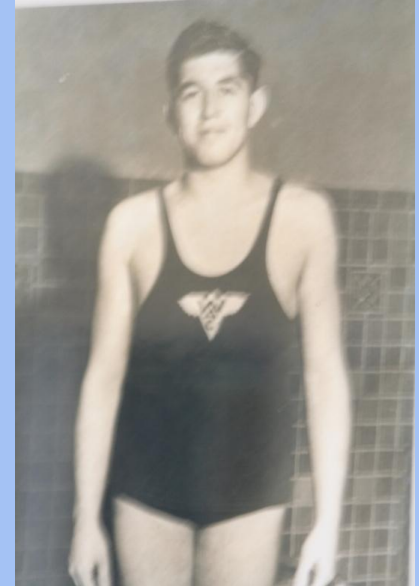


Jack Medica

In 1932, as a high school senior, Jack was asked to be a member of the American 800-meter relay team at the Olympics in Los Angeles. He reached his peak as a swimmer during his four years at the University of Washington. Jack Medica was Olympic champion in the 1936 Berlin Olympics, gold medaling in the 400 meter freestyle and earning a silver in the 1500 meter freestyle. Medica was setting records which have never been broken as the one-man swim team of the University of Washington. He never lost a race in the NCAA championships by winning the maximum allowed 3 individual events three years in a row. His one-man team placed Washington third behind the big squads from Michigan and Iowa. He won the 220, 440 and 1500 freestyle in 1934, '36 and '38, plus 17 National AAU championships and 11 World Records from 220 yards to one mile.

At the Washington Athletic Club, Medica, along with Hall of Famer Helene Madison, swam for Ray Daughters, five times U.S. Olympic coach or manager. Medica coached at Columbia University and the University of Pennsylvania after graduating from college undefeated.

Medica won at least four and sometimes five AAU crowns each year from 1933 through 1936, 220 through the mile. In recognition of his athletic accomplishments, Jack Medica was inducted into the Husky Hall of Fame in 1981, but his most unusual trophy is a University of Michigan varsity letter. Medica never went to Michigan but he took enough points away from Yale and Iowa for Michigan to win the Nationals. Matt Mann said "he doesn't have a team at Washington and he sure swam well for Michigan so I sent him a letter sweater."



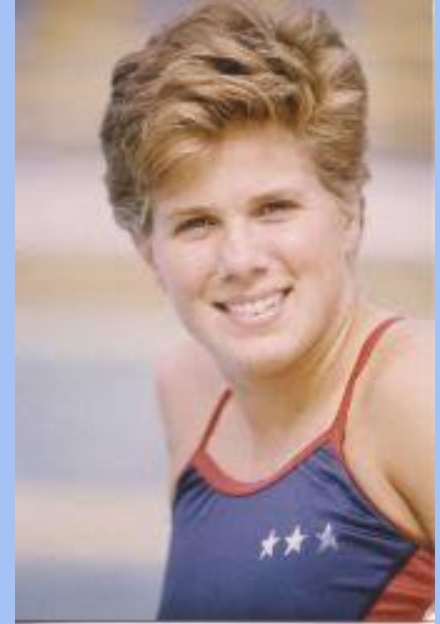
William Miller -2015

Bill Miller, a 1959 graduate of Butler High School, graduated from Slippery Rock University in 1964. Prior to becoming Clarion's head coach, Miller coached at Seneca Valley (where his teams won four section and one WPIAL titles) and Norwin high schools. From 1979-2000 Miller coached the Clarion University men's team for 22 seasons and the Golden Eagles women's team for 13 seasons before retiring in 2000. His teams won 80 percent of their dual meets (244 wins in 302 meets), 28 Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference team championships, and 23 top-five finishes in the NCAA Division II national meet. Clarion's men's teams had a 154-38 dual-meet record, won 16 PSAC titles and garnered 12 top-five national finishes under Miller's guidance. The Golden Eagles won 11 straight PSAC titles from 1970 to 1989 and were national runners-up in 1992. Miller led the Clarion women to a 90-20 dual-meet record, 12 PSAC titles and 11 top-five national finishes, highlighted by a national runner-up honor in 1993. In recognition of his coaching prowess, Miller was named as the PSAC "Coach of the Year" a total of 13 times (seven women's, six men's). He was also selected as the NCAA Division II men's "Coach of the Year" in 1992, the same year in which he received the Steadman Award from the College Swimming Coaches Association of America in recognition of his contribution to the sport of swimming nationally. In 2005, he was inducted into the Clarion University Hall of Fame. Miller is a former member of the NCAA Swimming Rules Committee, as well as chair for NCAA Division II Swimming (1981-85), CSCAA board member and Officials Coordinator for the Division I National Championships.



Betsy Mitchell -2019

Betsy is a former American competition swimmer, Olympic Champion, and World Record Holder. Betsy competed for Mercersburg Academy during her high school career. After Mercersburg, she continued her swimming career at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill before making her first Olympic team in 1984. At the Los Angeles Olympic Games, Betsy won a silver medal in the 100 M Backstroke and the 4x100 Medley Relay which won Olympic Gold. After the 1984 Olympics, she transferred to the University of Texas where she won 9 NCAA titles and was a part of 3 NCAA Championship Team Titles. In 1986 she was named *Swimming World Magazine* American Female Swimmer of the Year and set the American and World Records in the 200M Backstroke. In 1988 she received the Honda Sports Award for Swimming & Diving recognizing her as the best among her peers. Also in 1988, she represented Team USA at the Seoul Olympics where she earned a silver medal in the 4x100 Medley Relay. Betsy was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1998 and the Texas Longhorns Hall of Honor in 2000.



Gordon M. Mullen *****

Gordon began his career in 1933 at the Philadelphia Central YMCA as assistant physical director. During World War II, he planned and conducted a maritime clinic on self-preservation bringing in experts from the armed forces for a demonstration and training program. He was one of the original founders of the Philadelphia Swimming Director's Society which helped foster and develop competitive swimming in the region.

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Anita Nall -2018

Anita, also known by her married name Anita Nall-Richesson, is a former American Olympic champion and world record-holder. A Harrisburg, Pennsylvania native, Anita's foundation and love for swimming began with the Lenker Manor Marlins Swim Team under Coach Joanne Wevodau. After transitioning to year-round swimming with distinguished Coach Rusty Owens and later Coach Ed Fraser, Anita's bright future in swimming became apparent at an early age. Coach Murray Stephens further nurtured Anita's talent and love of swimming after a family move to Baltimore, MD at the age of 12. Three short years later, Anita broke two World Records in one day at the Olympic Trials, earning her first spot on the 1992 Olympic Team. At the Olympic Games in Barcelona, Spain, she won Olympic Gold in the 4x100 Medley Relay, silver in the 100M Breaststroke, and bronze in the 200M Breaststroke. After swimming for the cycle (gold, silver, & bronze) at the 1992 Olympics, many health challenges hampered her attempts at returning to Olympic level. Anita is an elite member of the International Swimming Hall of Fame.



Eric John Namesnik -2015

Eric Namesnik nicknamed "**Snik**," was an Olympic medalist, who won silver medals in the 400 meter individual medley at the 1992 and 1996 Olympics and then became a coach to several Olympians. He also won a bronze medal in the 400 IM at the 1994 World Championships and two silvers at the 1991 World Championships. Namesnik was born and raised in the town of Butler, Pennsylvania, and swam for the Butler YMCA swim team while he was growing up. After high school, he attended the University of Michigan, and swam for coach Jon Urbanek's Michigan Wolverines from 1989 to 1993. In 1991 and 1993, Namesnik was ranked first in the world in the 400 IM. He was the first United States swimmer to finish the event in less than 4 minutes 15 seconds, and he broke the American record four times and won eight national titles. During this time he also swam on four Michigan teams that won Big Ten Conference championships. From 1997 to 2004, he was an assistant at Michigan, where he helped coach 11 Olympians. In 2005 Eric left Michigan and took over Wolverine Aquatics Swim Club, an age-group club that had 60 kids when he started, and in a year and a half had built it to 180 kids. Erik's coach at Michigan, Jon Urbanek said, "He was second in the Olympics, second in the N.C.A.A.'s and never won anything, but he set the bar of excellence so high that nobody can touch it." Thomas Dolan, who won the gold medal in the 400IM at the 1996 Olympics said of Eric, "Snik pushed me harder in training than anyone. That challenge was in my face each day in the lane next to me. We pushed each other to heights beyond our dreams."



John Bayes Norton -2020

John was an American water polo player who competed in the 1924 Summer Olympics. In 1924, the USA won the bronze medal with John playing three matches and scoring three goals. He was also a member of the Chicago AA team that won the AAU indoor water polo championship in 1926 and 1928. He lived most of his adult life in Lebanon, Pennsylvania.



Tim O'Connor -2015

Coming from a family of swimmers, Tim was the 6th in his family. He grew up swimming for the Wilkes-Barre YMCA and then for Coach Frank Tribendis at Wyoming Valley West HS where he was an All-State Swimmer. Next he attended Shippensburg University before being hired by the East Penn School District as an English teacher in 1996. It was at this time that Mike Seip hired him at Emmaus Aquatic Club as Head Age Group Coach and then to assist with the Emmaus High School team. In 1999 and 2000, EMAC won the Eastern Pennsylvania Aquatic League Age Group Championships. In addition, in 1999 he was an Asst. Coach for the Middle Atlantic Zone team, and then became Head Zone Coach in 2000 when Middle Atlantic won the Eastern Zone Championship. In 2001, he became EMAC's Head Coach of the Senior Group. At this time, he also became involved with the Pennsylvania High School Swim Coaches Association and has been on the executive board and President three times. Since Tim's arrival, Emmaus has won 8 PIAA AAA State Championships. As Head Coach, Tim has coached 6 teams to State Championships including sweeping both the Boys and Girls State PIAA AAA Championships in 2007. Emmaus has been PIAA State Runner-Up 3 times, won 19 District XI Championships, and 30 League Championships. Individually during this time, Emmaus has crowned 30 State Champions and over 80 different athletes became All-Americans. His combined record as of 2019-2020 is 464-60-2. He has been the recipient of the NISCA Robertson Award for coaching at least 5 teams to State Championships.



Mike Orstein -2020

Mike hails from Lancaster, Pennsylvania where he was an All-State swimmer, an All-District III track and field athlete from Manheim Township in 1974. He attended Springfield College (MA) where he was a four-time All-American swimmer under the legendary Coach Charles E. Silvia. Upon graduation, he gained international experience through his position in Bermuda as the first Aquatics Director at Warwick Academy. During his time in Bermuda, he coached numerous national champions and record holders and was integral in the revival of water polo through his position as the player/coach for the Belmont team. The next stop in his coaching profession was at York College where he built them into a perennial power. In 1988 he made Washington & Jefferson College his home where his accolades are endless. Over his 30-year career at W&J, he became their winningest coach with a record of 487-219-3 (his career record is 547-244-4) and was named the Presidents' Athletic Conference Swimming Coach of the Year award an impressive 15 times. His other accomplishments during his career at the college include producing eight national champions, 17 All-Americans, 36 NCAA Division III Swimming and Diving Championship qualifiers, and 251 PAC Champions. He has coached teams to nine PAC titles, 221 school records, and 61 conference records. While coaching at W&J, his Women's and Men's Teams consistently earned Scholar All America Recognition by the CSCAA. Some of his most prized accomplishments: The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Distinguished Service Award for outstanding leadership in 2005, the prestigious Master Coach Award by the CSCAA in 1996, and the American Swimming Coaches Association with a Certificate of Excellence for Outstanding Achievement 2006-2008. Coach Orstein was responsible for the emergence of water polo at W&J when he secured a \$60,000 grant from the USOC in April 1999. During his four seasons as head coach, both men's and women's teams were ranked nationally in the Top 10 every year. The women's team traveled to the Collegiate III National Championships, where they finished 7th in 2000 and 6th in 2001. In this short amount of time, the team produced three All-Americans. Orstein also received the honor of being named the Division III Tournament Championships Coach of the Year in 2002 and as well as earning CWPA Southern Division Coach of the Year that same season. Coach Orstein to date has been enshrined in three prestigious Halls of Fame: PA Sports HOF for Washington-Greene County Chapter (2014), Western PA Jewish Sports HOF (2015), and PA Sports HOF for the Susquehanna Valley Chapter (2016).



Glenda Pae --1996

For almost 40 years, Glenda has been part of the fabric of local and state YMCA aquatic programs as a coach, referee and administrator. Glenda has served the State of Pennsylvania as an outstanding leader and coach representing the West Shore YMCA. While coaching WSY, she amassed more than 25 YMCA State Titles and Runner-Up Titles. She also produced several National YMCA and Junior Olympic Champions. Many of Mrs. Pae's "Y" graduates have gone on to swim competitively in college, receiving athletic scholarships at prestigious universities all across the country.

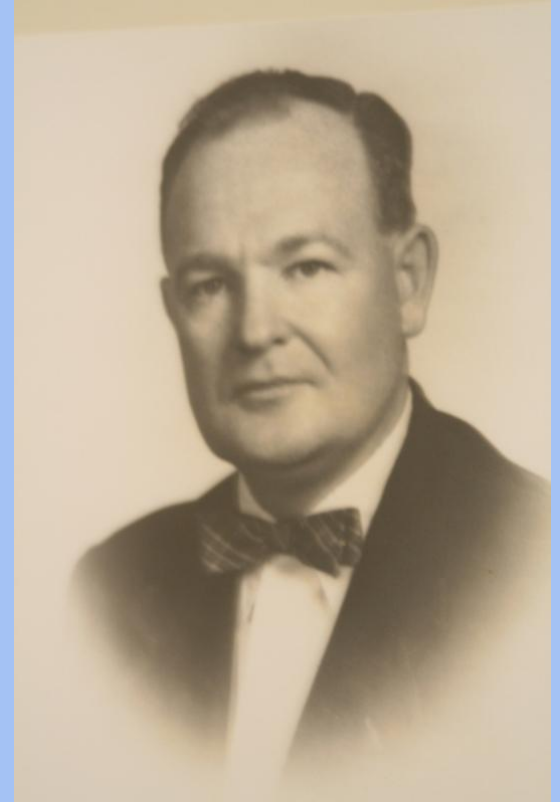
Mrs. Pae's contributions go beyond competitive swimming. She has served as the East Field Regional Aquatic Coordinator and a Cluster Aquatic Coordinator for the YMCA. Mrs. Pae has also served as a National Trainer for the YMCA Aquatic Instructors throughout the country. She has published articles in aquatics and has received numerous awards for her professional involvement. Glenda has also received several national awards including the John deBarbadillo Achievement Award for Aquatics and the Conrad Carroll Award for Outstanding Contributions.



Charles F. Pawling *****

Charles F. “Reds” Pawling began his swimming career at Coatesville High School in 1928. During his senior year, he was a member of the record-setting State Championship 200 Yard Freestyle Relay team. “Reds” attended Springfield College where he became the New England 440 yard freestyle champion and record holder. He was appointed boys varsity swimming coach at Abington High School in 1944 and remained for over 30 years. Outstanding relay teams have been a Pawling trademark, for his relay teams traditionally finished in the top six at the PIAA State Championships.

Abington HS Swimming memorial award



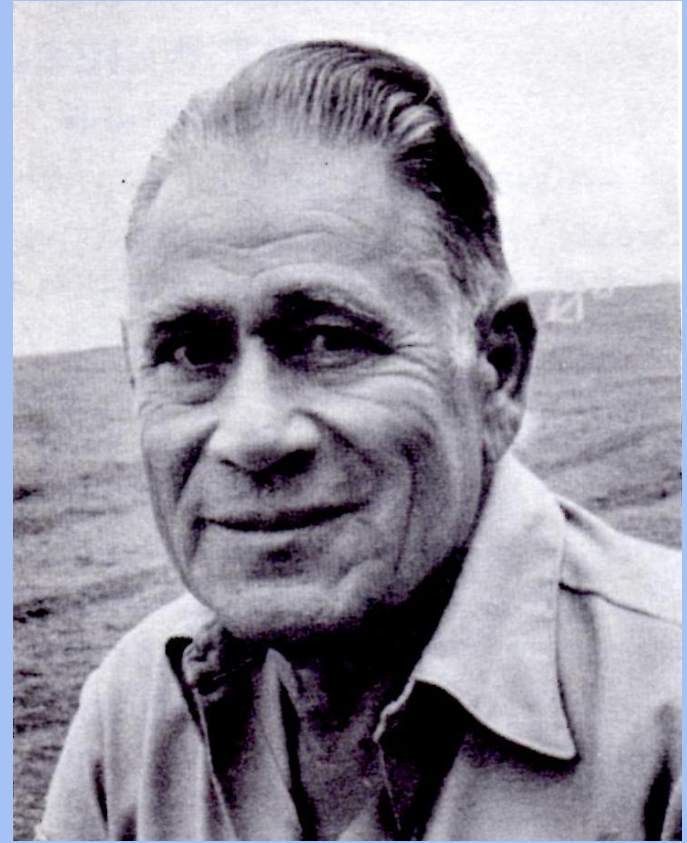
Carl A. Peterson --1978

For years, Carl “Pete” Peterson's winter schedule at the University of Pittsburgh included teaching physical education classes, then going to basketball practice, where he coached the freshman team and was the only assistant with the varsity Panthers squad. He also squeezed in time to run the aquatics arm of the physical education department, help with basketball recruiting and mentor students. He began his tenure at Pitt in 1946, however, he is best known in the aquatics world for his big project in the 1960s. His focus was on designing Joseph C. Trees Pool, which was known for being “way ahead of its time” and is still used for various championship meets today. When completed in 1962, it was hailed as the largest indoor pool in the country. Although it was one of the last 55-yard (50 m) pools constructed in the United States, it was also one of the first pools with a 10-meter high-dive tower, underwater windows, underwater sound system, and heated deck and benches. Along with the 10 meter diving platform, it also has 5 and 7 meter platforms. An additional 6-lane 25-yard (23 m) pool was added in the summer of 1963.



Frank S. Pettinato

In his 50 years as chief lifeguard at Presque Isle, Frank Pettinato and his assistants saved dozens of lives. A graduate of Strong Vincent and Edinboro State Teachers College, Frank, who also earned a Master's degree from Allegheny College, coached swimming for four years at East High and 20 years at Academy. He was a Red Cross Water Safety Instructor and PIAA Swimming Official for over 25 years. He was also named first President of the Pennsylvania Swimming Coaches Association in 1967, and was a Past President of the Erie Swim Coaches Association. He was also awarded the American Red Cross National Certificate of Merit.



Joan A. “Jamy” Pfister -2014

Joan has been an Allegheny Mountain Swimming (AMS) official since 1972. Since becoming an official she has been certified and has served in every capacity possible (stroke & turn judge, starter, referee, and administrative referee). Beginning in 1981 Joan began working National Championship Meets. The following year she developed the Chief Judge program, which is an extension of the Meet Referee. The Chief Judge (CJ) essentially ensures that everything is in place to properly run any swimming meet, from watches and clip boards to meet forms and assigning officials on the deck. Since 1991 it has become a requirement at all National Championships, Ultra Swims, Grand Prix, Sectional and Zone Meets to have a CJ. Under Joan’s guidance, the Chief Judge position has become a certification process in officiating USA Swim Meets. Joan has been the starter, administrative referee, and Chief Judge at many national meets, and has been selected to work at five Olympic Trials and has been the Chief Judge for the past three. In 2005 she received the Kenneth Pettigrew Award which is the highest honor an official can receive from USA Swimming. In addition to officiating, Joan has served AMS in many capacities: Age Group Committee Chair, member of Age Group Committee, Secretary, and Registration Chair. She also has experience as a Pennsylvania High School official and Collegiate official in the Greater Pittsburgh area. Joan is presently a member of the Rules and Regulations Committee for USA Swimming where she has been presenting Swimposiums to Local Swimming Committees (LSC’s). Joan has recently been a member of the Women’s Task Force Group to mentor and encourage more women to progress to the National Championship positions for officials. Lastly, Joan began this quest when her three children began swimming for the Bethel Park Recreation Swim Team, truly epitomizing that swimming is a way of life.



Claire Pickel

Claire was certified by the PIAA in 1967 as the first female swimming official in the State of Pennsylvania. In 1968 Claire helped establish the first women's competitive swimming officials chapter in the state. During Claire's many years of officiating, she served on the Board of Directors, President, and many other positions of her local official's chapter until the time of her passing in 2003.

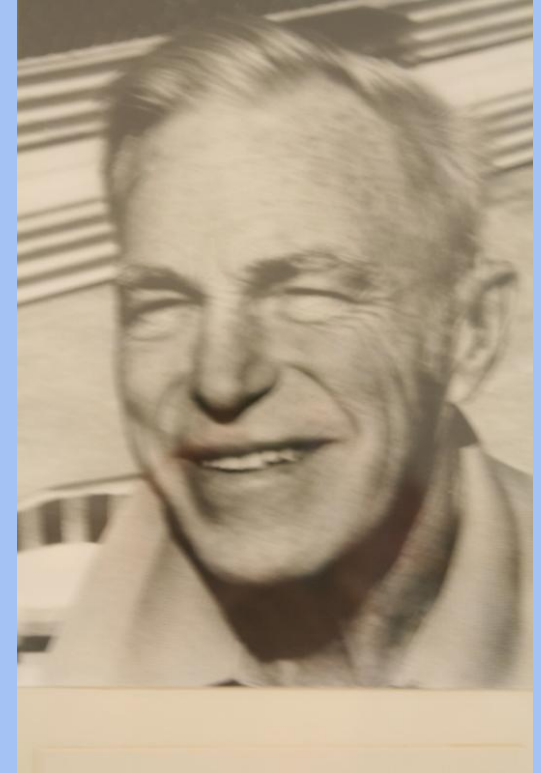
Claire's aquatic career began as a Red Cross certified swimming instructor and YMCA Official. She was instrumental in the merger of the men's and women's swimming officials chapters of the Lehigh Valley. Claire worked many years in key positions as a swimming and diving judge at local, district, regional, and state level swim meets. In addition, Claire was the assignor and head official for Lehigh and Lafayette Universities Swim Meets.



Albert L. Pierce

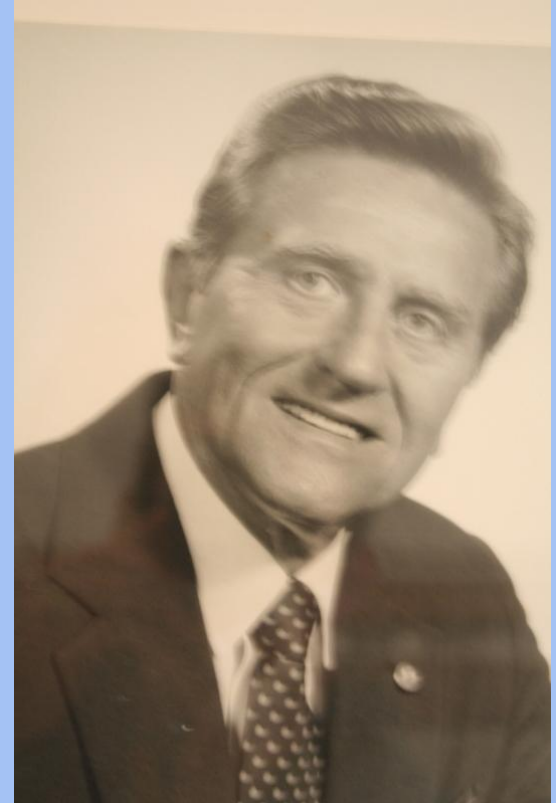
Active with the American Red Cross both as an Water Safety Teacher and Instructor each year at the National Aquatic School. He was well known nationally, particularly in relation to mouth to mouth resuscitation techniques, and he produced the movie “Deep Water Rescue Breathing,” and his main contribution to aquatics was in the area of SCUBA Rescue.

He was the Recipient of the Leonard Greenstone Safety Award in 1987. And in 1992, The Albert Pierce Medal for Heroism was established by the NAUI Board of Directors. Its purpose is to recognize personal valor above and beyond the call of duty as exhibited during lifesaving or rescue operations.



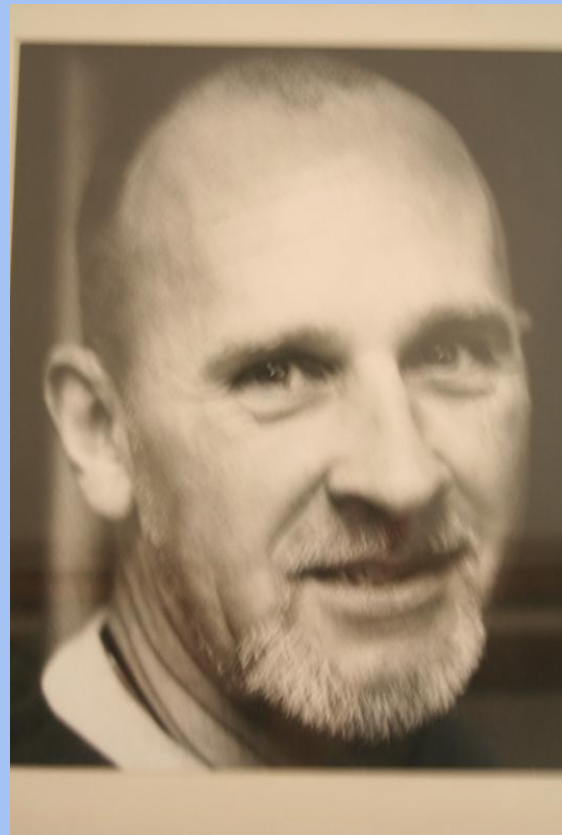
Stanley J. Prazer

Stan was highly accomplished in his profession, in sports as an athlete and coach, in public service, and in his numerous hobbies. Beginning as a lifeguard for the City of Erie, Water Bureau, Stan completed a 40-year career having served as Bureau Chief for 20 years retiring in 1988. A lifelong competitive swimmer, Stan earned over 1,000 gold, silver, and bronze medals in regional, state, national and international competitions including 15 national titles and three national age-group records. In 1963, Stan founded the Erie Diocese Annual Parochial Swim Championship Meet and coached swimming at several levels including Saint Andrew's Grade School, Villa Maria and Strong Vincent high schools, and various YMCA Masters level teams. As a butterflyer, he competed throughout the world and was ranked in the top 10 in the World Masters Swimming Rankings. Stan has also played in 45 consecutive annual All-Star Water Polo Games in Erie where the event was named the Stan Frazer Invitational. In 1989, Stan was the only Pennsylvanian to win a gold medal in the Men's National Senior Olympics. In 1990, Stan was inducted into the Pennsylvania Aquatics Hall of Fame.



Will Reeser *****update

This outstanding swim coach and aquatic director at Council Rock High School has been an active member of the Pennsylvania Aquatic Council and past president of the Pennsylvania High School Swim Coaches Association. He also earned the NISCA 25 year service award for his coaching accomplishments. During his excellent career, he has won more than 250 swimming meets, 11 League Championships, and 9 District Championships. Will has also produced numerous All-Americans, has been involved with the American Red Cross for over 20 years.



Stephen Karl Rerych -2017

Stephen is a former American and Olympic swimming champion and world record-holder. At the 1968 Summer Olympics in Mexico City, Rerych won two gold medals. He swam the second leg for the winning U.S. team in the men's 4×100-meter freestyle relay which set a new world record of 3:31.7 in the event final. He received another gold medal as a member of the first-place U.S. team in the 4×200-meter freestyle relay. Individually, he also competed in the preliminary heats of the men's 200-meter freestyle, clocking a time of 2:00.6, but did not advance due to illness. Stephen attended North Carolina State, won his only AAU title when he took the indoor 100y freestyle in 1966. An outstanding athlete, Rerych also played baseball at NC State and pitched for them in the College World Series. He later attended medical school at Columbia, did his residency in general and thoracic surgery at Duke University Medical Center and later became a surgeon in Asheville, North Carolina and then in West Virginia.



R. Max Ritter

R. Max Ritter competed as a swimmer in two Olympic Games (1908-1912) and helped found FINA (World Amateur Swimming Federation) in London preceding the 1908 Games. He was born in Madgeburg, Germany, educated in London from 1906-1909 and immigrated to the United States in 1910. He is the only man ever to represent two major powers in the FINA bureau (Germany and the U. S.), the only founding father of FINA still living and the only American ever to be international President of FINA. He has also been secretary and treasurer of FINA, seen its membership grow from the 8 original members at the London Games to more than 90 at Tokyo in 1964.

Ritter joined the New York Athletic Club in 1914 and was still captain in the NYAC swimming team when he was 36 years old in 1922. As a sports legislator and administrator, his accomplishments are world-wide. In 1904 he helped found the famed Hellas Swimming Club in Madgeburg, and he is still honorary President. He helped draw up the rules for swimming and diving in the 1908 (London) Olympics. His founding FINA group set up the first uniform international rules for swimming, diving and water polo; also for world records and regulations for these competitions at Olympic Games.

Ritter has served as treasurer of the U. S. Olympic Committee and he has been active for more than 50 years in the AAU. As an athlete, he not only swam for Germany in two Olympics but won national swimming and water polo championships in the USA after becoming an American. Mr. Ritter has been elected into the International Swimming Hall of Fame and has received the John B. Kelly Award for outstanding service to the city of Philadelphia.

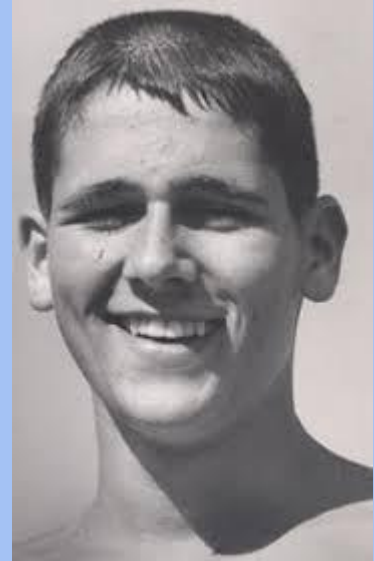


Carl Robie “The Philadelphia Flyer” -2016

Carl was raised in Drexel Hill and began swimming at a very early age. In his first race, as a ten year old, he came in fifth place, but a year later he surprisingly won the national championship in the 20 yard butterfly. Later, as a student at Bonner High School, Carl was a member of a powerful swimming team sponsored by the Vesper Club. As a student-athlete at Bonner he started to receive more national recognition for his swimming in the butterfly event. In the summer of 1960, he qualified for the Olympic Trials in the 200-meter butterfly and finished fifth. From that point, his career really began to flourish. In August of 1961, he broke the 200 butterfly world record in the at a meet in Los Angeles.

In 1963, Carl entered the University of Michigan on a full swimming scholarship. At Michigan, he captured two NCAA titles and was an All-American in every event but the breaststroke. At Michigan, he also was the fastest man in the world in the 800-meter freestyle, and he broke the 500-meter record in 1965. Carl also won a gold medal in the 200-meter butterfly at the 1963 Pan American Games in Sao Paulo, Brazil. After his freshman year at Michigan, Carl made the Olympic team in both the 200-meter butterfly and the 400 meter individual medley. In Tokyo, Japan, Carl had the fastest qualifying time in both the 200 butterfly and 400 individual medley, but in the finals he only placed fourth in the individual medley but did bring home a silver medal in the butterfly.

After graduating from Michigan in 1967, Carl began training at the pool on the DuPont Estate in Newtown Square with the aid of his Bonner High School coach Frank Keefe. In 1971, Carl explained that it was placing second at the 1964 Olympics in Japan that taught him to become a competitor. “I was a world record holder,” recalled Carl. “And I think the first Olympics in which I competed overwhelmed me. I knew I had to become a competitor to become a great athlete. You only have an opportunity once in four years to become the best in the world, and I can’t tell you what a thrill it is to win in the Olympic Games. It’s not the personal notoriety but the satisfaction and gratification to be the best.” Besides winning a silver and gold medal at the Olympics, Carl was a holder of 5 world records and 22 National Championships. He also captured a total of nine AAU titles, two NCAA Championships, and a Pan American gold medal. In 1976 he was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame.



Charles O. Roeser

For more than half a century, "Charlie" Roeser was an integral and essential part of almost every amateur--and many professional-sporting event that took place in the Philadelphia area as well as countless others over the face of the globe. Roeser began his athletic career at the West Philadelphia High School from which he graduated in 1920 at the age of 16, where he was a star performer in soccer, baseball, and track. After graduating from the Philadelphia Normal School three years later (and later adding Bachelor's and Master's degrees in education from Temple University), Charlie returned to the Philadelphia public school system as a teacher and spent the next four decades at the Mitchell Elementary School and Shaw Junior High School. His wife, Beatrice, was also a Philadelphia educator serving as Principal of several elementary schools and later as superintendent of District 8 from 1963 until her retirement in 1974. Charlie Roeser began his career as a sports official in 1923 and it continued literally until the day he died 54 years later. As an official he was best known for his work in track and field and swimming among amateur sports, and in basketball and hockey for professional athletics. For 32 years (1944-1974) he served as Chief Starter of the Penn Relays as well as for countless other meets, and in swimming he officiated at over 9,000 meets from the grade school level to international competition during his career. He became a member of the U.S. Olympic Swimming Committee in 1936 and later served as its chairman for many years including the 1948 and 1952 Games. For the 1956 Olympic Games at Melbourne, Australia, Charlie Roeser served the U.S. Swimming team as its manager, and for over forty years he also served the U.S. Olympic movement as registration chairman. In 1953, Roeser was honored by being named the winner of the John B (Jack) Kelly Award given annually by the famous Philadelphia and Olympic medalist in rowing for "unselfish contribution to the development of sport." Charlie also served the National Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) as vice president and is a member of both the AAU and Helms Athletic Halls of Fame. Among Mr. Roeser's other accomplishments was the organizing of the Philadelphia Officials Club.

Allan G. Rose -1991 (UPDATE?)

Al Rose has lived his entire life in the Pittsburgh area. He was City Champion in the 100 breaststroke and 150 IM in his sophomore, junior and senior years of High School and second in those events in the state his sophomore year. At Westminster College, he was Conference Champion both his freshman and sophomore years. Al was also a member of the 200 meter Medley Relay Junior National Champions.

Al Rose is the Program Director and the US Group Head Coach of the Jewish Community Center Sailfish Swimming Team. Al has received his ASCA Level V coaching accreditation, the highest level awarded by the American Swimming Coaches Association.

Al has coached the JCC Sailfish for over 50 years. He has produced hundreds of outstanding swimmers: one Olympic swimmer, several Olympic Trials and US Nationals finalists, a World University Games champion and record breaker, some Junior and Senior Nationals champions, Middle School champions, City and WPIAL champions and record setters, more than a dozen PIAA State champions, Prep-School champions and record setters, and Maccabia Team Members and champions.

Hundreds of graduated seniors from the Jewish Community Center Sailfish Swimming Team have been offered and accepted scholarships to major Universities and Colleges such as Pitt, Penn State, Harvard, Yale, Brown, Texas A&M, Texas, Michigan, Michigan State, Notre Dame, the US Naval Academy, and Stanford.

The Dapper Dan Association of Pittsburgh honored Al in January of 1982, and in March of 1991, he was inducted into the Pennsylvania Swimming Hall of Fame at the Natatorium at Penn State University, State College, PA. Al has received the Award of Excellence from the American Swimming Coaches Association many times, including 2011.



Dave Rowan

Dave was an outstanding butterflyer and was associated with competitive swimming for over 50 years. His contributions to every level of swimming, including the United States Armed Forces Combat Swimming Program, have been outstanding. He captured America's oldest swimming award, the Sackett Cup awarded to the fastest swimmer in the 100 and also won the President's Cup by being the fastest swimmer to cross the Potomac River. On more than one occasion, Dave has been the world's Masters' Champion in the 50 yard butterfly in record breaking time. During his swimming career, Dave Rowan has won more than 39 U.S. Masters' National Championships.



Jamie Rudisill -2019

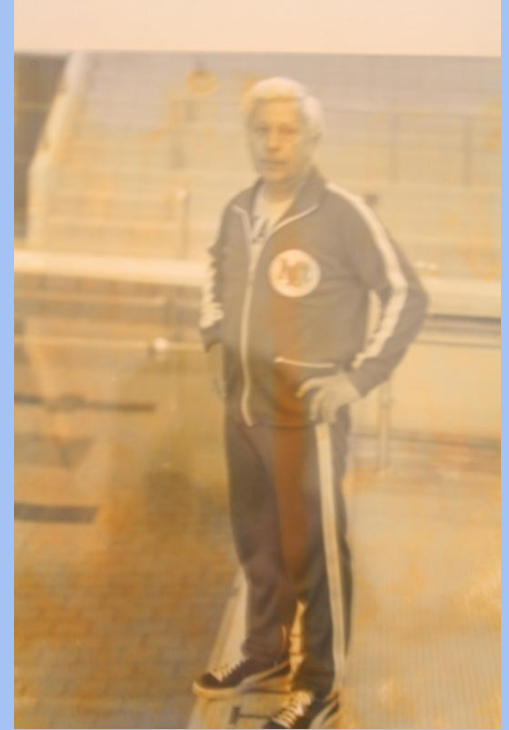
Jamie was the Head Men's and Women's Swimming & Diving Coach at West Chester University from 1988-2017. Throughout his illustrious college coaching career, Rudisill won 34 combined conference championships (19 consecutive Men's and 15 Women's titles), and finished among the top four programs in the country 10 times at nationals while mentoring dozens of All Americans. A grand total of 28 of his swimmers have won conference athlete of the year, and Rudisill has been named PSAC coach of the year 16 combined times (11 on the men's side, 5 on the women's). He leaves as the school's all-time winningest swim coach with the longest tenured career. Over his 29 years on the deck of West Chester University's Graham Natatorium, Rudisill has tutored eight female national champions, who have accumulated 28 NCAA titles, 5 NCAA records, and 4 National Swimmers of the Year, while the men celebrated eleven national champions over eight individual events and three relays. Upon his retirement, a total of 21 conference records were held by West Chester University (11 men's marks, 10 women's marks), along with four more relay standards. Rudisill also founded and developed WCU's Golden Ram Aquatics age group team. But Jamie will best be remembered in some circles for originating Swimfast Lessons, a unique swim lesson program that swelled in size to the largest seasonal learn-to-swim program on any college campus in the country. Conducting 40,000 lessons in 12 weeks annually, Rudisill generated well over 12 million dollars for West Chester University in terms of scholarships, salaries, equipment and budget relief.

On the high school side, Coach Rudisill won one District I and one PIAA State Championship before AA and AAA designations in his six years at the helm of Radnor H.S. girls program, from 1981-87.



William Saunders

Will has been involved in aquatics by teaching and coaching swimming and diving at schools, camps, and YMCA's throughout his career. He has coached many swimmers and divers who have won medals in competitions at the state level and at the Olympics. He was voted "Coach of the Year" by the WPIAL, inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, and received the Red Cross 20 year Service Award.



E. Carroll Schaeffer

Called "Midget" because of his small stature, Schaeffer swam his way back from polio and weighed a scant 118 lbs. when he began his brilliant swimming career in college. Besides being a speed swimmer, he held the American record for swimming underwater (232 ft. 11 in). He also was a Metropolitan (N.Y.) diving champion, an accomplished cyclist, boxer and water polo player.

The University of Pennsylvania swimming team was organized under Coach George Kistler, in 1899, the year after E. Carroll Schaeffer entered college. If Kistler was skeptical when the tiny Schaeffer reported for the team he got over it. Coach Kistler said of Schaeffer's phenomenal feats in the swimming pool: "Schaeffer never had to extend himself in the middle distance events so I never did find out just how fast he could swim." Coach Kistler, who had been the world mile champ at one time himself, took Schaeffer under his wing and gave him special instruction. Within two weeks, Schaeffer could "double lap" his tutor, and could swim the 100 yd. dash in 62 1/2 seconds, 2 seconds better than the existing world mark. He retired undefeated after his college graduation as the first great college swimmer, setting all 37 of his American records and 5 world records while attending UPenn.

During the Sportsmen's Show in Philadelphia in 1899, a mammoth swim meet, Schaeffer put on an unprecedented performance of carrying off 13 first places in 3 successive nights. In 1900 the Philadelphia and New York papers were full of statements to the effect that Schaeffer would be sent to England to compete in the Olympic Games. The project failed, however, when no organization could be found to finance Schaeffer's trip to England. No one will ever know just how good Schaeffer might have been.



William E. Schmidt

Bill was an outstanding swimmer in the 1940s for York High who took part in five Olympic Trials, and bolstered the team's lasting legacy. After his career, Schmidt would return to his alma mater as coach in 1964, guiding the Bearcats to four more state titles. There were countless district and regional titles in between as he trained many high school champions. His accomplishments and dedication have earned him a variety and numerous awards.



Allison Rodgers Schmitt -2017

Allison is an eight-time American Olympic medalist and a six-time NCAA National Champion in the 200- and 500-yard freestyle swimming events during college. Allison was a member of the Georgia Bulldogs team that won the NCAA Division I Women's team title in 2013. Allison was awarded the 2012-2013 Honda Sports Award recognizing her as the collegiate swimmer of the year. In her Olympic debut at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, Schmitt won a bronze medal as a member of the 4×200-meter freestyle relay. Four years later, at the 2012 Summer Olympics in London, she won a total of five medals, three of them gold, in the 200-meter freestyle (in which she set a new Olympic and American record), in the 4×200-meter freestyle relay (in which an Olympic Record was set), and in the 4×100-meter medley relay (in which a new world record was set); and she also won a silver medal in the 400 meter freestyle (in which she set a new American Record), and a bronze medal in the 4 × 100 meter freestyle relay (in which an American record was set); . Finally, at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro she earned the title of team captain. Schmitt earned her seventh Olympic medal by taking part in the qualifying heat of the 4 × 100 meter freestyle relay, and during the finals the U.S. team won the silver. Schmitt earned her fourth gold medal, and eighth Olympic medal, by swimming in the finals of the 4 × 200 meter freestyle relay.



Olga Dorfner Schoenhut

Olga Dorfner was a Philadelphia beauty who brought glamour to the World of Swimming. She was featured in "Vanity Fair" and in the Sunday supplements as the cover girl bathing queen of her day. What Claire Galligan was to early distance swimming. Olga Dorfner was to the sprints. When the two met at the middle distances, all of New York and Philadelphia turned out to see the splash, each winning a 220 in their celebrated duels. Olga Dorfner set a World Record for the 200 meters freestyle in a 100 yard course at Alameda, California on July 21, 1918. That year she and Hall of Famer Duke Kahanamoku were picked as swimmers of the year in the year-end newspaper polls. Her 100 yard freestyle time of that year, 1:06.2, was also hailed as a World Record.

Miss Dorfner was the star of the Philadelphia Turngemeinde, a remarkable group of lady swimmers that included Jack and Grace Kelly's mother, Margaret, double Olympic winner and Hall of Famer Betty Becker, and 1917 Outdoor 100 yard freestyle champion Gertrude Artelt. This group of beauties, coached by Hall of Famer Fred Cady, a former circus strongman and artist, were the principal rivals of Hall of Famer L. deB. Handley's New York Women's Swimming Association. Frequently who won the big ones depended on whether the judges were home or neutral. Under the circumstances of this rivalry. Miss Dorfner cherished most her letters of congratulations, encouragement to break world records and coaching tips from deB. Handley.

Miss Dorfner at various times was this country's fastest at 40, 50, 60, 80, 100 and 220 yards. She won Nationals in the 50 (1916) in 30.2 seconds, the 100 (1916, '17, '18) and the 220 and 440 in 1917. As with her chief rival, New York's Claire Galligan, Olga Dorfner missed out on a chance at the Olympics due to war (1916) and matrimony (1920).



Mike Seip -2000

Mike was a District XI Champion from Dieruff High School and later captained the East Stroudsburg State College Swimming Team. Truly, one of the outstanding coaches in PIAA history, Mike Seip has spent 19 of his 22 years of coaching in Pennsylvania at Emmaus High School. He also coached at Central Columbia HS and Northampton HS. While at Emmaus, his boys team record was 230-26-1 with 16 League titles and 12 District XI Championships. His girls team record was an even more impressive 235-10-1. He coached 20 PIAA State Champions and his 1999-2000 Green Hornets girls team won the PIAA Championship. Mike also founded the Emmaus Aquatic Club, bridging the gap between High School and USA Club swimming. In addition, Mike was very involved with USA, and specifically Middle Atlantic Swimming, at the administrative level. His peers throughout the state appreciate Mike Seip as one of the most dedicated, committed, and highly motivated people to ever coach in Pennsylvania. His entire swimming and stellar coaching career have been spent in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania bringing great pride to the PIAA.



Kirk “Corky” Semler -2009

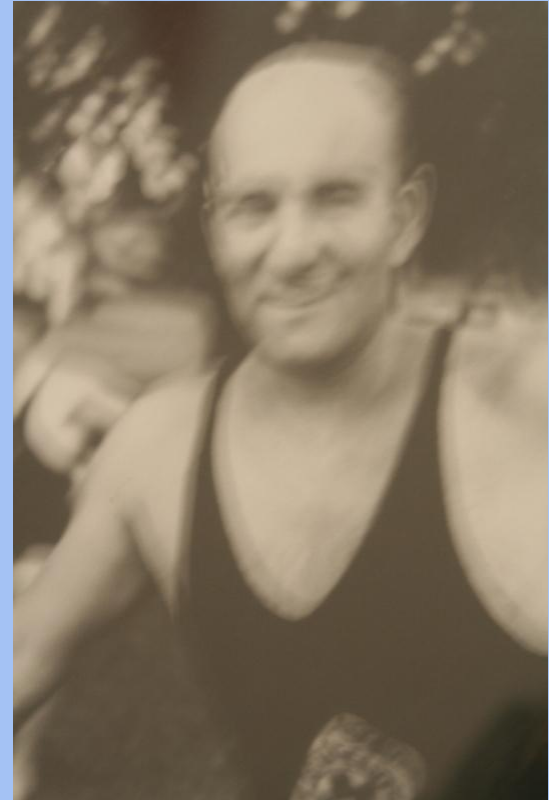
Semler was part of a WPIAL record relay team in 1970 when he swam at Gateway. Eight years later, he became North Allegheny’s Swimming coach, and in 2001 he launched North Allegheny boys’ and girls’ water polo teams in 2001.

In regards to competitive swimming, you need seven hands to count all of the WPIAL and PIAA championships he won. In 35 years as North Allegheny’s boys and girls coach before retiring in 2013, he won 26 WPIAL titles and nine PIAA championships. The boys team won nine WPIAL championships, including seven of eight from 2006-13, and three state titles. The girls team won 17 WPIAL titles, including seven in a row at one point and five in a row at another point. The girls also won six state championships. During his career, Semler coached 141 swimmers who made All-American status and over this time his teams compiled a 632-83-6 dual meet record.



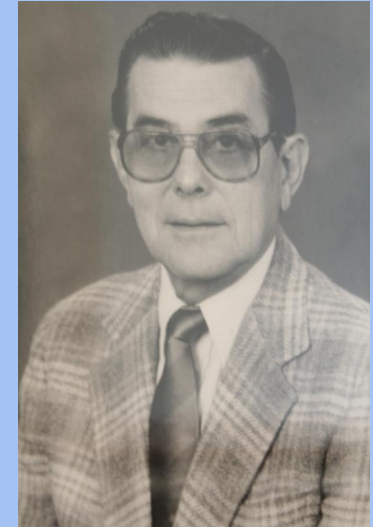
Edwin E. “Pop” Shafer

Pop dedicated most of his adult life to swimming and water safety. As a water safety pioneer in the Allentown area, he saved many lives and trained many hundred swimmers. Pop served on the faculty of the Red Cross Aquatic School at Narrowsburg, NY where he was an instructor and dean of men. His efforts were awarded with numerous citations and honors.



Armand L. “Bus” Shaner

In 1967, Mr. Shaner took a position in the athletic department of Penn State where he became director of the Natatorium. He was president of the PA Aquatics council, founder and inductee into the PA Swimming Hall of Fame, and chairperson of PA AAHPER aquatics council before retiring from the University in 1985. Mr. Shaner was an avid Penn State supporter in both the arts and athletics and enjoyed attending many events there.



Susanne Marie Shields -2020

Also known by her married name Susan White, she is a former American Olympic champion and world record-holder. Susanne represented the United States as a 16-year-old at the 1968 Summer Olympics in Mexico City, where she received a bronze medal for her third-place performance in the women's 100-meter butterfly, finishing behind Australian Lyn McClements and fellow American Ellie Daniel. Shields was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, and retired from competitive swimming after graduating from high school in Kentucky. She later earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of Louisville and has worked as a teacher and swim coach.

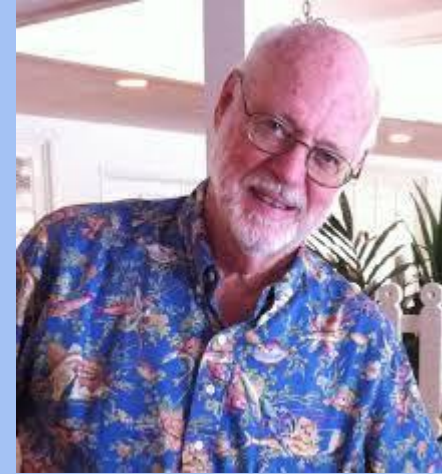


Richard Shoulberg

Coach Shoulberg has represented the United States over 17 times as a coach in international competitions such as the World and Pan Pacific Championships, the Pan American Games, and the Olympic Games. Richard Shoulberg produced eleven Olympians: Maddy Crippen (2000), Alex Fung (2000), Guy Yimsomruay (2000), Dave Wharton (1988, 1992), Dave Berkoff (1992), Sean Killion (1992), Karin LaBerge (1980), Ddan Jorgenson (1988), Trina Radke (1988), Erika Hansen (1988), and Sue Heon (1984). The open water champion Frank Crippen was also one of his elite swimmers. Since 1980, his Academy teams have won two men's National Prep School Championships and five women's championships, and his teams have finished in the top eight at Senior Nationals. Coach Shoulberg has coached over 150 All Americans along with numerous Senior and Junior National champions and finalists. However Coach Shoulberg purpose has been the human qualities of citizenship he instills in each and every one of his swimmers, not the number of great athletes he has produced.

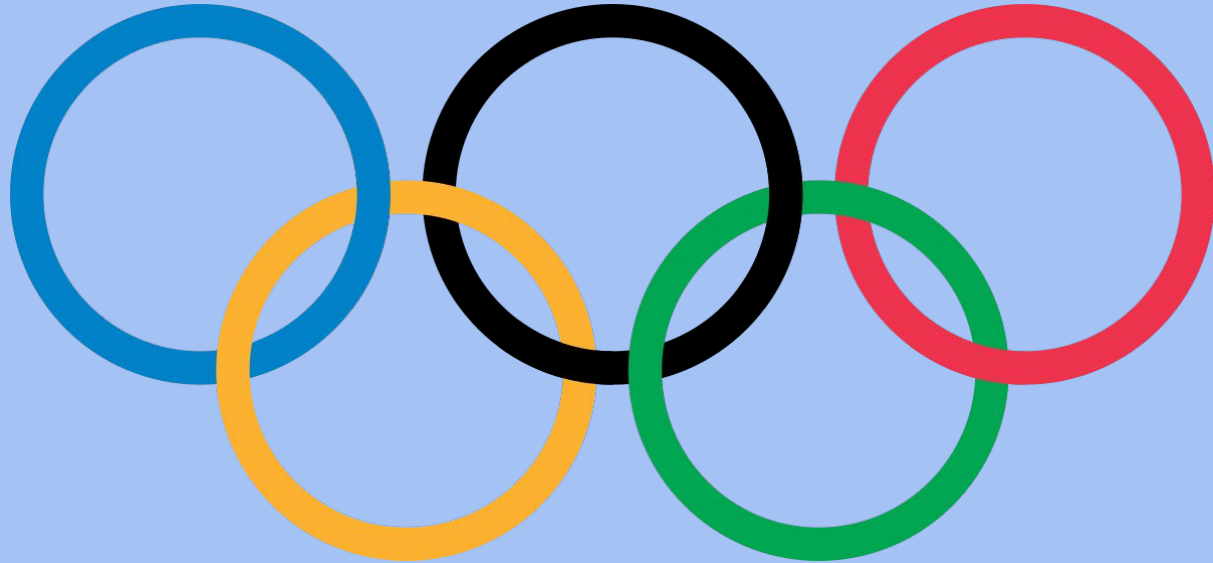
From 1958-1959 and 1961-1962, Coach Shoulberg served in the United States Army. Upon his return in 1959, he began coaching as Head Swim Coach of the Boys & Girls Penn Square Swim Club. From 1960-1972 he was the Head Swim Coach of the Boys & Girls Mermaid Swim Club, while also being the Head Swim Coach of the Girls Norristown Area YWCA from 1958-1968. Shoulberg was the Head Swim Coach for the Boys & Girls Roxborough Area YMCA from 1968 until 1969.

In 1969, Coach Shoulberg established the Germantown Academy Aquatic Club (GAAC) as the first Aquatics Director and Head Coach of the Girls and Boys Swim Teams. During his time at GAAC, he has severed as an aquatics teacher for elementary through grade 12, learn-to-swim, lifeguard certification, and fitness training. While at GAAC, Coach Shoulberg has had two of his swimmers set World Records and over eight swimmers establish American records. Many of the swimmers in his program have set numerous National and High School Records. Since 1969 he has produced over 300 Prep/High School All-American swimming student-athletes from both Germantown Academy and Germantown Academy Aquatic Club.



Adam Smith- 2021

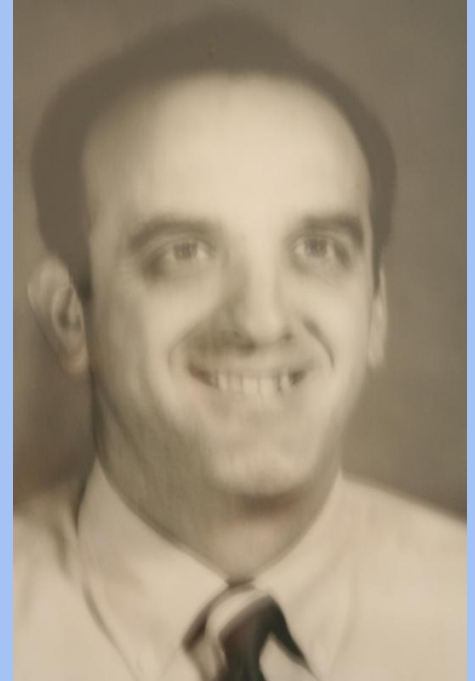
Adam was born in Bradford and was an American competition swimmer who represented the United States at the 1924 Summer Olympics in Paris. Smith competed in the men's 1,500-meter freestyle, advanced to the semifinals, and posted a time of 22:39.8.



Gerald J. Snyder -1989

In 35 years Jerry Snyder taught thousands how to swim and led teams to countless victories in the pool and in the classroom. He embodied hard work ethics, fairness, respect, and always giving back more than you take. He was a fierce advocate of a well-rounded student athlete and had an insight for seeing the good in everyone, as well as bringing out the best in anyone. His time at Governor Mifflin left a winning legacy as a teacher, a coach, and a mentor to many generations.

Jerry was a 3 year letter winner at Reading HS (1960) and West Chester University (1965). He then spent 3 years at the University of Pittsburgh assisting with the men's team. He was also the lead instructor for life saving and SCUBA. In 1969 he returned to the eastern part of the state as Varsity Coach and Aquatic Coordinator at Muhlenberg School District. Finally, in 1978 he took over the Governor Mifflin programs as the Aquatic Coordinator and Head Boys and Girls Swim Coach. His accolades include: over 300 career wins, 25 District III Champions, 55 All-State Swimmers, and 20 All-Americans (all b/g combined). Jerry also was a member of the Pennsylvania HS Swim Coaches Association for over 30 years and was President for a term. He served as the Pennsylvania delegate to NISCA, served on the PA State Aquatic Council, District III Swim Committee, was a Charter Member of the Berks County Chapter of PIAA Swim Officials, and was a Co-Founder of the Tri-County Age Group Swim League. Finally, in 2000 he was awarded the NISCA Outstanding Service Award and was inducted into the Berks County Aquatic Hall of Fame.



Roy G. Snyder *****



Robert Raymond "Bob" Sohl -2020

Bob was born in York, Pennsylvania and represented the United States at the 1948 Summer Olympics in London, where he received a bronze medal for his third-place performance in the men's 200-meter breaststroke, finishing behind fellow Americans Joe Verdeur and Keith Carter, and completing an American sweep of the event. Verdeur, Carter, and Sohl had finished in the same order at the 1948 U.S. Olympic Trials. Sohl attended the University of Michigan, where he swam for the Michigan Wolverines swimming and diving team in National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) competition from 1947 to 1949.



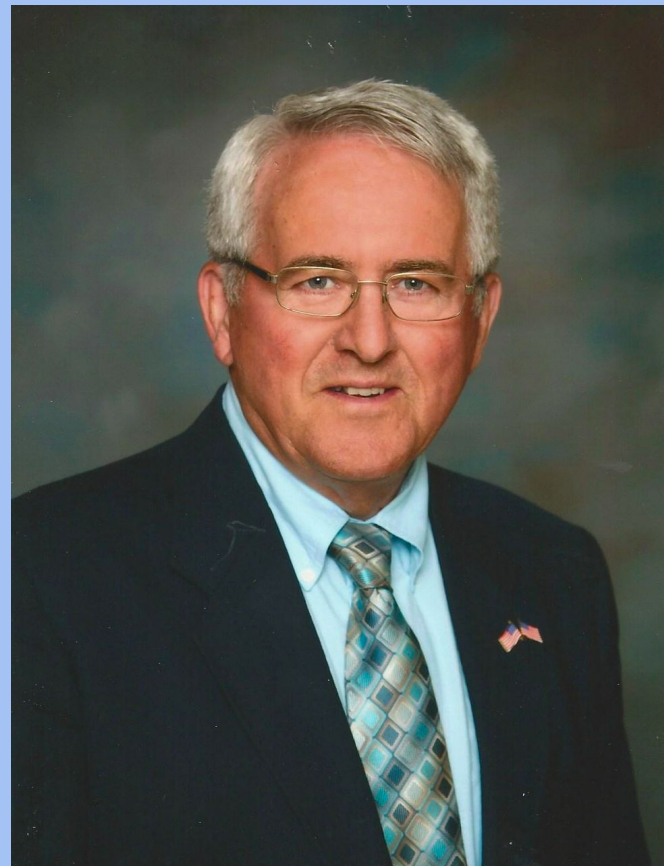
John N. “ Jack” Soler -2002

He was a graduate of Allentown High School and the Philadelphia College of Textile and Science. Jack was a World War II veteran serving in the U.S. Navy Seabees. In High School, he was a three time P.I.A.A. State Diving Champion in 1940, 1941 and 1942. He won the National Interscholastic Diving Championship along with the Southern AAU in 1943 and was selected to the Interscholastic All-American Swimming Team in Fancy Diving from 1940 to 1943. He was inducted into the Allen High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 1986 and in 2002 was elected into the PA Swimming Hall of Fame. Jack was a P.I.A.A. Swim Official from 1972 until 1994.



Bill Sterner -2018

Bill has been a friend to PIAA Swimming & Diving since 1967 and the Pennsylvania High School Swim Coaches Association (PHSSCA) since its inception. Bill began his career as the diving coach at York Suburban High School before becoming the head coach of both Boys and Girls Swimming & Diving at South Western High School in 1972. While there Bill amassed over 500 coaching wins while producing National Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association (NISCA) Top Twelve Award Winners, NISCA Academic All-Americans, and All-State and Honorable Mention Swimmers and Divers. In 1993, his Boys team was the PIAA State Meet Runner-Up and District 3 Champions. Most notably, Coach Sterner has continued to give back to both PHSSCA and NISCA. Nationally, in regards to NISCA, Bill has earned the NISCA Outstanding Achievement Award, the 25 Year Service Award, and Outstanding Service Award. Locally, for YAIAA, Bill has been the Coach of the Year and League Record Keeper from 1978-2017. As a member of PHSSCA, Bill has been the AWARDS Chairman from 1989-2017 which ensures all of our swimmers and divers have the opportunity to earn All-State, Honorable Mention, and NISCA Top 16 Awards at the PIAA State Meet. Bill was also President of PHSSCA from 1991-1993 and Secretary/Treasurer from 2008-2017. He was also a voting member of the Pennsylvania Hall of Fame from 2008-2017, where he was also the Coordinator of this annual awards ceremony.



Lulu Stilley

Lulu was involved with Aquatics her entire life who spent her youth as a competitor in swimming and diving. Her adult years were devoted to all ages and groups in swimming, but her first love is the parochial child. She is considered an expert with this age group and has compiled information and techniques into a book, “The Fun Way to Swimming.” She has also worked with all types mentally, emotionally, and physically handicapped children and adults. She has developed a program based on training a volunteer staff to assist her in carrying out this well received and successful endeavor.

Personally, she is in charge of all activities and teaches all groups from birth to grandparents. In 1962, Lulu Stilley received the “Citizen of the Year” Award of the Rotary International of Pittsburgh for service above self.



J. Malcom “Mac” Stuber -1979

Mac Stuber devoted most of his life to serving the Coatesville schools and his community. His achievements in and out of the realm of athletics are many. Mac’s greatest accomplishments as an athlete and coach were in swimming. He competed on the varsity swim team for four years. Mac anchored 160 yard freestyle relay team that won the state championship in 1931

Upon graduation from West Chester State Teachers College (1938) and University of Pennsylvania (1940), he returned to Coatesville to teach. He coached 16 seasons at the helm of the varsity swim team. Mac’s teams were a force to be reckoned with. During his tenure he compiled a record of 135 wins and just 35 losses. His teams won eight District 1 championships. Three of his swimmers won a total of seven individual state championships.

Throughout his life, Mac has been active in many community organizations. In his early years, he served as a lifeguard at the city pools. Later, he was Coatesville's public playground supervisor at Columbia Avenue Park. Mac has presided over several school and civic groups, including the Coatesville Area Teachers Association, the Coatesville Alumni Association and the Lions Club. He was elected as the District Governor for the Lions, which included sixty-five clubs in Chester in Berks Counties.



Arthur C. Toner, Jr. & Vee Toner

Arthur was the Allegheny County Chairman of AAU Swimming. Attended Olympic Games in Melbourne, Rome, Tokyo, and Mexico City. Presented Lifetime Membership card as “Man of the Year”.

Vee was Manager/Chaperone of the U.S. Olympic Women’s Swimming & Diving team in Melbourne, 1936. Member of the Women’s Olympic Swimming Committee of U.S. Olympic Committee. Member of the Hall of Fame Swimming Committee. Woman of the Year in Pittsburgh.



Frank Tribendis -2016

Frank graduated in 1970 from West Chester University and looked to make an impact on individuals in the Wyoming Valley West School District (WVW) teaching and training them to acquire individual skills and goals they never thought could be accomplished. Little did he know that as he developed as an individual and became totally involved in the area of Aquatics, it would become a lifetime of caring, pursuit of perfection, and enjoyment of working with athletes from a diverse community. Frank Tribendis has truly had an impact on all aspects of aquatics since beginning his career at WVW. Frank has a background playing and coaching many high school sports, however, it was not until 1979 that he began coaching in the aquatic arena. He has been the Men's Head Swim & Dive Coach since 1979 and took over the Women's duties in 1997. In 1979 he also began the WVW Learn to Swim Program which is still in operation today. In 1980 he became a WSIT instructor for the American Red Cross and is still active assisting the Red Cross in lifeguard instruction. In 1981 he created the WVW/FAST Aquatic Club and Age Group Program to further the needs and progress of local athletes in swimming, diving, and water polo. In 1992, Frank created WVW's Water Polo program which became a Varsity Sport in 1994.



Since 1994 he has begun teaching classes for Penn State Office of Rural Health with a focus on commercial pool operators needing certification or re-certification. In addition, he began his own company, FTAC, to continue teaching these courses and CPO Classes for the National Swimming Pool Foundation. Frank's accolades include: Water Polo-Pennsylvania Water Polo Coach of the Year in 2001, 4 Boys and 1 Girls Conference Championships and 1 Girls PIAA State Water Polo Championship. In addition, he has coached 3 "Rookie of the Year" polo players and 2 MVPs. Swimming- His Men's teams have won 19 League and 18 District Championships while his Women's teams have won 14 League and District Championships, he has coached a 2-time State Champion in IM and Breast and 6 different athletes who earned All-American Honors. He has been named the Wyoming Valley Conference "Coach of the Year" over 20 times and was elected into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame in 2005. He has served on the Pennsylvania High School Swim Coaches Association (PHSSCA) Board and served as President for 1 term. Frank also is a collegiate swim official who has represented Pennsylvania at National Convention and NCAA Division I Championships since 2006. Most recently, Frank has been appointed the Luzerne County Manager for Special Olympics where he has been involved for over 30 years. His oldest daughter Tracy has competed on the United States Special Olympic team and in 1995 was the first US Swimmer to earn gold in the 400m freestyle at the World Games.

Edward T. Twardowski

For all of his accomplishments in what was truly a remarkable life, Dr. Edward T. Twardowski wanted most to be remembered as a teacher and a coach. At West Chester State Teachers College, he taught health and physical education and coached the swimming, tennis, and freshman football teams. During the 1950s, Twardowski's guidance led the West Chester men's swimming and diving team to repeated championships and season records, and he never had a losing season. His Methods and Materials course really an advanced program in the art of teaching became famous on campus and even his fellow professors took the class. A 1942 graduate of West Chester, Twardowski served his country as an Army Air Corps officer in World War II, teaching survival techniques to pilots (appearing on Pathe News), and he later became a major in the Air Force Reserves. After the War, he was a field representative for the American National Red Cross. But his first love was teaching, and when his alma mater offered a professorship he quickly accepted.

Twardowski earned his masters degree at the University of Pennsylvania and his doctorate at Temple University. Twardowski was dubbed a Professor Emeritus of West Chester University after his retirement. He was a member of the Berks County Sports and Swimming Hall of Fame and the Pennsylvania Swimming Hall of Fame. He received other awards and citations including: Fulbright-Hayes Professorship at the Universidad de Antioquia in Medellin, Colombia, Distinguished Faculty, Meritorious Teaching, College Swimming Coaches Association of America, Middle Atlantic and Pennsylvania College and University Career Development and Placement Services. The Twardowski Career Development Center on the campus of WCU is named in his honor.



Joe Verdeur -1975

Joe Verdeur went to North Catholic High School for Boys in Philadelphia. It was here that he won his first national (AAU) title. He excelled in the breaststroke and the individual medley, an event that tests four swim strokes – butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle). Many tabbed him King of the Medley. Verdeur then went to LaSalle and later convinced Tom Gola, an inductee into the NPASHF, to attend LaSalle as well. It was there that Verdeur, a four-time NCAA All-American, would set 12 NCAA records and would become a two-time NCAA champion in both the butterfly and individual medley.

Beyond Verdeur's accomplishments in the pool, and in some cases because of it, Verdeur gave back to the sport — nine years as a coach at Temple University and as a teacher for 30 years within the Philadelphia public school system. Later he was a successful businessman and also worked as a building supervisor for a hospital.

Grantland Rice and Bob Kiphuth called him the greatest swimmer of the first 50 years. He proved it many times in the 1940s. He was King of the Medley, which after all requires excellence in three strokes. Verdeur broke the World's butterfly, breaststroke record 12 times between 1945 and 1950. Beginning in late 1943, Verdeur won nine National AAU gold medals in the 300 individual medley and ten AAU golds in the 200 breaststroke plus an assortment of NCAA Championships for Philadelphia's LaSalle College.

Verdeur climaxed his career with an Olympic gold medal and record for the 200 meter breaststroke at the 1948 Games in London.



Arthur Weibel

Known as “Mr. Wizard of the Waterways,” Art compiled a phenomenal record during his 25 years as a swimming coach at Strong Vincent. At the time of his death in 1958, Weibel’s teams had won 99 consecutive meets and 12 straight city championships. His last nine teams also won district titles and six state championships. Weibel, a man of great intelligence and integrity, produced dozens of individual state champs. He was also a respected teacher and, later, counselor in the Erie School District.



Erma C. Weinheimer

Erma has spent her lifetime serving the city of Erie, serving on numerous National Red Cross aquatic school staffs, and taught Red Cross instructor and water safety courses to hundreds at the Erie County YMCA, Edinboro College, and Red Cross Aquatic Schools. She received the Honor Award from the Pennsylvania State Association of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation in 1948.



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John Weissmuller -1972

Johnny Weissmuller was the first swimming superstar by winning five Olympic gold medals. He won the 100m freestyle and the 4x200m relay team event at both the 1924 Paris Games and 1928 Amsterdam Games. He also won gold in the 400m freestyle and a bronze medal in the water polo competition in Paris. Over the course of his career, Weissmuller set 28 world records. His 1927 world record for the 100 yard freestyle was unbeaten for 17 years. This was a remarkable length of time during a period of rapid development in the sport. Much of his success was due to his revolutionary high-riding stroke, flutter kick, and head-turning breathing.

Weissmuller won far fewer gold medals than more recent swimming icons such as Mark Spitz and Michael Phelps. But this was due to the limited number of events available to him. Given the margin of superiority he had over his rivals, some experts still regard him as the greatest swimmer of all time.

After his swimming career, Weissmuller became a movie star. Cast as “Tarzan the Ape Man”, he starred in 12 films and became the actor most commonly identified with the character.

As a young boy his family moved to the coal-mining town of Windber, Pennsylvania and at age nine, young John Weissmüller contracted polio. At the suggestion of his doctor, he took up swimming to help battle the disease. After the family moved from western Pennsylvania to Chicago, he continued swimming and eventually earned a spot on the YMCA swim team.



David Wharton -2016

David is an American Olympic medalist and former world record-holder in two events.

Wharton achieved his first recognition in international swimming as an 18-year-old at the 1987 Pan Pacific Swimming Championships in Brisbane, Australia, where he won gold medals in both the 200 and 400-meter individual medley events. He was recognized as the American Swimmer of the Year, along with Janet Evans, by *Swimming World Magazine* in 1987.

Wharton represented the United States at the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul, South Korea.

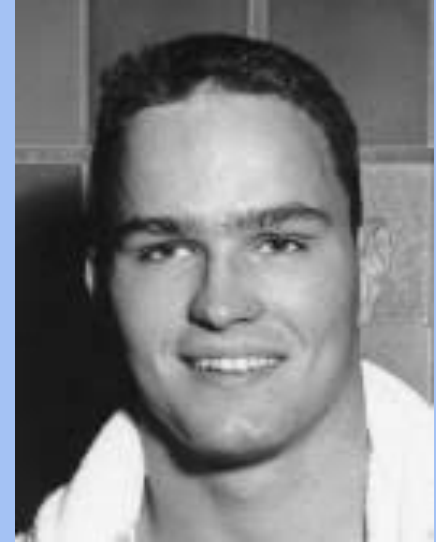
He received a silver medal for his second-place performance in the men's 400-meter individual medley, in which he recorded a time of 4:17.36 in the event final. He also placed 9th in the men's 200-meter individual medley. He repeated his performance at the 1989 Pan Pacific Swimming Championships in Tokyo, again winning gold medals in the 200 and 400-meter individual medley events, as well as a silver medal in the 200-meter butterfly. At the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona, Spain, Wharton again competed in the men's 400-meter individual medley, bettering his 1988 Olympic time with a 4:17.26 and finishing fourth overall. He also swam in the men's 200-meter butterfly, advancing to the B Final and posting a time of 2:01.08.

Wharton attended the University of Southern California (USC). While swimming for the Trojans, he was recognized as the Pac-10 Male Swimmer of the Year four consecutive years. He won three NCAA Championships in the 200-yard individual medley (1988–1990) and four more NCAA Championships in the 400-yard individual medley (1988–1991). As a result of all of his success at USC, he was inducted into the Trojan Hall of Fame in 2009 and named to the PAC 12 All-Century Men's Swimming & Diving Team. In the mid 1990s, he was an assistant coach at Ohio State University, where he obtained his master's degree in sports management. In 1997 he became the Director of New Albany Parks a Recreation and Head Coach of the New Albany High School Swim Team, where he is also an Advocare Distributor.



Albert M. Wiggins, Jr -2013

Al was a graduate of Allerdice High School in Pittsburgh, and he trained under local coaching legend Jacob "Jack" Morris at the Young Men's Hebrew Association in Oakland, whom he credited with sparking his swimming career. After high school, he attended Ohio State University to train under Hall of Fame and Olympic coach Mike Peppe who claimed Al to be the “greatest all around swimmer I ever coached.” Al won five AAU national titles in 3 strokes: butterfly, backstroke, and freestyle. He was a 4-time Big Ten individual champion and led his OSU teams to 2 NCAA, 2 AAU indoor, and 4 AAU outdoor titles in the 1950s. By 1955 he held world records in both the 100 yard and meter butterfly (both long course and short course), and he was a member of the 1956 US Olympic team. Prior to the 1956 Olympic Games, Al donned the cover of *Sports Illustrated* in April as America’s top swimmer. He was the consummate team swimmer who was willing to swim any stroke and any distance to help his team succeed. Al is a member of the International Swimming Hall of Fame, and he was also a pioneer in both the butterfly and individual medley, which were both developed in the United States during his time in college. After his swimming career concluded, Al attended Harvard Law School and practiced law for a firm in Pittsburgh where his focus was tax law, before he and his wife Holly Garfield opened their own practice. They have one son named David and two daughters named Susan and Rhiana.



Stefanie Williams -2017

Stef a PIAA product and accomplished swimmer from Bloomsburg High School and the Bloomsburg Y, Stef was undefeated in all of her high school competitions, including the PIAA State Meet. She won titles and set AA records in the 50, 100, and 200 freestyle. She was also a member of 2 relay teams which won state titles and was a member of the Bloomsburg High School State Champion Team in 1998. For her Y team, she was also National Champion in the 50, 100, and 200 freestyle, as well as the YMCA National Record Holder in these events as well as in the 100 backstroke. As a result of this stellar career, Stef took her talents to the University of Georgia where she became a member of a 3 time SEC and NCAA Championship Team. In addition, she became a 28 time All American, American Record Holder in the 200 free and 400 free relays, and a 10 time SEC Champion on relays and 4 time NCAA Champion on relays. Individually, she was a 2 time SEC Champion in the 200 free, Captain of Georgia's Women's Team in 2002, and the first recipient of Georgia's Sportsmanship of the Year Award. During her years at Georgia, Stefanie was also a USA Swimming National Team Member and a Silver Medalist at the 1999 Pan American Games, 2001 World Championships, and 2003 World University Games.

Following her swimming career, Stef became involved in collegiate coaching in a variety of places before returning to the University of Georgia in 2012 as an Assistant Coach. And once again, while in Athens Stef has helped the Bulldogs success continue, as the Women's SEC Team Champions in 2013, 2014, and 2015, while also winning the NCAA Team Titles in 2013, 2014, and 2016. Stef has also continued her involvement with USA Swimming where she most recently has been a National Team Assistant Coach at a variety of USA and World Meets. In 2017, she was also inducted into the Circle of Honor, which is the University of Georgia's highest athletic honor.



Paul H. Wyatt -2019

Paul was an American competition swimmer and two-time Olympic medalist. Wyatt represented the United States at the 1924 Summer Olympics and 1928 Summer Olympics. He was born in southwestern Pennsylvania in the small coal-mining community of Brier Hill, Pennsylvania. In the 1924 Paris Olympics, he won a silver medal in the men's 100-meter backstroke event. Four years later, in the 1928 Amsterdam Olympics, he won a bronze medal in the 100-meter backstroke for his third-place finish in the event. Between winning his two Olympic medals, Paul Wyatt won the AAU indoor backstroke title in 1925 and was AAU outdoor champion the following year. He represented the Uniontown YMCA of Pennsylvania.



Carol Zaleski -2012

Carol has contributed to the sport of swimming at every level (local, national, and international) for over 40 years. Locally, Carol held every office from Secretary to General Chair of the Allegheny Mountain Swimming Committee. She has been a delegate and committee member of all local AAU and USA Swimming Committees. Carol is an officer and Board Member of the local Western Pennsylvania Country Club Swimming Association, as well as a meet official for many championship and regional meets. Nationally, Carol is a 4 time President of USA Swimming. She was President of the United States Aquatic Sport in 1992, and she directed the creation of the \$1,000,000 International Center for Aquatic Research on the campus of the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. Internationally, Carol was the first female to assist on deck during an Olympic Swimming meet. Carol also served as Chair of the technical committee for FINA and served as Honorary Secretary (1988-1992) and as the first woman Chair (1992-2005), and was charged with overseeing the officials at 5 straight Olympic Games. In 2008, she became the first female deck referee at the Beijing Olympic Games. Carol has received other awards such as: 1985 Phillips Petroleum Swimming Volunteer of Year, 1990 U.S. Swimming Athletes Appreciation Award, 1992 U.S. Swimming Award for Exceptional Contribution to the Sport, 2003 Kenneth Pettigrew Award from USA Swimming for excellence in dedication to officiating, and in 2009 the International Swimming Hall of Fame Paragon Award.



Robert G. Zubrod -1972

Bob was a Johnstown High graduate and one of the most widely sought swimming instructors in the U.S. He competed for the prestigious Illinois Athletic Club and coached the Chicago YMCA team to the national YMCA championship. He was the YMCA National Champion in the 1930 100 yd. breaststroke. He became an employee and coach of the Pennsylvania YMCA in Wilkes-Barre Y and Harvey's Lake. Between 1923 and 1931 he won 146 medals and 27 trophies in Northeast U.S. swimming events. He qualified for the U.S. Olympic team in 1932 but was later disqualified because he was a paid lifeguard in a YMCA.

In the 1930s, the Wyoming Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross sponsored "King Neptune Wins" day at the Lake in mid-August at the Picnic Grounds. Viewed by 3,000 the Sunday event was a series of pageant scenes demonstrating swimming instruction, lifesaving, Olympic aquatics and clown diving. The events were led by R.G. Zubrod, a national aquatic expert and director of aquatics at the local YMCA. In 1942 he relocated to Florida, continuing his swimming activities until late in life. He was associated with Florida's "Weeki Wachee" – or City of Mermaids act as a trainer. He also doubled in water scenes for actor William Powell in the movie Mr. Peabody and the Mermaid in 1949.

Bob retired after 36 years as a professional staff member and continued to volunteer for another 40 years as an American Red Cross swimming instructor, field man to aid flood victims, and more. He was director of these services for multiple chapters of the Red Cross, served as faculty member of the Red Cross national aquatic schools and directed the Red Cross national aquatic school. In 1994, he was the first recipient of the Commodore Longfellow Society 75 years award for Extraordinary Service.

