

DAWN MUSSELMAN INSPIRATIONAL SWIMMER 2007

The Pacific Northwest Association Local Masters Swimming Committee proudly presents the 2007 Dawn Musselman Inspirational Swimmer Award to **Lee Carlson.**

Lee, you have served the PNA membership over the years in many ways. We present this award to acknowledge the inspirational side of your contributions. You have been instrumental in nurturing Masters programs at Mercer Island, North Whidbey, and now Anacortes. You have helped to coordinate meets at your home pool and currently serve as our Meets Committee chair. Jan Kavadas notes that you extended your influence beyond Masters by working hard to improve the 2006 Washington State Senior Games as a participant and USMS rules observer. "He's a good backstroker, too," says Jan.

As a certified deck official, whether swimming, officiating, or doing both, your always-smiling easy-going demeanor inspires all of us to exhibit good sportsmanship. There's no doubt as to your commitment to PNA, as a past president, interim newsletter editor, and continuing board member.

You represent us well at the national level, too, as a member of the Coaches Committee and through your interests in officiating and fitness. You've contributed USMS Fitness Articles of the Month. Through your initiative, PNA inaugurated the USMS Thirty Minute Swim Challenge and is currently hosting this national event in its fifth year, with you as our coordinator.

Perhaps our only regret is that when you and Dee moved to LaConner, we lost a strong advocate for the long-running Mercer Island March Sprint meet. Tom Foley reminds us that a favorite feature of that event was the post-meet taper at the historic Roanoke Tavern, where swimmers gathered to discuss and improve their times.

Lee, for your inspiration to the entire membership of the Pacific Northwest Association of Masters Swimmers, and by your example of good sportsmanship, encouragement and commitment, the PNA is proud to recognize you as our 2007 Dawn Musselman Inspirational Swimmer.

For the PNA Board:

Jeanne Ensign, President

For the Nominating Committee:

Steve Peterson

