

U.S. Masters Swimming Recognition and Awards

Swimmer gives back—and gets recognized!

Members of U.S. Masters Swimming don't just confine their participation to the pool. There are many volunteer opportunities for their talent, expertise, and generosity. USMS recognizes the commitment of those who give back with the *Dorothy Donnelly Service Award*, honoring one of USMS's outstanding volunteers. The award recognizes those whose contributions stand out in service to local, regional, and national programs. Up to 15 people are selected each year with nominations coming from Local Masters Swimming Committees, clubs, and individuals.

Linda Chapman (www.usms.org/people/04F85) from the Lake Washington Masters, a workout group of the Puget Sound Masters club, is the Sanctions Chair for the Pacific Northwest LMSC (www.swimpna.org/w/PNA/). Chapman brings computer savvy to her role from her previous work as Top Ten Chair for the Mid-Atlantic LMSC. It was difficult to find affordable software to run a meet in the early 80s, so she wrote it herself for a Valley Forge Masters meet hosted at Swarthmore College.

Before returning to swimming, she began volunteering for the Pacific Northwest LSC (age group) in meet operations and also served as meet director. She returned to Masters in 2010 and within a short period she was again volunteering, this time for Masters, as Meets Coordinator, which has meant more instances of working as meet director. USMS is honored to award Linda Chapman the *2015 Dorothy Donnelly Service Award* for her leadership and service.