

Saturday Feb. 27, 2010

C.T. Branin Natatorium in Canton

prior to the start of the Ohio High School State Swimming Championship

Presenter: Todd Grant of Upper Arlington High School

Central District Meet Manager and long time coach at U.A.

The Larry Lyons Service Award is presented each year by the coaches association to an association member in memory of one of Ohio's most dedicated coaches, Larry Lyons.

Ladies and gentlemen, swimmers and coaches, this year's Larry Lyons Award goes to Bill Rietz of the Delaware Hayes High School.

Bill was a high school swimmer at Delaware Hayes where he was team captain, top swimmer and record holder.

Bill's coaching career includes coaching the Delaware age group program for 31 years, an assistant coach at Hayes for 8 years and the head coach at Hayes from 1988 to the present time.

While at Hayes High School, Bill has produced 8 All-Americans and had 5 top 25 finishes at the State Meet and numerous O.C.C. division championships.

Bill's service to swimming and the coaches association includes serving on various committees and serving as the Central District representative for the State Coaches Association for 10 years.

Bill received the Central District Coach of the Year award for Boys swimming in 1990 and 1997 and for Girls swimming in 1989.

Bill also received the Ohio High School Athletic Association Sportsmanship, Ethics, and Integrity Award in 2001.

It is my pleasure and honor to present the Larry Lyons Memorial Award to Bill Rietz of Delaware Hayes High School.