

## DAWN MUSSELMAN INSPIRATIONAL SWIMMER 2014

The Pacific Northwest Association Local Masters Swimming Committee proudly presents the 2014 Dawn Musselman Inspirational Swimmer Award to

### Charlotte Davis

Charlotte, the nomination testimonials from your North End Otters and Lake Washington Masters team mates echo “A Championship Attitude,” your front page interview in the March 2011 issue of *The WetSet* that describes exactly the reasons for selecting you as this year’s Inspirational Swimmer.

Team mate Mary Underbrink says, “I am inspired by her skill, speed, and strength, but also by her calm, friendly personality. She is really easy to get to know and she relaxes everyone around her.”

LWM Coach Becca Watson notes, “When I moved to the Pacific Northwest in 2009, everyone was talking about the NEO lady breaking record after record in her age group. Our team nicknamed her Charlotte ‘Freakin’ Davis and it stuck! Going into the 2012 Omaha Summer Nationals, when she told me her first name I almost asked if she was Charlotte Freakin Davis! Ha! As nationals coach, I offered some suggestions on her butterfly stroke and a whole new athlete was born. Accepting these changes, she became very focused on making positive stroke progress. She is not afraid to try new techniques.

“Charlotte joined Masters swimming with an open heart and open mind. She has attacked each day with a “let’s see what I can do” attitude that has a fantastic effect on those around her in workout. Charlotte strives every day to give her best and as a result continues to improve. She is also willing to put in the time to help her team mates. As she has gained knowledge and understanding of what works for her, she has become an in-the-water authority to assist her team mates every time she is asked. She offers alternative interpretations of what we are doing and more often than not, after giving instruction, I find Charlotte in the water giving more tips and advice on how to do the stroke or skill.”

Rick Colella has been inspired by you since you were age group swimmers at Sand Point Country Club and Cascade Swim Club in the early 60s, through your career as a premier synchronized swimmer and coach, and now as a Masters swimmer and teammate once again, 50 years later! “Charlotte’s work ethic and her desire to improve inspires us all to work harder. But what I find most inspiring about Charlotte is her positive attitude and her support for her fellow Masters swimmers.

“She inspires not just by her swimming performances, but with her willingness to share her knowledge and help out other swimmers, and with her infectious, fun attitude. She rarely misses practice. She’s always upbeat, friendly and has a great sense of humor. Charlotte enjoys swimming and she makes it fun for everyone around her. She not only inspires us to perform well, but to have fun and enjoy the journey.”

Lisa Pace offers you this congratulatory haiku: Charlotte

Buzzing around in water  
Effervescent foam follows her  
Team mates filled with pride

Charlotte, for your inspiration to the entire membership of the Pacific Northwest Association of Masters Swimmers by your example of good sportsmanship, encouragement and commitment, the PNA is proud to recognize you as our Dawn Musselman Inspirational Swimmer for 2014.

For the PNA Board:

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Lisa Dahl, President

For the Selection Committee:

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Steve Peterson, Selection Committee Chair

