

KATHLEEN A. (WARNER) LaMOREAUX

HONORS AND AWARDS RECEIVED

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| 1994-1995 | Watkins Glen Booster Club Coach of the Year |
| 1998-1999 | Elmira Star-Gazette Regional Girls Coach of the Year |
| 1998-1999 | Watkins Glen BPW Woman of the Year |
| January 2003 | Sports Illustrated "Faces in the Crowd" |
| 2003 | Watkins Glen Sports Hall of Fame |
| 2004 | NYS Public High School Section IV Hall of Fame IAC Lifetime Achievement Award |
| 2014 | Watkins Glen-Montour Falls Distinguished Service Award. In recognition of decades of service to the youth of Schuyler County, particularly through the Summer Swim Program. |
| 2018 | Schuyler County Hall of Fame |

RECORD AS COACH OF THE WATKINS GLEN GIRLS' SWIM TEAM:

Dual Meet Wins: 231-17-1

Consecutive Wins: 109

IAC Championship: 1985, 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002

Section IV Class C-D Championship: 1986, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002

Ranked #1 Class C-D in NY state: 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000

EFA invitational Class C Champions: 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA

2022

KATHLEEN A. (WARNER) LaMOREAUX
GRADUATE OF THE CLASS OF 1967



Watkins Glen High School
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

JUNE 25, 2022

95TH ANNUAL ALUMNI BANQUET



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Distinguished in the Fields of Athletic Coaching
And Community Service

The 2022 Distinguished Alumna graduated from Watkins Glen High School in 1967. Kate is the daughter of educators, Bud and Ruth Warner. The Warners, together with fellow educators, Ray and Marie Bailey and their family, started spending summers on Seneca Lake in the '50s. Kate's love of the water, as well as her focus on education and water safety, came from those early years.

Following graduation, Kate went on to earn her bachelor's degree in education at the State University of New York at Cortland and later a M.Ed. from Elmira College. She married David LaMoreaux, a fellow Watkins Glen alumnus, in 1970 and began her teaching career in West Irondequoit, NY. They returned to Watkins in 1973.

In addition to her full-time job as a mom to two young sons, Kate's return to Schuyler County began her active involvement in our community. She began directing the Watkins Glen Summer Swim Program in 1973, a role she held for 46 years. Between 250 and 350 swimmers, toddlers through adults, participate each year, as well as eight to twelve other Water Safety Instructors and lifeguards, and dozens of teen volunteers. Kate admits to having taught the children and grandchildren of some of her early swimming students, continuing family traditions of fun in and respect for the water.

Even though the program is held for just three weeks each summer, in order to keep these lessons affordable for the families of the area, Kate works with various funding sources to apply for grants and raise funds throughout the year. As a longtime member of the Watkins Glen-Montour Falls Lions, Kate continues to raise funds for the program, despite having retired from the director role during 2020.

Kate's English teaching career in Watkins Glen began in 1979 and in 1985, Kate became the coach of the Varsity girls' swim team. During her eighteen years as Coach, the "Swimmin' Wimmin" compiled a record of 231 wins, 17 losses, and one tie in dual meets. They won the IAC Championships nine times, the Section IV Class C-D Championships ten times, and the EFA Invitational Class C Championship nine times. During these years, the team sent participants to the state championship eleven times and was ranked first in New York State for seven consecutive years from 1994 through 2000. Kate retired following the 2002 season with a record as coach of 109 consecutive wins.

Kate's focus as a coach was on the development of her swimmers both in and out of the pool. In addition to their team and personal records as swimmers, citizenship and integrity were hallmarks of these teams. Many of these young women have gone on to successful careers and become advocates for their communities.

Kate's community involvement has not been limited to the water. She has been an active member of Saint James' Episcopal Church since returning to Watkins Glen and has served on the Vestry since 1982 and as Warden since 1989. During her years with the Lions Club, Kate has participated in and coordinated many community projects, including the Learning Support Pod during the fall of 2020 when area families needed help managing children attending school remotely. Since retirement, Kate and her dulcimer, together with fellow musicians can be found giving concerts at area retirement communities. She also serves as a Master Gardener and on the Advisory Board for the Office of the Aging.

The community of Watkins Glen has been greatly served by Kate's dedication to improving life for our residents, through both her love of education and the water.