

Double the Honors for Home Club Judge Jane Lincoln

Jane Lincoln had the distinction of being honored at the Twin City Figure Skating Association's Annual Banquet this September 11th with "The Champion For Skating Award" and receiving special recognition for 62 years of service in judging. Wow!!

Jane has certainly shown her passion and love for our sport by her dedication through her own personal skating achievements, volunteering hours of time and expertise to judging, encouraging our young club members, and last but not least, holding the big honor of "fan in the stands" while cheering on her own three grandchildren, Louisa Lincoln, and Ping and Lily Reinikka thru figure skating tests, ice shows, and competitions.

As for her individual skating credits, Jane has achieved USFS gold medals in figures and freestyle, won the Midwestern Novice Ladies Title, was also a National Junior and Senior Ladies Competitor, and a soloist in many ice show productions including the famous "Pop Concerts".

The Champion For Skating Award was created by the Twin Cities Figure Skating Association in 1993 to recognize sustained, selfless service to the sport of eligible figure skating in Minnesota. It is *"an inclusive award and has been bestowed on officials, organizers, parents, skating enthusiasts, and combinations thereof. The most important qualification is a demonstrated devotion to service."* The FSC of Minneapolis is honored to have two honorees from our club...Lynda Lubratt (2001) and Jane Lincoln (2011).

Jane certainly fulfills this description! She is currently very active in judging Moves in the Field and Free Skate tests for the FSC of Minneapolis and other clubs in the Twin Cities area. Jane also held the position as the Local Organizing Committee Chair for the 1973 US Figure Skating National Competition.

Jane has received many judging appointments throughout her 62 years of service and brings a great breadth of wisdom and insight to the sport of figure skating. She sets an example for our young skaters by continuing share her knowledge of skating with others. Jane encourages our skaters at competitions and test sessions. What better example of doing something you love than by being such a good representative of the sport.

The unusual aspect of Jane's volunteerism is the silence in which she performs her tasks. She never looks for or expects recognition; Jane participates because she wants to be involved. Quoting her own words, *"The most amazing benefit of developing an athletic body in the teen years is the life-long benefit. My most important factor in my life is my family. I love bicycling, cross country skiing, downhill skiing, walking, and gardening. Many close friends were developed through those sports."*

**Well, Jane, all of us at the Figure Skating Club of Minneapolis are doubly honored to have you representing our club. You are truly a "champion" in our eyes!
CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU!**

