

Johnny Johnson

Johnny Johnson has been a student, teacher and now owner of Blue Buoy Swim School in Tustin, CA for over 50 years. During the past 45 years of teaching, he has taught thousands of children to swim and is now teaching some third generation students. Blue Buoy has been involved with the United States Swim School Association as a charter member and Johnny has served on the Board of Directors on two different occasions and is a past president. In addition to the seven years of Board service, he has co-chaired the USSSA Infant Toddler Committee and co-authored the teaching course that has been taken by thousands of instructors world-wide. Johnny was awarded the Guiding Light in 1996 and in 2004 he was recognized for his lifelong contributions to swimming and water safety with his induction into the USSSA Hall of Fame.

Johnny has also coached four different age group swim teams, synchronized swimming (specializing in sculling and speed training), taught scuba and coached water polo and swimming at Villa Park High School where both his sons achieved All-American honors.

Always concerned about promoting the role of swimming instruction in drowning prevention Johnny and his wife, Cindy, have taken an increasingly active role in that effort. They are both members of the Board of Directors of the National Drowning Prevention Alliance, Johnny as a founding Board Member and a past president.

Johnny and Cindy have presented their methods and philosophy of teaching internationally at conferences in Monterrey and Acapulco, Mexico, Wellington, New Zealand, Uppsala, Sweden and Vancouver, BC in addition to numerous events in the U.S.

Two of Johnny's proudest accomplishments are the creation of the Safer 3 Drowning Prevention Program and establishment of the Swim for Life Foundation of which he is currently president. This past October, Johnny and Cindy were presented the Annual Humanitarian Award for their contributions in drowning prevention by the U.S. Swim School Association.

Johnny and Cindy have two sons, David and Eric, and four wonderful grandchildren.