



IRA SIMET

On Monday, June 18, the Iowa Soccer Association inducted into its Hall of Fame the Class of 2007. Being recognized for their numerous achievements, accomplishments and contributions to soccer in the state of Iowa are: Donald (Don) M. Keller, Jerry Leventhal and Ira Simet.

Long before Simet got to Cedar Falls, he was a leader in youth soccer wherever he lived. By the time he was hired by the University of Northern Iowa as a professor, he had coached, volunteered, scheduled and held board positions in New Jersey, Indiana, Pennsylvania and Vermont.

Simet was a founding Board Member of the Cedar Valley Youth Soccer Association in 1991 and led it for 10 years as President. He also held the position Director of Coaching for two years and never has been talked out of giving up his duties as the master scheduler for CVYSA. In fact, Simet has also been the one who has done the scheduling for the Cedar Valley Cup Tournament since its inception in 1996, of which he was also an original committee member. He has also served the roles of committee member and scheduler for the Cedar Valley Moonlight Classic since 2002.

High school, college and adult players alike have also benefited from Simet's vision. Since the inception of the CVYSA and high school soccer in the Waterloo/Cedar Falls area, he has refereed. In 2000, he was part of the push for the University of Northern Iowa to establish an NCAA Division I women's soccer program and to hire its first coach. In 2001, he began working with the adults in the area to begin what is now the Cedar Valley Adult Soccer Association. By 2002, the Iowa Soccer Association caught on, as Simet was recognized as Volunteer of the Year!



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Ramona Barber, Harry Berting, Jim Cownie, Don Keller, Bonnie Larson, Aaron Leventhal, Jerry Leventhal, David "Mr. Soccer" Maiers, Michael Nemmers, Tim Pearson, David Proctor, Ira Simet, Bob Wood