The Lower Dauphin Alumni Association presents a Distinguished Service Award to an individual, who although not an alumna or alumnus, is recognized for significant contributions and commitments to Lower Dauphin. Educator and author, Dr. Judith Witmer received the award in 2010, retired Lower Dauphin employees and Falcon sports enthusiasts Sue and Donald Beam received the award in 2011, and Hummelstown Mayor Bradley Miller received the award in 2012.

The recipient of the 2013 Distinguished Service Award is **Ruth Goepfert.** She was instrumental in the founding of the Hummelstown Swim Club and has continued in the leadership of this organization for over 50 years. She made a lasting contribution to the Hummelstown area for the betterment of all students and their families as well as teachers, administrators, and other residents. She was a health and physical education instructor at Middletown High School. She and her husband Jack Goepfert (a former coach, teacher, and Lower Dauphin athletic director) went door to door in 1960 to solicit families to join the new Swim Club so that a loan to build the pool could be arranged. From those humble beginnings, she has employed countless young adults as lifeguards, taught hundreds of children to swim, and provided recreation to generations of residents. She was nominated by Kathy Weber (LD 1974) and Cindy Shultz (LD 1970), both of whom spent years volunteering at the Club's Learn to Swim Program at the Club which Mrs. Goepfert conducts each June for Hummelstown children.