

Biography of Dr. Judith T. Witmer, winner of LDAA Golden Jubilee Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Judith Witmer has devoted her life to the educational profession as a teacher, administrator, professor, consultant and researcher. The Lower Dauphin School District was fortunate to attract Dr. Witmer, as a young graduate from Pennsylvania State University, to its teaching staff. So many LD students can attribute their English writing, speaking and analysis skills to Dr. Witmer. As an administrator at LD, with her advance degrees from Temple University, she contributed greatly to policies and practice for the district. She has also instructed students at the graduate level. Dr. Witmer has authored several books and has collaborated on others, in addition to writing numerous journal articles and reports. Her extracurricular contributions to Lower Dauphin include directing and producing the high school musicals from 1961 to 1986. In addition, she was the director and producer of student centered Baccalaureate and Commencement programs from 1964 to 1988.

It was Dr. Witmer's energy and creativity that successfully launched the Lower Dauphin Alumni Association in 1989 and she is acting as the chairperson of the jubilee celebration of the Lower Dauphin School District by the Alumni Association, to commemorate 50 years of Lower Dauphin High School.

In the community Dr. Witmer has volunteered countless hours of service to the Ethics Committee of the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, to the Hummelstown Library Board as she co-chaired the new facility steering committee, and to the Lower Dauphin Falcon Foundation, the Pennsylvania Governor's Schools Advisory Board and her local Rotary club.