



# HALL OF FAME



**ROBERT W LYONS**

**YEAR INDUCTED: 1985**

**CATEGORY: MERITORIOUS SERVICE**

**ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA**

Bob Lyons entered the Pennsylvania State USBC Hall of Fame for his meritorious service to the game of bowling.

He has been a top administrator on the local, state and national level. On the local level, Bob was elected secretary of the Erie District Bowling Association in 1952 and served until 1965. He was appointed to the same position in 1971 and served in that capacity until retirement in 1984. He was part of four State tournaments held in Erie since 1946 and was Tournament Manager of the latest held in 1982. On the State scene, Bob was elected as a Director in 1946 and served in that capacity until elected 4th Vice President in 1963, proceeding through the chairs to become State President in 1966- 1967 season. Since becoming a life member of the P.S.B.A., Bob has served on all committees in the book and was the Parliamentarian for the PSBA convention, a post he filled for many years. He was the proposer and Chairman of the first President's Dinner. He also encouraged the local Associations to constitute the custom of honoring the incoming State President with a Testimonial Dinner at the local level.

In 1957 the American Bowling Congress saw fit to elect Bob to the national Board of Directors, a post he held until 1978 when he was elected a Life Member of the Board. While on the national board he spent 18 years on the ABC Rules Committee, which was instrumental in bringing the A.B.C and the W.I.B.C. together in their rules and philosophy. Also, he was chairman of the ABC President's Party held at the Miami Convention and also of the Organizational Study Committee as well as working on several other committees.

Back in Erie, his formation of the Blind Bowlers Association of Erie is one of his proudest accomplishments. For several years in the 50's he chaired the Western Pennsylvania March of Dimes Tournament and was the Chairman of the Heart Fund tourney. In the mid 50's, he was the commentator and major-domo of the only live television-bowling program in Northwest Pennsylvania