

William and Nancy Klamm Service Award for 2010: Jerome A. Jackson

In 1971, a young ornithologist presented his first paper at a Wilson Ornithological Society meeting on Dauphin Island, Alabama. This first paper compared the breeding biology of Red-bellied (*Melanerpes carolinus*) and Red-headed (*M. erythrocephalus*) woodpeckers; thus his passion for woodpeckers and his enthusiasm for the Wilson Ornithological Society have been intertwined from early in his ornithological career.

Jerry Jackson's work for the Society has been as extensive as it was varied. In 1973 Jerry was elected Treasurer, succeeding Bill Klamm in the position. Bill mentored Jerry during that year and Jerry's continuing friendship with the Klamms

was largely responsible for their bequest to the Society's endowment. He served 1 year as Treasurer before he was elected Editor of the *Wilson Bulletin*, a position he held for 4 years. In 1979 he was elected Second Vice-President, and he rose through the ranks to serve as President from 1983 to 1985. He has hosted not one, but two Wilson Society meetings: one at Mississippi State University in 1977 and another at Florida Gulf Coast University in 2002.

Another of Jerry's passions is history. In 1988, Harold Mayfield, George Hall, and Jerry wrote a history of the Wilson Ornithological Society to mark its first century. Jerry's account of the last third of the first century not only summarized the



growth of the *Wilson Bulletin* and the Society's grants and prizes, but also included anecdotes that provide a flavor of the Society and the people who shaped it during that time. In that paper, Jerry wrote about his tenure as Treasurer, saying "Quite honestly, I was out of my element!" As well as writing about the history of the Society, Jerry himself has shaped it through his long tenure on the nominating committee, his more than three decades of active participation on the Wilson

Council, and his work on the conservation, history and archives, and Klamm committees.

With sincere gratitude and great affection, we are proud to present the 2010 William and Nancy Klamm Service Award to Jerome A. Jackson for his four decades of service to the Wilson Ornithological Society.—Sara R. Morris, Richard C. Banks, Robert C. Beason, Robert L. Curry, and E. Dale Kennedy (Klamm Service Award Committee).