RICHARD PEPMEYER: Cedar Rapids
Born July 14, 1921
Died December 11, 1997 at age 75

Dick took a job setting pins at the Subway Lanes at the age of 16. He started bowling in sanctioned leagues in 1938. He got involved in coaching kids in 1954 and stayed with it for 17 years. Dick organized and sanctioned the first Junior league in Cedar Rapids. He served as president of the Cedar Rapids Junior Association from 1969 to 1973. He attended 4 state Junior Bowling Association conventions.

When Dick was coaching he would charter a bus and take the boys and girls teams to other cities for match games, and they would bring teams to Cedar Rapids for a return match. He had 18 teams of boys and they all had sponsors. During the early years of the birth of the Junior Bowling Association he traveled to outlying cities, giving speeches, setting up displays, putting on demonstrations and helping to organize their Junior programs.

In 1968 Dick was awarded the Cedar Rapids Bowling Association Award of Honor for his work and dedication to the youth of Cedar Rapids Junior program. In 1980 he was awarded the Frank Stanek Award for continued dedication in service to the Cedar Rapids Bowling Association. In 1982 he was elected to the Cedar Rapids Bowling Hall of Fame. At the Iowa State Seniors convention in May of 1987, Dick was inducted into the Iowa State Senior Hall of Fame. Dick served as the President of the Iowa State Senior Bowling Association for the years of 1993 and 1994.

Dick was well known in the Cedar Rapids area as the man that wrote the bowling results in the Gazette newspaper. Dick would pick up the daily reports from the local bowling lanes at a restaurant on first avenue. One night while returning to his car after he and Lou Kacere had picked up the reports, he set them on the roof of his car so he could unlock the door. Well you can about imagine what happened, a gust of wind came up and the papers went everywhere. Dick and Lou spent a long time running around that parking lot picking up those papers. He still made it on time to write his column and make the deadline for the morning paper.

Dick bowled in 50 city tournaments, 27 ABC National tournaments, 45 State tournaments, and 23 State Senior tournaments.

Inducted in 2000 in the Posthumous Category.