

## Richard A. Teague Honored at EyesOn Design

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES, June 2** - Richard A. Teague, formerly head of design at American Motors Corporation (AMC), is the honored designer at this year's EyesOn Design being held Father's Day, June 20 at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. Mr. Teague will be honored posthumously at the blacktie Vision Honored dinner June 19. Both events are fundraisers for the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology (DIO).

During 21 years in automotive styling, Teague worked for AMC, Chrysler, Packard, General Motors and Kaiser Motors. He was born in Los Angeles in 1923, where he was a child movie actor in silent films similar to the Our Gang shorts. Teague's movie career ended in 1929 with an auto accident that left him blind in his right eye.

"It's amazing the success Mr. Teague achieved and the impact he had on the auto industry," said EyesOn Design Chairman Gordon Miller. "To overcome the loss of vision and create some of the most memorable automotive design is quite a feat."

Noted Teague designs include the AMC Javelin, Hornet, Matador, Marlin, Pacer, as well as the Packard Caribbean, Panther, Balboa, and Predictor showcars.

Teague died in 1991 and the book ***A Century of Automotive Style***, by Dave Hollis and Michael Lamm, summed up his career this way: "Dick Teague had a long and passionate love affair with classic and antique cars."

"He habitually haunted the swap meets and did nearly all his own restoration work, often working long into the night to unwind from the stresses of his AMC routine.... Few designers could match Teague's genuine devotion to automobiles and his broad knowledge of automotive history."

*The DIO is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) corporation founded in 1972. It operates the only Allied Health Education accredited Ophthalmic Assistant program and two-year Ophthalmic Technician program in Michigan, one of only 13 nationwide. The DIO also manages one of the largest support groups for visually impaired persons in the United States.*