




Rotary Foundation Service Awards

The Rotary Foundation has a number of awards presented for service to humanity – individual efforts that exemplify the Rotary spirit of *Service Above Self*.

-  Distinguished Service Award
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-  District Service Award

Because so many Rotarians serve humanity through Foundation programs, the Rotary Foundation created the District Service Award to recognize their efforts. Awarded on the district level, each recipient receives a certificate.

District Service Awards		
Year	Recipient	Club
1992	Nicholas Binder	New Castle
1992	William Lavin	Sharon
1992	Thomas G. Mansfield	Presque Isle
1995	Bernard S. Hoyt	Mercer
1995	Francis Petrini	Sharon
1995	Davis M. Wolfe	Cranberry Township
1995	William E. Yeager	Warren
1995	Ted Zimmerman	Ellwood City
1996	Brian Byers	Belfast. Northern Ireland
1996	Rex W. Campbell	New Wilmington
1996	William B. Coulter	Kane
1996	W. O. Davis	Presque Isle
1996	Ralph Detweiler	Bradford
1996	Trueman W. Mills	Clarion
1996	Peter G. Richdale	Butler
2002	Harry Craft	New Wilmington
2003	Christopher M. Abernathy	Rich-Mar
2003	G. William Blank	Ellwood City
2003	James M. Eck	Kane
2003	Gail Fine	Meadville
2003	Kenneth Fleeson	Rich-Mar
2003	Bernard S. Hoyt	Mercer
2003	Robert Lawton	New Castle
2003	Thomas G. Mansfield	Presque Isle

2003	Trueman W. Mills	Clarion
2003	Calvin D. Neithamer	Erie
2003	Raymond J. Nicklas	Rich-Mar
2003	A. Dale Pinkerton	Butler
2003	Paul F. Rizza	Slippery Rock
2003	Charles Shultz	Greenville
2003	James R. Werkmeister	Rich-Mar
2003	William E. Yeager	Warren
2004	C. Leon Ahlum	New Wilmington
2004	Nicholas Binder	New Castle
2004	Diane W. Lacey	Grove City
2004	Arthur L. Towne	New Castle

One Rotarian from each district may be recognized with a *Citation for Meritorious Service* by the Foundation Trustees each year. Nominations are solicited from district governors and RI Directors. A handsome certificate in a walnut frame is presented to each citation recipient. Receiving a citation is a prerequisite for receiving the Distinguished Service Award.

Citation for Meritorious Service		
Year	Recipient	Club
1975	Harry Craft	New Wilmington
1979	John McNees	Kittanning
1979	Raymond J. Nicklas	Rich-Mar
1979	William E. Yeager, Jr.	Warren
1981	W. O. Davis	Presque Isle
1992	William Taft	Titusville
1995	Theodore Walwik	Slippery Rock
1996	Bradley Keith	Slippery Rock
2005	C. Leon "Lee" Ahlum	New Wilmington

Only 50 *Distinguished Service Awards* are given each year in the world. Because this award is the Foundation's highest service recognition, a recipient's exemplary service to the Foundation must extend beyond the district level and over an extended period of time. Four complete Rotary years after receiving the Citation for Meritorious Service, a Rotarian becomes eligible for this award. Recipients receive a cast bronze plaque mounted on a walnut base.

Distinguished Service Awards		
Year	Recipient	Comments
1979	G. William Blank (Ellwood City)	Outstanding support of Rotary Foundation programs and fund raising.
1996	Harry Craft (New Wilmington)	Among other activities, instituted and led a Rotary team in 1995 in a peace effort in Northern Ireland.
1997	Theodore Walwik (Slipper Rock)	Was involved as District Foundation Chairman, initiated the first District Rotary Foundation Dinner, assumed leadership for the Permanent Fund Initiative in our district, and served on RI's Legislative Council.
2003	Raymond J. Nicklas (Rich-Mar)	Outstanding support of Rotary Foundation programs and fund raising. Lead district's effort in Polio Eradication Fund Campaign.