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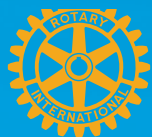
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“We should not live for ourselves alone, but for the joy in doing good for others.”

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Albion

James Seidl - "Dedicated Servant Leader"

Jim was selected because of his dependable service to the Rotary Club of Albion and the Albion community. He joined Rotary in 1986 in Decatur and later moved to Albion, joining the Albion Club in 1992. During his club membership he has coordinated and actively participated in numerous club-related activities, including the Annual Whitefish Dinner from 1995 to 2017. He developed and maintained the club's website from 2006 to 2021, and he posts weekly Rotary and community updates. He served as Vice President from 1996 to 1999, and President in 1999-2000. Under his leadership as president, he organized the Rotary Club of Albion Charitable Fund at the Albion Community Foundation, and serves on the committee to recommend funding to various community projects.

Jim's name is in Rotary Club of Albion History book for presenting the Rotary Minute at each meeting from 2006 to 2021. The Rotary Minute highlights facts about events and activities extending from Rotary International to historical facts that impact local Rotarians.

Additionally, Jim has coordinated and delivered Meals on Wheels since 2014, helps with the highway cleanup project, and serves as Treasurer for the Albion Historical Society, Treasurer for the Albion District Library, and Treasurer for Albion Area Lifelong Learners. Jim has a willingness to always give his best. His community commitment, dedication, and "Service Above Self" is indicative of the essence of being a Rotarian.



Battle Creek | CO-HERO

Eric Pessell "Hero for Health"

Our club has nominated Eric Pessell as one of our Rotary Co-Heroes. Eric is the head of the Calhoun County Public Health Department. As the pandemic started, he would give regular updates to Rotary - and we've hardly seen him since! Eric participated in daily, and now in weekly meetings with former Rotarian Rebecca Fluery (Battle Creek City Manager) and current member Kelli Scott (Calhoun County Administrator/Controller) to deliver information regarding COVID to our community. He has worked tirelessly and has likely not had a good night's sleep in over two years. Before COVID, Eric was quite active in Rotary. We are eager to have him back, but are willing to let him do his excellent work until we are again safe.



Battle Creek | CO-HERO

Julie Brown “Ready & Reliable”

Our club has nominated Julie Brown as one of our Rotary Co-Heroes. Julie Brown has been a Rotarian since May 2014. She recently retired from Comerica Bank as a Vice President. She assisted with the Rotary Children’s Christmas Party prior to organizing it on her own since 2019. Each year, approximately 150 second grade students, from three different schools, have had a Christmas party because of her. Each student receives a gift bag containing gloves, a hat, books and games because of her diligence. She also made sure the students receive a special lunch to that day. In the eyes of this club, that makes her a Ready and Reliable Hero.



Benton Harbor Sunrise

Kyra Utroske “Artist & Volunteer Extraordinaire”

Benton Harbor Sunrise Rotary Hero 2022 is Kyra Utroske. Kyra is always very active in Benton Harbor Sunrise Rotary since becoming a member in 2015. Kyra and her husband Dan, who is also a member, both have a strong commitment to “Service Above Self” and our club’s mission to focus on the youth of the Benton Harbor community. Kyra is an accomplished artist and the volunteer coordinator at the Boys & Girls Club, serves on the BHSR board of directors, and is the chair for the Public Relations committee. She utilizes her creative talents to promote club service opportunities, fellow club members, and other volunteer organizations.

Through Kyra, our club was able to engage with other non-profit groups and community volunteers to build upon the “Desk for Kids” idea presented to her during the pandemic. With the input of fellow Rotarians, our desk builds produced over 200 desks that were distributed for free to children of the community who were schooling from home and did not have access to or could afford desks of their own.

Last fall, Kyra worked with Rotarians and the Boys & Girls Club to help coordinate the STEAM platform Rotary grant project/build. This was a collaboration between BH Sunrise Rotary, local volunteers, and the Boys & Girls Club.

In her capacity as the chair for public relations, Kyra puts together timely and informative communications pieces to keep our club members and the community informed of all the club activities and club fundraisers, and helps ensure safety, well-being, and inclusion for all concerned!

Kyra Utroske’s talents truly exemplify the Four Way Test and continuously make a difference in Rotary and the youth in the Benton Harbor community, a true Rotary Hero! It is our greatest honor to nominate Kyra Utroske as our Benton Harbor Sunrise Rotary Hero 2022!!



Berrien Springs-Eau Claire

Karen Syder - "Pandemic Pivot Perfection"

Karen was Club President in 2020-21, a year like no one expected. Installed as President after only a few months of pandemic shutdown and restrictions, she became a pivoting mover and shaker to keep things going. First, the Club learned to do Zoom meetings. Then, pivoting when outdoor meetings were allowed, Karen led meetings in a park pavilion and by Zoom. Pivoting when cold weather came in the fall, meetings moved indoors at the park. Finally, the Club pivoted to warm indoor meetings at a local church, where we've been since. Karen continuously worked, as pandemic restrictions changed to keep the Club engaged in its mission to serve the community. While continuing to serve her real estate clients, she perfected the Pandemic Pivot!



Cereal City Sunrise

John Hallacy - "Mr. Fair"

The honorable Judge John Hallacy is a founding member of the Cereal City Sunrise Rotary Club (CCSRC), which will celebrate its 30th Anniversary this May, under his leadership as president. He is a voracious listener, communicator, and extraordinary leader who is active and present in all that we do. John always encourages us to be a Club of action, giving of our time as well as financial resources. He has always been hands-on in our club's fundraising and donation allocations, both locally and internationally, and is currently playing a key leadership role in our 30th Anniversary Celebration/Fundraiser which will take place in June of 2022.

John cares deeply for others and leads by example, giving of his time and resources. A recent example of this was when he and another member made the recommendation that our Club match contributions made by members to the Rotary Foundation to support the efforts in and around the Ukraine. He not only offered to collect the donations from members, but went above and beyond to offer to pick up their donations from them in order to reach our matching goal. John is currently completing his second term as president of the CCSRC, and it is safe to say that because of John's involvement, our Club's footprint in our community and around the world is much larger.



Charlotte

Daryl Baker - "Dedicated Community Server"

Daryl Baker is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and has been a lifelong resident of Charlotte. He has been an honest, faithful, and loyal member of the Charlotte community. He has served as Mayor of Charlotte for 14 years, and was elected six times. He has also served on the Charlotte City Council for 28 years in total, along with being an Eaton County Commissioner. He has been an active member of St. Mary's Church in Charlotte, and serves on the Eaton Community Bank Board of Directors. Daryl has been married to his wife Mary Jean for 54 years, and is the father of six children. He is a past owner and insurance agent at Charlotte Insurance Agency for over 50 years.

Daryl has been a member of the Charlotte Rotary club for 54 years, and is a Past President. His service to the community and the Rotary club has been a great part of his life. He is being recognized for the many years he has served the community and his club.



Coldwater Township Sunrise

Ryan Saddler - "Steady!"

Our club was at a crossroads. The club's foundation had grown significantly, and it became evident that there was separation needed between the operation of the club's foundation and the operation of the club. This led to revised by-laws and a separate treasurer for the foundation. Ryan agreed to function as the club foundation treasurer.

As the committee worked to review and revise the bylaws of our foundation, Ryan collaborated with the club treasurer to separate the funds and establish the foundation financials. Collaborating with the committee was contentious at times, but Ryan was steady, committed, knowledgeable and dependable. His follow-through has been excellent, and he continues to report Foundation financials regularly to all members, as well as taking care of all 501c(3) reporting. In addition, he was instrumental in streamlining and expediting the financial transactions for our two major fund raisers.

As one member told the selection committee, "When a storm is raging all around him, he was always steady as she goes." The CTSR Foundation treasury is in capable hands with Ryan.



Delta-Waverly

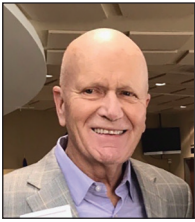
Anthony Latunski - "Caring Energizer"

We nominate Anthony as our Hero for all he did as President-Elect and President of our club during the very difficult time of the beginning and the worst of CPVID-19 in 2020-2021. When we had to stop meeting in person, Anthony was instrumental in making our virtual meetings possible. In the warm months of 2020, he arranged for outdoor/hybrid meetings at Sharp Park and Woldumar Nature Center. He set up computer equipment so members could attend virtually or in person. When the weather turned cold, we went back to all virtual meetings. When our previous meeting location said they could not have us back due to staffing issues, he moved our club supplies out.

When we could meet in person, few places were able to host us. He worked with the owners at One North Kitchen and Bar, who are also club members. They arranged for us to meet in person, comply with the ever-changing COVID-19 requirements, and continue to also offer a virtual hybrid meeting.

During this time, we had to place our main community projects with local schools on hold. Anthony kept in contact with school officials so projects could start up again when circumstances allowed. He did all this in addition to the normal duties of President, and in addition to his full time job.

Anthony kept our club together during a difficult time. So now, we have been able to grow with new members and restart community projects. He is a caring energizer. We are thankful for his persistence during a tough time.



Dowagiac

Larry Crandell - “Positively Persevering”

In early 2019, the Dowagiac Rotary Club and the Dowagiac Rotary Charitable Foundation joined forces to plan for a June 2020 celebration of the Club’s 100th anniversary. Members determined the centennial to be the perfect occasion for pursuit of a long desired project—a welcome wall, memorial walkway, and garden. Larry Crandall agreed to accept the role of project coordinator. Larry worked closely with supportive city officials and architects. They selected an ideal site, a vacant piece of property at a major intersection ushering people into the city. Larry launched a successful fundraising effort selling recognition pavers to be incorporated in the design. He also provided data and information that enabled the Club’s grant writers to submit successful proposals to District 6360 and RI.

Larry’s leadership built momentum, architectural renderings received applause, financing fell into place. In the midst of the optimism and excitement, however, planners encountered an unexpected roadblock. They discovered that the Michigan Department of Transportation owned the property! Undaunted, Larry began working through the bureaucracy to facilitate a transfer of ownership. He wrote letters, made phone calls, and attended meetings. He responded promptly to every communication, answered every question, and provided requested documentation. Nonetheless, progress proved slow. When the pandemic shuttered state government in March of 2020, progress came to a halt. Larry kept donors and the community apprised and never lost faith that the matter would, eventually, be resolved. Indeed, nearly three years later, the city assumed ownership. Construction began in July of 2021 and concluded in November. Thanks to Larry’s positivity and perseverance, a beautiful garden, a memorial walkway, and the Rotary logo atop a stately brick wall welcome people to Dowagiac.



East Lansing

Joe Osypczuk - "Always Willing"

The Rotary Club of East Lansing is honored to announce Joe Osypczuk as our 2022 Rotary Club Hero.

Joe has been an extremely active Member of East Lansing Rotary since 1980. In 1981, Joe was able to co-chair (and named!) the very successful Pancakes in the Park Fundraiser. He also served as Club President in 1984-85, when the East Lansing Rotary Club was able to sponsor the Mason Rotary Club. He also supported and worked at Patriarch Park during the construction of the two "Playground in the Park" structures. In addition, Joe has worked on the "Scramble for Scholarships" golf committee since its inception. The "Scramble for Scholarships" raises the funds to provide Joe Gross Memorial Scholarships to outstanding senior students at East Lansing High School.

The East Lansing Rotary Club supports the "Weekend Survival Kits" program in Ingham County. Joe has been able to work with other members of the club to package food and distribute the packages to schools every two weeks during the school year in the East Lansing School District.

Joe worked on the club's committee to come up with the club's By-Laws and then Policies and Procedures, and in May 2015, he was elected to the East Lansing Rotary Foundation's Board of Directors. Joe is now a long-serving President of the Foundation.

Joe has served as an Assistant Treasurer for many years, in charge of ordering club supplies. He spearheads the Thanksgiving Fundraiser for Haven House of East Lansing, providing holiday dinners for its residents. Joe has been very helpful to many of our older Rotarians, giving them rides to club meetings and events.

Joe and his wife Laurie reside in East Lansing and enjoy spending time with their children and grandchildren. Joe has been a tremendous asset for East Lansing Rotary, as he truly lives the motto of "*Service Above Self.*"



Grand Ledge

Joe Lombardo - "Piano Player Extraordinaire"

The Grand Ledge Rotary Club is proud to nominate honorary member Joe Lombardo as their Rotary Club Hero. Joe comes to every meeting and plays piano, bringing both music and joy to the meetings. Joe is treasured by all members, and his music is much appreciated. Thank you, Joe!



Gull Lake

Judi Brown - "Always Helping"

Our Hero for 2022 is Judi Brown, who has been a member of our club for five years. She is the lady who gets things done. Whether it is a social event or a project, Judi steps up and says, "I'll do it" or "I'll help."

Judi has been involved in just about every facet of our club life. She organizes and staffs our Greeters Table at in-person meetings. Last fall, our club held a fundraiser selling pies from Grand Traverse Pie Company. Judi was top salesperson, selling 71 pies. During her time in Rotary, she has served on the Membership, Public Image, and Youth Services committees, and chairs our very active Social Committee. She plans our annual Handover Dinner, our Christmas Party, our Trees of Remembrance ceremony and potluck, and everything else in between. This year, she has planned a Valentine's Day Party (with Plainwell Rotarians), a St. Patrick's Day Dinner, and a Kentucky Derby Party. Whatever she does, she does well, and our members appreciate her efforts.

Judi is all about getting involved in service projects. Two years ago, during the pandemic, she chaired one of our larger grant projects: building a playground at the Ross Township Park on Gull Lake. At Christmas time, she is instrumental in leading our Children's Christmas Gifts project.

She is kind and respectful, and for those and many other reasons, our members were happy to select her as our Rotary Hero.



Harbor Country

Lori Robinson - "Go-Getter & Hard Worker"

The Harbor Country Rotary Club nominates Lori Robinson as its Rotary Hero. Lori is a behind-the-scenes force of nature. A natural leader with incredible work ethic and organizational skills, she is able to mobilize volunteers and direct their efforts with clarity and humor. Projects such as our annual mum sales or holiday food baskets for those in need would never occur without her. If she had been alive during WWII, President Roosevelt would have said forget Eisenhower or Patton, send in Lori if you want the job done! She is our club hero!



Haslett Okemos

Marna Wilson - "Super Hero Volunteer"

Since 2011, Marna has been a leader of our Haslett-Okemos Rotary Club, and truly exemplifies "Service Above Self." As the immediate Past President, Marna literary supports all aspects of our team. Marna spends time with all members getting to know them and welcomes and recruits new members. She reaches out and works with the current and future club leaders and is part of all committees. This is just a small part of all she does. Marna also volunteers her time weekly at the Lansing food pantry. She is a volunteer and coordinator for the past 1.5 years with Okemos schools, coordinating and doing COVID testing daily. Marna is very passionate for our Rotary club and PolioPlus. She has been a leader for many years raising funds for this cause. She is truly a great human being, always looking out for and supporting fellow Rotarians and people in need. She is truly our Rotary Hero!



Hastings

Bard Bloom - "Educator Extraordinaire"

Bard Bloom is a long-time member of the Hastings Rotary Club, having joined the Club in 1967 under the classification of "Optometry."

During his many years in the Club, Bard has been the President (1980-81) and a member of the Membership and House Committees, is a Paul Harris Fellow, and has received the Club's highest honor as a recipient of the "Red Rose Award." In addition, Bard has been a cheerful and enthusiastic volunteer for numerous projects and activities over the years. Considering the combination of Bard's Rotary and community service, he personifies "Service Above Self" at the highest level.

Thank you for accepting our selection of Bard Bloom to be the Hastings Club's Rotary Hero for 2022!



Ionia

Ray Shippey - "Modest Motivator"

We would like to nominate Ray Shippey from the Ionia Rotary Club for the Rotary Club Hero! Why you may ask? Here are five great reasons why:

1. He accepted the role of President - Elect in the middle of a pandemic, and did not even live in the city of Ionia.
2. He has been at almost every event we have had over the past two years: Trash Pickup, Food Pantry, Club Socials, Uncle Sam Jam, Tour de Ionia, and many more.
3. He involves his family at events, showing them what it is to give service to the community.
4. Ray has been there for our new President, to go over things so we can understand together how to make our club better.
5. Ray can take a dispute in the club, and really give everyone time to give their views and also make their voice heard.

Ray also just recently moved to Ionia, because he works here. He is employed with Sparrow, and his job helps the people in our community. He is kind, soft spoken, and is always willing to help where he can. We wish we had more Rays in our club and in our community.



Kalamazoo Sunrise

Robert Hencken - "Community Leader"

Robert Hencken, a happily retired lawyer, has been a member of Rotary Club of Kalamazoo Sunrise since 1998. He has served as club President and been a volunteer on most club projects. A veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, his primary "Service Above Self" has been in the area of veterans affairs. He was instrumental in the club becoming the sponsor of the City of Kalamazoo's Memorial Day parade and ceremony, and Kalamazoo County's Veterans Day ceremony, which he has chaired (and often emceed) for over 12 years. His community service includes five years as Chair of the Kalamazoo County Veterans Affairs Committee, of which he is still a member, leadership roles in the Marine Corps League, and volunteer service at the Battle Creek V.A. Medical Center. He is a Paul Harris Fellow (currently +6).



Kalamazoo

Amelia Remmert - "Can't Stop. Won't Stop."

Amy has worked tirelessly to make sure our club has had a location to meet face-to-face for the last eight months. Shuffling between restaurants, meeting halls, catering, parking and a myriad of obstacles to accommodate our club, she continues her great work leading the Meetings and Sites committee. Amy also serves on the Program Committee often introducing speakers at the weekly Hybrid meetings. Engaging topics and speakers have helped our club continue to stand, and Amy's "Service Above Self" has been a major force in our club.

Amy is the Bulletin committee chair and her efforts keep members up on club happenings and programming, while she organizes the weekly bulletin committee members also known as "Our Editarians".



Lakeshore

Elisabeth Allen - "Always Positive"

Lakeshore Rotary would like to nominate Elisabeth D. Allen as our Rotary Hero for 2021-2022. Due to her unselfish and positive attitude, our club was able to navigate the many obstacles presented by COVID and continue to operate and function as a great service club. Liz is an outstanding club secretary that constantly keeps things in order, from recording and monitoring attendance, collecting money for lunches, arranging and setting up for our meetings, and assuring that our Zoom attendees are tuned in to the meetings. Our President, Janie Hild, would not have been as effective without the support she received from Liz Allen.

Lakeshore Rotary wishes to thank our Rotary Hero, Elisabeth D. Allen for her efforts. She is truly a servant leader who places *"Service Above Self."*



Lansing

Suzanne Beekman Mills - "True Volunteer"

The Rotary Club of Lansing is honored to announce Suzanne Beekman Mills as our 2022 Rotary Club Hero.

Sue Mills, originally from Lansing, was the Valedictorian of her senior class at Lansing Eastern High School. She went on to receive her B.A. and M.A. in Speech Education and Speech Pathology and Audiology from Michigan State University. She graduated cum laude with her B.A. and summa cum laude with her M.A. Sue has been extremely active in the arts community since 1975. She was one of the Founding Members of the Center for Arts. Center for Arts merged with the Arts Council in 1978, and Sue stayed active in the group through 2000.

Sue has been a true volunteer her entire life. From Silver Bells in the City; Greater Lansing Convention & Visitors Bureau; Capital Region Community Foundation; Athena Foundation; MSU Alumni; Junior League -- the list goes on. Sue joined our Rotary Club in 2000 and has been a very active member. During the pandemic, Sue enlisted a number of our Rotarians to call members that were very isolated. They called for over 18 months and everyone that received a call was so excited to talk. Now that we are back in person, Sue has become a "personal driver" for some of the members that don't drive anymore. They wouldn't be able to attend our weekly meetings without Sue. We are a much better Club because of Sue. She truly lives by the four-way test.



Lansing-Dewitt Sunrise

Tom Hamp - "Community Leader"

The Lansing-Dewitt Sunrise Rotary Club has chosen Tom Hamp as our Rotary Hero. Tom has been a Rotarian for 10 years. He has served as President, Assistant Governor, and now president again; as well as being a youth athletic coach, a member of the chamber of commerce, and the speaker's bureau.

Our club is very small, only 17 members. Tom has helped our club remain active, engaged, and successful. When COVID hit, he transitioned our meetings to an on-line Zoom presence immediately; only missing one meeting. Tom's leadership is directly responsible for very energetic local and international philanthropic projects, including those in Peru and the Dominican Republic. Tom continues to lead our club with professionalism, structure, and humor. His strong leadership brings new ideas and opportunities to the club while ensuring we live up to the Four-Way Test while striving to be the best Rotarians. The Lansing-Dewitt Sunrise Rotary Club is proud to select Tom Hamp as our 2022 Rotary Hero.



Marshall

Paul Davis- "Leader and Fundraiser Extraordinaire"

Paul Davis was a member of Marshall Rotary Club from 1999 to 2003, and rejoined in 2018.

Paul has served as President of the Club (2021-2022), is a Paul Harris Fellow, and is a member of the PolioPlus Society. Above and beyond all of this, Paul is and has been the highest fundraiser for the Marshall Rotary's two major fundraisers each year. He far outsells tickets to The Dream Dollars event in the Fall, and books the most advertisements for our Rotary Extra newspaper in the Spring. The definition of "*Service Above Self*" lists Marshall's own, Paul Davis, right next to it. Thank you for all you do, Paul!



Mason

Don Waskiewicz - "Happy to Serve!"

When one thinks of "*Service Above Self*" Don Waskiewicz immediately comes to mind.

Don has exemplified the qualities of a Rotarian by his engagement in various Rotary projects and community projects outside of Mason Rotary, such as the Relay for Life. He also shows his commitment to the Rotary Club of Mason by regular attendance, contributing great ideas for the betterment of our club, serving on several club committees, and stepping up to fill the vacancy of President-Elect in 2022. He stepped up as President in 2017 without the benefit of PETS.

Don thinks of others before himself, yet does find time for self-care. He has given of his time to the parades the Rotary Club of Mason participates in, Christmas families, the Rollie Dart golf outing, and other projects the club is involved in. The time he has given has taken time away from his job and family, and this shows that he follows Rotary's motto of "*Service Above Self*."



Paw Paw Lake

Penny Moss - "Lucky Penny"

Our club, the Paw Paw Lake Rotary Club, is proud to have selected our member, Penny Moss, as its Rotary Club Hero for 2022. She was selected for this honor by a vote of our membership.

Penny has served as Club Treasurer for four years. Penny has been a great part of our fundraising projects. She always volunteers to do something that has to be done. Penny's help has kept our club going! Penny is our club's "Lucky Penny."



South Haven

Sandra Reno - "Jumping Right In to Serve"

Sandra started in Rotary in Napoleon Ohio (District 6600) When her new job as local funeral home director brought her to South Haven, she transferred to our club. Once she found out that our existing Editorian was looking for someone else to take over the job which he had for 17 years, she quickly volunteered and transitioned smoothly in putting out our weekly newsletter SPOKES (our club newsletter), all while beginning her new position at Filbrandt Funeral Home during the aftermath of a pandemic.

Sandra also volunteered to be the Co-chair of our Salvation Army Bell Ringing, where we staff the red kettles for a day before the Christmas holidays. We collect at three locations for about seven hours in terrible weather and raised \$1626.32. She has attended every meeting and always has a smile. Sandra has taken on responsibilities very quickly and effectively. She is dedicated to our club and our community and has shown this in a very short time as a new member.

Sandra has been able to do this while serving an unfathomable number of families 24 hours a day in their time of great grief and need through her responsibilities at work.



St. Johns

Tricia Thayer - "Genially Cares"

Tricia is the kind of person who likes to get involved in everything we do. Whether we are planning our annual Helping Hands Dinner, or going out Christmas caroling, Tricia is going to be involved in some way, shape or form. Tricia heads up multiple committees for us, and she has agreed to be our President for 2023-2024. The St. Johns Rotary Club is very proud to name Tricia Thayer as its Rotary Club Hero!



St. Joseph-Benton Harbor

Jan Ferguson - "Just Do It Jan"

Our club's hero for the 2021-2022 Rotary year is Jan Ferguson. Jan has been a member of our club for 16 years and has served as club secretary for the last seven years.

Jan doesn't need to be asked to take on a task, she just does it. It's who she is. She shares kind reminders to make sure we don't miss a deadline, she oversees the new member process and is always welcoming to newcomers, she checks in on people who are leading committees to make sure they have what they need. If she doesn't know the answer to something (which is rare), she will find out and get back to you.

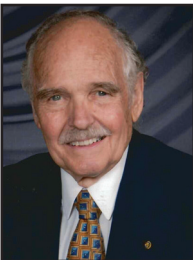
Jan has been active in a number of Rotary events and projects. From the roadway clean up to the track meet to after hours and beyond. If she doesn't attend a meeting (which is also rare), it is noticed, and she is missed. Everything she does to support our club seems to happen so naturally and effortlessly that it tends to "fly under the radar" which makes this a great opportunity to thank her for her service.



Union City

Barbara Wallen - "Open Minded"

The Union City Rotary Club is proud to nominate Barbara Wallen as our Rotary Club Hero! Barbara is always helpful with club projects when available. She's willing to try new things to advance our mission of "Service Above Self." Barbara is kind, open minded and a wonderful asset to our club.



Vicksburg

Jerome "JR" Fulton - "Model Rotarian"

The Vicksburg Rotary Club proudly selects JR Fulton as its Rotary Club Hero. JR is the most tenured and dedicated participant within the membership committee. He is constantly looking to bring in new members, passing along business cards to promote new membership, and is often welcoming folks into his home to host fireside chats. JR is dedicated to attendance and long standing record, and is always showing up to participate in service projects.

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