

**Rotary District 7570
District Conference Awards
Presented March 20, 2010**

The following awards required an application for consideration. The applications were reviewed and scored by members of the District Conference Awards Committee. Scores were tallied and the club with the highest score was declared the award winner. Committee members include: Joanne White, David Metz, Bob Ayers, Franklyn Moreno, Jimmie Mask and me.

When I announce the winning club, would someone from the club please come forward to receive the patch or the certificate. Banners may be picked up and pictures taken at the conclusion of the luncheon.

Youth Activities—The goal of this award is to recognize the club which best promotes youth activities to encourage youth to be productive and involved citizens in the communities in which they live. The banner and patch goes to **Front Royal**.

The club hosted an exchange student, sponsors four Interact Clubs, sends students to the Youth Leadership Conference, sponsors a youth lead “Ethics Workshop”, maintains a Student Loan Fund for use toward higher education costs, sponsors a Boy Scout Troup, awards two college scholarships, provided dictionaries to 3rd graders, volunteer with Camp Fantastic, funds for a skate park, etc.

International Service—The goal of this award is to recognize the club which best exemplifies Rotary International’s ideal of international service, especially in the promotion of understanding, goodwill and peace. The banner and patch goes to **Blacksburg**.

This club shared hosting and entertaining of a GSE team, hosted a youth exchange student, raised money for Shelter boxes for Haiti, raised money for and held a program on microfinance and women’s education in Togo, Africa, had Walter Hughes present a program on the Ghana water project, sponsored a Peace scholar to Japan and raised money for Polio plus.

Vocational Service—The goal of this award is to recognize the club which promotes vocational service by encouraging and fostering high ethical standards in business and the professions. The banner and patch goes to **Stuart**.

The Stuart Rotary members contribute hundreds of volunteer hours to the Caring Hearts Free Clinic of Patrick County. They also provide funds to purchase equipment, supplies and medications.

Community Service—The object of this award is to recognize the club which best promotes the concept of service to every member of the club in their personal, business and community life. The banner and patch goes to **Front Royal**.

The club partners with other civic clubs and agencies in the community to assist families in need with home repairs and yard work. Significant amounts of money have been raised to support a complex for youth and citizens, to support the local hospital and to provide grants back to the community for various projects.

Club Service—The object of this award is to help the members get to know each other and their respective professions, fosters the Family of Rotary and develops activities which advance the Object of Rotary which is to do good in the world. The banner and patch goes to **Stuart**.

The Stuart Rotary holds a “Fall Social and Awards Banquet” to provide fellowship, recognize perfect attendance, and contribute money to the RI Foundation by the presentation of awards to club members. Each member had a committee responsibility to facilitate the evening as well as stimulate fellowship between new and long term members. Spouses and friends are encouraged to attend.

Public Image—The goal of this award is to make the best use of the available media to promote Rotary. The winner of a banner and patch is **Stuart**.

The Stuart Rotary used the newspaper, the radio station, the Chamber of Commerce website, the District Newsletter and their club newsletter to promote Rotary and the clubs involvement. “Using media has allowed us to educate the public about our activities, and inform them about the reasons and the motivations behind our events. We are able to use many media avenues to promote fellowship and good will.”

World Community Service—The goal of this award is to recognize the club with the best world community service project. The banner and patch goes to **Rocky Mount**.

Rocky Mount has been working to provide clean water to Ghana. Their matching grants are supported by five districts in the USA, Canada and Switzerland. One of their greatest accomplishments is the reduction, almost to eradication, of the guinea worm parasite in Ghana.

Club Bulletin—This award recognizes the club which regularly publishes a bulletin that stimulates interest, improves attendance, recaps past events and educates its members. The winner of a banner and patch is **Blacksburg**.

Blacksburg’s PR chair gathers information from RI’s weekly newsletter and includes timely and interesting news in the weekly bulletins, the digital bulletin and the print bulletin. Also included are bios of new members, the Four Way Test, member birthdays,

make up information, monthly Rotary themes, up coming programs and events, committee news, application forms, etc.

Applications for the next awards were evaluated by the IT Committee. I recognize Mary Miller to announce those winners.

Web Site Patches only are given for these awards.

Best Web Presence

Second Place-Blacksburg

First Place--Winchester

Best Electronic Newsletter

Second Place--Wytheville

First Place--Stuart

Best Club Dashboard

Second Place--Johnson City

First Place--Blacksburg

Douglas A Newton Excellence in Communications Award is presented by the Rotary Club of Downtown Kingsport.

The last awards are based upon measurements reported by the club to the District Data base.

Club Attendance—This award recognizes the clubs which have surpassed all other clubs in the district in percentage of members attending the meetings since the last District Conference. The time period for the statistics is March 2009 through February 2010.

Certificates go to:

Fourth Place—Front Royal

Third Place –Staunton-Augusta County

Second Place—Linden

A banner and patch go to the **First Place winners—Frederick County.**

Membership Growth

A patch is presented to the club with the highest net growth. The winner of the patch is **Salem.**

A banner and a patch is presented to the club with the highest percentage growth. The winner is **Radford.**

Conference Attendance

A patch is presented to the club having the highest percentage of their members attending District Conference. The winner is _____.

A banner and a patch is presented to the club, excluding the Conference Host Club, who has the largest number of members and guests attending the conference. The winner is _____.