



ROTARY CLUB OF BLACKSBURG

November 2, 2009

Dear Montgomery County Resident,

Each year, the Rotary Club of Blacksburg recognizes an outstanding individual as the Pat Cupp & Ward Teel Rotary Club Citizen of the Year in Montgomery County. You can nominate outstanding citizens simply by completing and returning the attached nomination form.

Citizen of the Year nominees must be a Montgomery County resident and also must be a non-Rotarian. Selection for this award will be based on the nominee's character, business practices, and lifestyle activities that exemplify the Rotary ideal of – Service Above Self, and Rotary International's Four Way Test:

1. Is it the Truth?
2. Is it Fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendships?
4. Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

If you know someone who might fit, do not let the nomination process be an obstacle. All you have to do is fill out the attached form, and a member of the Blacksburg Rotary Club's Vocational Service Committee may contact you with a few follow-up questions, if needed.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

What kind of person are you looking for?

We want to make sure that we do not limit ourselves – this is not just an award for people who “do lots of volunteer work.” Although that has been an excellent way to identify people living out Rotary's 4-Way test, there are excellent examples amongst people just doing their jobs every day.

Do I have to know the person I'm nominating?

No, but it's helpful if you know someone who does. Nominations can come from anyone in the community. Your friends and co-workers may know a wonderful candidate. This kind of word-of-mouth is the best way to identify those “unsung heroes”.

No one's coming to mind right away?

Think over speakers that you may have heard lately at meetings, clubs or organizations. Do any of them seem like a good candidate? Maybe they mentioned someone who seemed Citizen of the Year material? Do they seem likely to know people who would be good candidates? Perhaps you have read an article in the New River Current, or the News Messenger about someone in the community who has shown exemplary citizenship? If so, ask your friends and co-workers if they know this person, and might want to nominate them. Even if they don't, you've sparked a valuable discussion of good citizenship that reflects well on Montgomery County and Rotary.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or comments.

Tommy Loflin, Chair
Vocational Service Committee
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Rotary Club of Blacksburg

I wish to nominate: _____

Name of nominator: _____ Date: _____

Phone number of nominator: _____

Provide the following information, to the extent possible

Nominee's business/employment/volunteer location:

Nominee's work/volunteer title: _____

What activities relate to your nominee's suitability? _____

How long has the nominee been engaged in this activity? _____

What activity or attribute brought this nominee into focus for you? _____

How has / does the nominee exhibit the Rotary ideal of Service Above Self? _____

Please note anything that comes to mind about the nominee, as may be applicable, to the Rotary Four Way test?

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Please feel free to attach supporting materials -- newspaper clippings, citations awarded, resume, or other helpful information for the committee to consider.

Send nominations, no later than December 2, 2009, to:

Rotary Club of Blacksburg (Citizen of the Year)
PO Box 770
Blacksburg, VA 24063-0770

Former Citizens of the Year:

Virginia Tech Rescue Squad
Mr. Malvin "Pug" Wells
Mrs. Amy Forsyth-Stevens
Mrs. Jeanne Roper
Mr. Doug "Teeter" Robinson
Ms. Marylou

Ms. Linda Olin
Ms. Beth Obenshain
Mr. Lacy William Brown
Mr. Andy Morikawa & Dr. Basil Gooden
Mr. Ben Crawford
Mr. Alfred Smith