



ROTARY CLUB OF BLACKSBURG

November 8, 2011

Dear Montgomery County Resident,

For over 20 years the Rotary Club of Blacksburg has recognized an outstanding individual as the Blacksburg Rotary Club of Citizen of the Year. You may nominate outstanding Montgomery County citizens for our 2011 Award 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 primarily on the nominee's service to the community, as well as their 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.

Please note that the nomination deadline is December 8, 2011. Nominations are to be submitted to Rotary Club of Blacksburg (Attn. T Loflin), P O Box 264, Blacksburg, VA 24063.

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

Very respectfully,

Tommy Loflin, Chair
Vocational Service Committee
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Rotary Club of Blacksburg

2011 Rotary Club of Blacksburg Citizen of the Year

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 going about their lives every day. This Award has been presented to high profile, prominent citizens, and also to citizens who few of us would have known if not for their nomination. Also, the Award can be based on a person’s service to the community over many years, or their contributions during the past year.

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 of 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 may be good 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 newspaper 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.

May I nominate an organization or multiple persons?

This Award is to recognize one individual in the County, so organizations or multiple persons are not eligible. There is no limitation on the number of nominations that you may submit, however if you submit multiple nominations each nomination must be for one person. Although the Rotary Club has presented this Award to organizations / multiple awardees in previous years, we now limit nominations to individual persons.

When will I know of the Rotary Club’s selection?

We will receive nomination through December 8th. The Club will review these nominations and make a selection by early January, and the selected nominee and nominator will be notified. An Award ceremony will be held in mid to late January, at which time all other nominators will be notified. Nominators are welcome to contact us at any time for an update / status.

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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? **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?**

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

Please submit nominations, no later than December 8, 2011, to:

Rotary Club of Blacksburg (Attn: T loflin)
PO Box 264
Blacksburg, VA 24063

Former Citizens of the Year:

Fredda Cromer
LaVina & Glen Tyndall / Sally Bohland
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. William Brown
Mr. Andy Morikawa & Dr. Basil Gooden
Mr. Ben Crawford
Mr. Alfred Smith