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Rotary Heroes Recognition

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

A few words from Rick for the introduction page

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Albion

David Farley - "Genuine Humanitarian"

David has been an active member of our club since 1968 and served as president in 1989. He was the very first recipient of our club's Spark Plug Award in 1986. David is very active in the Albion Community and we feel extremely fortunate that he chose to lend his attributes to our group. In addition to Rotary, he was Scoutmaster of Albion Boy Scout Troop 158 for many, many years and has been nationally recognized with the Scouting Whitney Young Award for Boy Scouts. David was a long standing member

of the Albion Public Schools Board of Education as well as chair of the Albion Community Foundation board and has contributed his time and energy to several other boards and committees. He is not currently serving on our Rotary board but still tries to attend each meeting to voice his ideas and encouragement. Our club produced a community newsletter as a fundraiser last year and David contributed several articles spotlighting proud points of our little town and solicited a large amount of the advertising to publish it. Personally, in my time as president, David has been optimistic and encouraging throughout my time in office helping to give me the confidence to lead our group. "Service Above Self" is simply how David lives his life and we are an exceptionally better club because of his participation.



Battle Creek Rotary Club

Cheryl Beard - "Goal Achiever"

A member for 15 years, Cheryl hit the ground running for our Battle Creek Rotary Club. Volunteering for committees, she quickly learned the ropes and when opportunity arrived, agreed to chair two of our most important committees – Community Grants, a quarterly grant cycle for organizations with focus areas of education, youth programming, health/human services, or senior services; and Children's Christmas Party which provides nearly 150 elementary students from several low income neighborhoods not only a

Christmas party with Santa but more importantly with warm winter gloves and hats and books. Both committees have expanded our service outreach in our community. She quickly was added to the Club's Board of Directors because of her thoughtful approaches to problems and opportunities. She also serves on two other Club committees. Cheryl often brings her two young sons to Rotary projects to help instill in them the concept of Service Above Self.



Benton Harbor Sunrise

Robert Kynast - "Mr. Organizer"

Bob promoted a new literacy effort for our club that became our "Books for Kids" program which provides new books to kindergarten and first grades in our community. He also guided the club through a complete re-branding of our events to promote the Books for Kids program in our community.

These are excellent examples of Bob's commitment to our mission to support the youth of Benton Harbor. Additionally, Bob consistently steps up when the club needs leadership. He filled vacancies as secretary and

currently serves as a fundraising chairman. He has taken over the lead of Benton Harbor Sunrise Rotary's largest event, the Pumpkin 5k & 10K Run & Walk.



Berrien Springs-Eau Claire Club

Jeffrey Lemon - "Very Committed"

Jeffrey C Lemon is a 2 time Paul Harris Fellow, receiving his second Paul Harris Fellow in 2015. Jeff has been an integral part of making our club a success for many reasons such as: giving us a place to host all our annual officers meetings at Lemon Creek Winery; hosting our annual Christmas party, which hit an all-time high in fundraising for our Christmas Care program at \$3,278 in 2015; provides transportation of our heating ovens for our Chicken BBQ fundraiser, a tent for chicken sales, a cash register for

doing business, plus tables and the services of his wife Cathy Lemon (with her permission of course) which helped us attain \$15,822 in sales to help us fund our scholarships for our club, while serving as our Transportation Chair; and donated a projector for presentations to our club. His level of service does not stop there, Jeff and his wife Cathy were very involved in foster care for many years, Jeff has served on county and state level winery and agriculture committees, has held various positions at Hinchman United Methodist Church and for the last 3 years Jeff Lemon has been the Planning Commission Chair for Oronoko Charter Township in Southwestern Michigan.



Cereal City Sunrise (Battle Creek)

Corey LaGro - "Self Sacrificing"

Corey LaGro was selected by his peers as Hero for 2015-2016. Corey's actions regularly exemplify the purpose of Rotary. Wherever Corey goes his actions serve as an example to others of the greatness that is accomplished through self-sacrifice. The values Corey displays are inherent to his nature yet further expounded by the environment sustained by our club members. Our club is grateful for all that Corey has accomplished.



Charlotte

Jim Cicorelli - "Solid Contributor"

Jim has been a member of Rotary for 23 years, with perfect attendance for 19 years. He is the member that you can consistently count on to help whenever needed, without fanfare, he is always there. He is a generous supporter of all club fund raising efforts, and works diligently to secure donations for events. He has served as President of our club, Chairperson of countless Club Committees, and is a Paul Harris Fellow. Jim is an inspiration to the younger members of our club as someone who exemplifies the Rotary motto "Service Above Self."



Coldwater Township

Mike Beckwith - "Perseverance Plus"

Mike took over the chairing of our annual golf outing three years ago, and his enthusiasm for making it better and better each year has never flagged. Equally as important for a volunteer organization such as ours, members want to be involved, as his enthusiasm is contagious. Mike is always positive and always supportive. He is proof that nice guys really can finish first.



Delta-Waverly

Sharon Havens - "Active Dedication"

Sharon has been a member of our club since 2004 and she has had perfect attendance since 2011.

Sharon has been an active member participating in our club's back-pack food program, chairing the Salvation Army Bell Ringing, and chairing the Parade of Homes fund raising project. She is also a Paul Harris fellow. Her long-term body of Rotary work has made Sharon our Rotary hero.



Delton Area

Cheryl Bower - "Positive Impactor"

Cheryl is the Delton District Library's Librarian. As a local leader, she has invited many Delton community members to join the Rotary Club. It is not unusual to hear Cheryl inviting people to come to a Rotary meeting or a Rotary event – she tells them how good it feels to be a Rotarian and encourages them to give back to the community. Cheryl has been very instrumental in bringing more women in to the Delton Club.

Cheryl's involvement in Rotary began nearly 5 years ago when Marguerite Alden, the Delton Rotary President, invited Cheryl to attend a presentation by Rick King. Cheryl was inspired by Rick's message about "service above self" and the difference Rotarians are making in local communities and around the world. Since joining Rotary, Cheryl's interest in serving others and improving the community have grown tremendously, she now serves on the Barry Community Foundation Board of Directors and the Delton Kellogg Education Foundation Board.

Cheryl says she joined Rotary because, "In a world that can be so negative, Rotarians are positive people who really get things done." She works tirelessly to make the community and the world a better place, is someone who is perpetually positive, inspires others to make a positive impact each and every day, and she lives by the four way test. Cheryl is a gift to our club and we are proud to call her our Rotary Hero.



East Lansing

Jim Folkening - "Major Contributor"

During March 2016, Jim Folkening celebrates his fifth year as a member of the Rotary Club of East Lansing. During this short time, Jim has made significant contributions to the success of our club by jumping-in and volunteering, instead of hanging back and waiting to be asked.

Jim's dedication to "service" has manifested itself in several ways, particularly through his involvement in:

- Organizing and hosting orientation sessions for new club members,
- Helping plan and manage the club's annual pancakes breakfast which raises over \$10,000 each year to support our club's community service projects,
- Championing the club's visioning process and guiding efforts to engage members in various club activities,
- Packing foodstuffs for the Weekend Survival Kits distributed to children in area schools, and
- Serving on the club's board of directors.

It is indeed a pleasure to recognize and honor Jim Folkening as the Rotary Club of East Lansing's "2016 Club Hero."



Eaton Rapids

Daniel Wrubel - “Vision Volunteer”

Dr. Daniel Wrubel has been a member of the Eaton Rapids Rotary Club since 1998. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and a Sustaining Member of the Rotary Foundation. He serves as chairman of the International Service Committee for the Eaton Rapids Club and uses his skills as an Optometrist to give back to those in need. For the past 22 consecutive years, Dr. Wrubel has organized and led a group of Rotarians and VOSH (Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity) volunteers to Dominica in the West Indies to perform eye care missions. During these trips, he and his team provide basic eye exams and dispense glasses to those in need, due to lack of funds and/or access to care. He also screens the people of Dominica for eye diseases, such as cataracts and glaucoma, and makes referrals to medical professionals. On average, his team performs 1,600 eye exams and dispenses 3,000 pairs of eyeglasses per year. Dr. Wrubel is a hero to many.



Grand Ledge

Duane Bartrem - “Commanding Rotarian”

Duane retired from 37 years of Army service. His accolades include: All Artillery Battery Commander, Battalion Commander, Brigade Commander Awarded Army Commendation Medal, and Legion of Merit Medal.

His higher education spans many prestigious colleges including MSU, Columbia College, Army Command and General Staff College, and Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Duane is past member of the Association of the U.S. Army Council of Trustees which he served 8 years! He was also Past Commander-General Military Order of Foreign Wars, a 66 year Veteran Scouter and a Distinguished Eagle Scout. Duane’s biography is listed in the Who’s, Who in America!

Duane operated his own residential design office for a number of years designing many houses in the tri- county area and elsewhere. Using these talents, he designed the five park shelters that the GL Rotary Club built as service projects in both Lincoln Brick and Fitzgerald Parks. He arranged for the material to be delivered and supervised the construction that the club members built!

Duane was married to his wife Francis for over 51 years until her passing in 2000. He is a very proud Rotarian with over 31 years of PERFECT ATTENDANCE! A Paul Harris Fellow and past Rotary Club President during our 50th year club anniversary!



Gull Lake Area

Pete Graham - "Literary Leader"

Pete Graham exemplifies the very best of what it means to be a Rotarian. He is a natural leader, participates in nearly every club project and fund-raising activity, and is a Paul Harris Fellow and Sustaining Member. He has served as President, several terms on our Board, Membership Chair, Program Chair, 3rd Grade Dictionary Chair, Weekly Newsletter Editor, and in many other important roles. Pete is the inspiration and driving force behind many of our club projects: our Adopt-a-Highway program, the "Meet

Michigan Authors" program, and Children's Books for the Library (each book signed by a program speaker). He has also successfully written and managed grants from District 6360 and the Rotary Foundation. In addition to his club service, Pete is an active member of the Richland community with his past service as Village Treasurer and Richland Library Board. Pete Graham lives and practices the Rotary motto "Service Above Self" each and every day.



Harbor Country

Donna Jo Allen - "Faithful Worker"

The Club Hero was chosen using these three qualities:

1. Service Above Self exemplifying the Rotary Creed: Is it the Truth, Is it fair to all concerned, Will it build goodwill and better friendships and Is it fair to all concerned. She works on so many projects and gives 110% to each of them
2. Attendance: She's very faithful in her attendance.
3. Active Participation: She spent an inordinate amount of time acquiring donations for our 25 food baskets during the Holiday 2015



Haslett-Okemos

Julie Brixie - "Outgoing & Involved"

Julie has been an active member in good standing since 2007 and served as Club President the year of 2013-14.

Julie has been instrumental in a number of very successful fundraisers that contributed a great deal to our local community. For example: The "Heroes and Heroines" Cash/Dash and the "Scotch Tasting" events that together raised over \$6000 towards our 2 largest projects ever.

We donated \$10,000 each to the Rotary Community Room at the new

Central Fire Station and the Rotary Gathering Circle at Harris Nature Center.

Julie has headed the PR/Communication Committee for many years where she is diligent in getting any and all pictures/articles/press releases to the local media to give our club the best exposure possible.

Recruiting new members comes to Julie like second nature. Over the past seven years we can point to over the same number of new members that she sponsored. In addition to new members, recommending/recruiting speakers is in her wheel house as well.

Julie is our township treasurer and as long as I have known her one of her favorite things (outside desserts and wine...) is to remind and then 'THANK' Rotarians and residents for paying their taxes on time!! She has never shied away from her public position and is very responsible when it comes to her constituents. We who live in Meridian Township are lucky to have her in our corner.

Julie Brixie is very deserving of the 2016 Hero Award and lives up to the Rotary 4 Way Test every day!! We are proud to have her in our club!!



Hastings

Fred Jacobs - "Community Cheerleader"

Fred Jacobs is a past president (1990-1991) of the Hastings Rotary Club, is a Paul Harris Fellow and Sustaining Member, and has received the Club's Red Rose award. Fred has been the featured speaker for the Senior Boys' luncheon that the Club sponsors for the male students graduating from Hastings High School each year, and also for several other Club programs and activities. Fred is very active in the Hastings community, leading and serving on the boards of many organizations, and operates as

a one-man marketing firm for his beloved Hastings and Barry County. Fred also is very interested in the education of young people, and due to Fred's leadership there have been several career-prep initiatives for high school students.



Ionia

Dan Mitchell - "Dynamic Motivator"

Dan has been in our club since 2009. In 2013-2014, Dan served as our President and really revitalized the President's role and brought back a number of things we were not doing as a club that we should have been doing. Perhaps the biggest accomplishments of Dan's term as President was to start up the Interact Club at Ionia High School and garner a District grant to help fund "Howard's Dream", a project whereby a local man that has dealt with dyslexia and his inability to read, wrote a children's book. Dan volunteers for virtually every service project that we do in the community and he is a tremendous "salesman" not only for our club, but for all of Rotary International.



Jackson Breakfast

Chuck Nelson - "Behind-the-Scenes Worker"

Chuck is a long-time member of our club. He has been instrumental over many years in making sure the meeting room is set-up prior to meetings, and that things are properly put away afterwards. He works on many of our local service projects; leaf raking for the elderly, painting community-use buildings, serving lunch at the Interfaith Shelter, (a facility that provides temporary shelter for the homeless), and much more. He has made the arrangements for our Club's annual President's Night for longer than most members can remember. Chuck is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow.



Jackson Noon

Cindy Conant - "Always There"

Rotary Club of Jackson looks forward to our own Cindy Conant being recognized at the Rotary District 6360 Conference as a Rotary Hero. Cindy is deserving of the honor for her outstanding and dedicated work as a member of the Rotary Board, event photographer, newsletter editor, and loyal leader and friend. Cindy epitomizes what being a Rotarian is all about, living by the motto Service Above Self. In addition to board service and writing the much enjoyed newsletter, Cindy and her husband Jim often

host lovely family gatherings for the Rotary Club, making a beautiful social opportunity that includes campfires, horse rides, lawn sports and fellowship.

Some may not realize that Cindy has an extensive Rotarian leadership background. Cindy served as President from 2005-2006, as a Rotary Foundation of Jackson County board member from 2004 - 2007, currently as Assistant District Governor since 2013, and as our newsletter editor since 2012. She comes from a Rotary family. Her father, Gil Furnival, was a member of the Rotary Club of Jackson for 65 years. The noon club elected Cindy our Rotary Hero because of her quiet leadership. Said President Jim, "Cindy exemplifies what it means to be a Rotarian."



Kalamazoo

Sandy Bliesener - "Unfailing Diligence"

Sandy is a past president of our club and has chaired the Club Bulletin Committee. She is actively involved with the ongoing updates and improvements in the Rotary Stage, which is a central part of Kalamazoo's Bronson Park. Her hard work, persistence and coordination was key to securing Rotary International President Ravi Ravindran's attendance our club's 100-year anniversary Gala. This year her involvement continued as she instituted and implemented the new Career Connections program for

our club. This is a mentoring program designed to help high school students explore various career options. Sandy exemplifies service above self and is a positive role model for women, students, and all Rotarians. She truly is a Rotary Hero.



Kalamazoo Sunrise

Katrina Schuur - "Humble Devotion"

Katrina Schuur has been an invaluable member of the Kalamazoo Sunrise Rotary Club since 2005. The Rotary motto of "Service above Self" perfectly describes Katrina. She has quietly and humbly dedicated herself to not only our Club, but to the Kalamazoo Community. She is first to volunteer, and has been involved in numerous community projects, including Meals on Wheels, the club's annual Memorial Day parade and Veteran's Day ceremonies.

Katrina was also the driving force behind a 2 year backpack project which supplied 50 children who call the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission home with new back packs full of school supplies. Additionally, she has served as Chair of several Committees, including two years as Program Chair, procuring excellent weekly speakers - an extraordinary accomplishment. Most recently, she was the Club's Co-President in 2014-15 - a District first. The Sunrise Rotary Club is proud to call Katrina a member, but more importantly we celebrate her as a dear friend.



Lansing

Ken Beachler - "Musical Contributor"

Kenneth C. Beachler joined Rotary in January 22, 1975. His father and grandfather were Rotarians in Greenville, Michigan. Ken produces a "special music" performance each week (we don't sing) at our meetings. At Michigan State, Ken served for six years as Music Program Director at WKAR-FM and for many years as on-camera host for arts programs on WKAR-TV. For eleven years, he was Director, Lecture-Concert Series and World Travel Series at the University Auditorium, and he was selected as the

first executive director of Wharton Center for Performing Arts, serving from 1981-1992. He served a seven year term as Vice-Chair for the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. Ken is also a free-lance announcer, media trainer and acting coach.

Ken retired from the US Naval Reserve at the rank of captain after serving for 27 years in Navy Public Affairs. He holds the Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal.



Lansing DeWitt Sunrise

Walter Brown - "Kind Soul"

Walter Brown is a kind, compassionate, dedicated individual. He has been a Rotarian for 11 years. Walter has held numerous positions including President (twice), and Asst. DG. He is currently an active participant and/or organizer of the Lansing Schools mentoring program, Pack a Backpack program, Meal Service at VOA, and any other fundraisers that our club participates with. Walter is always the first to volunteer and participate in any new initiatives. Our board unanimously voted him as our club hero for 2016.



Mason

Ed Clarke - "Exceptional Contributor"

Clarke, a multi-Paul Harris Fellow, is a long-time member of the Mason Rotary Club. He has had perfect attendance for 31 years including make-ups all over the U.S. and world. Ed has served on the Board in many capacities including President and numerous committee assignments. Ed chaired the International Youth Exchange program for several years, was the Membership Chair, Past president, and has attended two Rotary International Conferences.

He led the development of a new member package and a Club Leadership session. Ed participates in all fund raisers and projects without any coercion, and currently serves as Remembrance Chair.

Ed retired from the State of Michigan as a Licensed Social Worker specializing in Marriage and Family Therapy. More recently, he has provided counseling for veterans. He is married to Marge, also a Paul Harris Fellow—they still have "date" nights weekly. They treasure the time with their two sons and their grandchildren.



Oshtemo

Themis Corakis - "Generous Benefactor"

Themis has been an Oshtemo Rotary member for only two years yet he comes from a Rotary family as his late father Ted was a long time member of the club. Themis and his family continue to be generous supporters of Oshtemo Rotary by providing all supplies for two of the Club's biggest fund raisers. This spring marked the 36th Annual Oshtemo Rotary Pancake Breakfast at Ted and Marie's Colonial Inn Restaurant, owned by Themis and his mother. This year the date for the breakfast is Mar 20th 8AM to 2PM.

They also host the pancake breakfast held at the beginning of Oshtemo Fun Day each August. Both events raise significant funds for our multiple charities and Themis is a tireless worker at both events, making sure our attendees are fed with excellent food and great service. The Club successfully nominated Ted & Marie's for the Golden Trowel Award to recognize their contributions to the Oshtemo Community in the past.



Paw Paw Area

Ted Major - "Founder and Sustainer"

Ted was the founding member 24 years ago, also our first president. He instigated the two year process of attracting enough members. Without Ted and his efforts there would be no Paw Paw Area Rotary. He has been an integral part of our club ever since. Ted has always shown service above self, in our community as well as in our club. He helped design our lake front amphitheater and board walk. Ted has always showed concern over his beloved Maple Lake, working on numerous projects.

Ted brings continuity to our club, with his ability to talk about our clubs past and his continued ideas for our future. If anyone need a program all they have to do is call Ted. He is up to it, without notice. His program could be about his early school years in a one room school, his escapades in the service, or his technical contributions, or his inventions and patents. Because of his abounding life, each program usually covers only 5-10 years of his life, leaving all amazed.



Paw Paw Lake

Ron Clark - "Being There"

The Paw Paw Lake Rotary, Club is proud to have selected our member, Ron Clark, as its Rotary Club Hero for 2016. He was selected for this honor by "---being there" for us, by the vote of the membership at our meeting on February 24, 2016.

Ron is a charter member of our club. He has had perfect attendance, visiting other clubs, near and far as makeups and when vacationing, over his 34 years of membership. He has served as President twice, Secretary for 2 years and probably more and currently serves as Treasurer, an office that he has held for a consecutive seven years, and we are continuing the counting. With that history, it is natural that he is also our club's Historian. Ron is a Paul Harris Fellow.



Plainwell

Lee Suguin - "The Rock"

Lee has been a member of Plainwell Rotary for 24 years, is a Paul Harris Fellow, past club president, past District treasurer and has for many years has served as club treasurer. When it comes to making tough decisions, or weighing in on ideas or initiatives, Lee is right in the thick of the discussions providing valuable input and wisdom gained from years of experience. Lee isn't concerned about making popular or easy choices, but he deeply cares about us making the "right" choice for all concerned even if it is contrary to

others opinions. Lee is always the steady guiding hand in almost everything we do. At fundraisers and community projects, Lee is always there, giving more than his fair share of time and effort all with a smile on his face.



Portage

Gary Meyers - "Mr. Can-Do"

Gary Meyers is a Paul Harris Fellow that transferred to Portage Rotary 2 ½ years ago. He quickly established himself as a club leader. Gary is a Board member and chairs both our Grant and Website Committees. Under his guidance our members have applied for a greater number of District and RI grants with success. He also co-introduced our club's new 1-page Small Grant Application Program that allows members to quickly identify and secure funding for deserving non-profits. Gary's achievements updating our

website, implementing public relations ideas and improving our social media presence are much appreciated by Portage Rotary.



Saugatuck/Douglas

Keith Hayward - "Can Do"

Keith is involved with several local organizations currently serving as a Board Member for "The Arc" of Allegan and as Project Coordinator "Benjamin's Hope" in Holland. In addition to his charitable work, Keith, who is a charter member of the Saugatuck Douglas Rotary Club, has played a major role in the life of our young Club serving multiple years as our Sergeant at Arms, as a Member of the Board of Directors and as our local liaison for the hosting last year's District Conference here in Saugatuck. Keith truly epitomizes the Rotary ideal of "Service Above Self."

South Haven

Paul Hix - " 'Tailor-Made' Humanitarian"

Paul Hix joined the Rotary Club of South Haven in 2009. His accomplishments in Rotary include:

Paul also volunteers for many of our club activities; including the Salvation Army Bell Ringing and the South Haven Rotary Club pancake breakfasts. Paul is also very active in the community. Some of his accomplishments within the South Haven area and surrounding communities include:

- Current chairman of the Board for the South Haven Area Chamber of Commerce
- Past President of the South Haven Center for the Arts
- Current member and past board member for the South Haven Kiwanis Club
- Past President of the Fennville Chamber of Commerce
- Past President of the Fennville Lions Club

Paul is a financial adviser for Edward Jones in South Haven. He works a fulltime job PLUS and manages to find the time and energy to be involved in all of these activities. He is genuine and well respected in the community. Most importantly, Paul is a Rotarian who truly exemplifies "Service Above Self" in everything he thinks, says and does.

He is very deserving of the Rotary Hero Award and our club is proud to have Paul Hix represent our Club at the 2016 District 6360 Conference.





St. Johns

Nicholas Koenigschnect - "Community Leader"

On behalf of the St Johns Rotary club our Rotary hero for this past year is Nicholas Koenigschnect, DDS.

Nick was selected because of his unselfish dedication to our Club's community fund-raising projects and also his past and current leadership roles in our club.

Nick has been a past president, and has been our Foundation Chair for a number of years. He never says no when he is asked to assist with club activities and has been a leader in the community. Nick served on the St Johns School Board for a number years as well.

Through his Dentistry Office he has been a major donor to our St Johns Community Spray Park Project once again showing his commitment to families in the area.

It is for these and many more that we select Nick as our "Rotary Hero".

St. Joseph-Benton Harbor

Dennis Bowen and Allan Westmaas - "Singing Duo"

The two have been our Music Duo for many years and without them our singing tradition would surely falter.

Allan is our energetic song leader. He was President of our club back in 1975, has served in many roles, and currently serves on our Foundation's Investment Advisory Committee.

Dennis is our pianist, has served in numerous positions, and currently chairs our Track Scholarship Selection Committee, which awards \$8,000 in college aid each year.

Both Dennis and Allan are Paul Harris Fellows.



Dennis Bowen



Allan Westmaas



Union City

Faith Robertson - "Always Available"

Faith can be counted on to assist in every fundraiser we have. She is our club treasurer and does a phenomenal job. She truly puts her heart into Rotary, and our club is better because of Faith.



Vicksburg

Sue Moore - "Community Inspiration"

Sue Moore joined the Marshall Rotary in 1999, joining the Vicksburg Club when she relocated to Vicksburg. She has been in several board positions in each club. She has been an active Rotarian in many roles, not least of which is leading the ad sales and program development for the annual fundraiser "Showboat". To quote Sue: "It's an honor to be a Rotarian, and in particular to be in the esteemed company of the Heroes who have gone before me."

Sue is a driving force behind many community endeavors. She was instrumental in starting the Vicksburg Farmers' Market in 2010 and in getting a pavilion built that supports the market and other community events.

Being a trained journalist and involved with the former family newspaper business, Sue spearheaded the 2013 resurrection of the local community newspaper. She continues to attend many community activities and meetings to write, photograph and edit the newspaper to assure the high journalistic quality is met! Sue's work history has involved journalism, newspapers, directing an association of premier bed and breakfasts, inns, and hotels and involvement in a venture capital company to track and communicate legislation via the early internet.

The Vicksburg Club is honored to recognize Sue as our Hero who lives the Rotary concept of Service Above Self.



White Pigeon

Kathie Stratman - "Worker Bee"

Kathie Stratman is the White Pigeon Rotary Club "Worker Bee." As club secretary for many years, she's the fabric that holds it all together. In addition to the secretary role, Kathie is the one who purchases the food for all of the club's chicken barbecues (two each year), purchases the brats and hot dogs for the club's track meet invitational fundraiser in the spring; and purchases the toys for the club's annual holiday pizza party, where children coming from families of greater need gather together to celebrate the

holidays and meet with Santa.

White Pigeon Club Secretary Kathie Stratman has served in the club since joining 27 years ago. She is a past president and has been secretary for 24 years. She was born and raised in central Pennsylvania, and graduated from UConn in 1977 in Special Education. Kathie has resided in White Pigeon for 31 years and is branch manager and associate vice president of First Merit Bank. She is a member of the White Pigeon Downtown Association where she serves as treasurer; is past president of the St. Joseph County United way; past trustee of the St. Joseph County Domestic Assault Services and past trustee on the White Pigeon School Board. She was awarded the Paul Harris Fellow award and was White Pigeon Citizen of the Year in 2005.

Rotaract



Kalamazoo Rotaract

Courtney Davis - "Collaboration Queen"

For many years, Courtney has led the Kalamazoo Rotaract Club, officially and unofficially. She sought to raise our Club's profile in the community and our members' commitment to it. Under her presidency, our Club has placed a renewed focus on community service, bringing new opportunities and a structured process. Courtney and her husband Zach are fixtures at our social events, making new members and guests feel warmly welcomed.

She was a committed member when she joined us in 2010. She was an outstanding President, and she is an inspiring Past President and Community Service Chair. Courtney embodies the motto of "Service Above Self" in her Rotaract duties and her personal life, volunteering with Kalamazoo Area Runners, Girls on the Run, and Open Doors. She took on our Club's leadership all while working full time at the Kalamazoo County Health Department and pursuing a master's degree in Public Health from the University of Michigan. For her service to our members, our club, and our community, I nominate Courtney Davis for the Rotary Heroes award..

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