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# Rotary Heroes Recognition

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## Albion

### **Miriam Daly - "Active in Outreach"**

Miriam came to Albion, with her husband, and opened a medical practice. He was a surgeon while she was a pediatrician. She continued in that work after her husband's death. She joined several organizations in Albion where she was an active participant. In Rotary she organized our singing by arranging for members to lead the singing while she played the piano. She and her trusty little camera always took a picture of our featured speaker of the afternoon, wrote an article about the program and transmitted both to the various media sites in Albion so that Rotary was recognized in the community. Miriam always took part in any of the Rotary activities.

Miriam ran the Blood Bank in Albion longer than any other person. She announced the dates of the Blood Bank at our Rotary meetings.

Miriam started a Girl Scouts group in Albion. She was very active in that group and has been honored by Girl Scouts for her work with that organization. When it was Miriam's turn to bring a dessert to any meeting she brought Girl Scout cookies.



## Battle Creek

### **Karla Fales - "Go-To Girl"**

Karla is on our Board, is on several committees:

- Finance/Investment
- Grants Committee
- Rotary Foundation Committee
- Website/Facebook Committee

Board of Director - President Nominee

...and is always ready to help with the next big thing.

Within the last year, Karla co-chaired the 100th year anniversary Gala for our Club, and is co-chair of the 2017 District 6360 Conference to be held in Battle Creek.



## Benton Harbor Sunrise

### **Brian Saxton - "Man With a Plan"**

The members of Benton Harbor Sunrise Rotary Club would like to nominate Brian Saxton as our 2017 Rotary Hero. Brian has been a member of our club since 2000. He has served as club president and will reprise that role for the 2017-18 year. Brian is a constant source of enthusiasm and leadership not only to Rotary but also in the community at large.

Under his guidance as CEO of the Benton Harbor Boys and Girls Club hundreds of local children have been served, fed and nurtured. Providing academic support, personal development and fun the club draws from many local schools and positively impacts lives.

Brian serves a key role to our club and RI including strategic planning and mentoring future club leaders among other intangibles. He truly embodies the spirit of Rotary.



## Berrien Springs-Eau Claire

### **Raymond Roberts - "Consistent, Reliable"**

Raymond Roberts, CPA, Club member since 1980 (37 years) and a Past President of our Club; maintained perfect attendance since 1980; Rotary Foundation Benefactor, Sustaining Member and Paul Harris Fellow; served as the Club's Rotary Foundation Chairman or Committee Member for several years; diligently participates in annual fund raising events, particularly the Chicken BBQ and donor to the Christmas Care auction; and prepared the Club's annual Federal non-profit organization tax return for

several years.



## **Cereal City Sunrise (Battle Creek)**

### **T.R. Shaw - "Humble Servant"**

A third-generation Rotarian and a charter member of the Cereal City Sunrise Rotary Club, T.R. continuously practices and pursues rotary values. As a humble servant to the Rotary cause he publishes the club's weekly newsletter and has done so for the past several years keeping everyone informed of events and meetings. He is an organizer of events aimed at involving our club members in community activities to increase goodwill and better friendships with the community and fellow Rotarians. He looks

for ways to promote our club so others in the community can realize our value. He serves his community, fellow veterans and the young of the area outside of Rotary, this includes Boy Scout of America, Battle Creek Community Foundation, Chambers Military Affairs Committee, Battle Creek Brass Band, and Young Brass Band, just to name a few. We are proud to have TR as a member and value all that he brings to our club.



## **Coldwater Township**

### **Brian George - "Awareness-Guru"**

Since joining our Club in April 2011, Brian George has used all of his talents to help raise awareness of our Club in the community. He has been a dedicated member attending nearly every meeting with his camera in hand. He documents and promotes every speaker, event, and memorable moment on our Facebook page. He volunteers almost annually to take headshots for members so that our directory can be up to date but also offers these headshots to our members for use in their professional lives.

He serves on our Board of Directors and always portrays a positive attitude.

He also serves a great support to our leadership providing behind the scenes encouragement. Brian embodies Service Above Self. On behalf of the Coldwater Township Sunrise Rotary, it is my honor to nominate Brian George for our Rotary Hero.



## Constantine

### **Charles Zimont - "Mr. Positive"**

Chuck has been a member of the Constantine Rotary since June of 1958. He is a past president (having served in that office in 1960-61), a Paul Harris Fellow (1995) and he has served as the club secretary for about as long as anyone can remember. We suspect that a quill was the writing instrument in use at the time he took over that office.

Of note, Chuck's father was a Constantine Rotarian and coincidentally, Zimont Sr. was the president the year before Zimont Jr. served in that capacity. During meetings, Chuck sings corny songs and tells long stories and corny jokes, but he is always engaged, and he is a font of information and one of the historians of the club and the village.



## Delta-Waverly

### **Dan Lynch - "Golf Man"**

Dan has worked tirelessly to make our annual golf outing a success. Over the past several years our golf outing has grown and acquired sponsors resulting in a truly memorable event. Dan is a past president who has quietly organized the outing each year with the help of his committee and not sought any recognition. Our club is blessed to have him.



## Delton Area

### **Dan Hills - "Mr. Consistent"**

Need a Prayer.....he's there

Need help on a project....he's there

Need Leader (Hwy Pick-up).....he's there

Need someone to run the meeting.....he's there

Need a humorous observation.....he's there

Finally and of course.....Need a Bronco Hockey Update.....he's there!

Rotarian's like Dan make the organization great and as our 2017 "Hero", he helps make our club great.



## East Lansing

### **Bob Page - "Dedicated to Service"**

Bob Page has been a member of the Rotary Club of East Lansing for nearly 40 years and truly exemplifies the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self."

During this time, Bob has served in numerous leadership roles including: club president, chair of the club's 50th anniversary celebration, chair of the membership committee, chair of the club's annual golf outing fundraiser, and long-time member of the club's Community Service/Vocational Service Committee.

Bob's selfless gifts of time and talent have made a significant contribution to the success of numerous club projects; most recently: the renovation of the playground at East Lansing's Patriarche Park, the revitalization of our club's annual golf outing which last year raised over \$8,000 to provide scholarships for students going onto college and sustaining the Weekend Survival Kits program which provides food kits for hungry children throughout the school year.

Thanks to Bob's dedication to "service above self," our club is stronger and our community is a better place to live, work and play.



## Grand Ledge

### **Ray Lanjopoulos - "Bus Stuffer"**

For many years, Ray and his wife Charmaine have led a campaign to ensure that Grand Ledge residents have enough food to eat. For most of those years, they stood in front of a Grand Ledge grocery store on cold winter days collecting food from passing shoppers. The food was put in a borrowed bus

and taken to the Grand Ledge Food bank, and the campaign was known throughout the town as the "Stuff The Bus" campaign. However, as is the case with many small towns, the local grocery store eventually closed and the megastore in town would not allow this. Ray and Char were undeterred; they decided to simply raise the funds. Just this past year, Ray and Char raised over \$10,000 to go to the local food bank. They have faithfully carried out the "Stuff the Bus" campaign even when there was no more bus to stuff



## Gull Lake Area

### **Gretchen Thomas - "Always Serving"**

Gretchen Thomas is a true "Gem." Her selfless dedication to Rotary is inspiring. Gretchen is always willing to step forward to lend a helping hand. Just to name a few accolades: Gretchen has been a Past President, is a Paul Harris Fellow +2, is a member of the Rotary Foundation Committee, coordinates our Polio Plus Purple Pinkie program, supervises our Greeter's Table, is our Social Events chairperson, and serves on the Donations Committee.

Her kind spirit and willingness to help in all situations is commendable. She keeps in touch with the spouses of deceased members and crochets blankets for babies born to members and even their grandchildren. Gretchen epitomizes "Service Above Self" and lives her by the Four-Way Test. Our club is lucky to have her as a member!



## Harbor Country

### **Lori Bulthuis - "Civic Minded"**

Harbor Country Rotary is pleased to have elected Lori Bulthuis as our hero for this year.

Lori has been a Rotarian since December of 2015 and has taken leadership roles since the beginning. Last year Lori and Donna Jo Allen (last year's hero) ran our wildly successful cheese fundraiser. The time and energy required is daunting and Lori soldiered through. Beginning in July, Lori will become secretary of the club and I'm sure she will bring the same enthusiasm to this role as well. We're very proud of Lori Bulthuis.





## **Haslett-Okemos**

### **Carrie Hindmon - "Consistent Helper"**

Carrie has been a member of the Haslett-Okemos Rotary Club since 2005 and has been President-Elect, President, and Past President of our club. She has provided strong leadership in many areas. She served as club treasurer and co/treasurer for many years. She became a Paul Harris Fellow in June of 2016. Whenever there is a club project, Carrie is there! She and her family spent a day at the Harris Nature Center, which serves the greater Lansing Area. The work that day was the construction of an

outdoor amphitheater. Carrie was also very involved in planning and implementing fundraisers for the Community Room of the new Meridian Township Fire building. The community room furnishings were provided by funds raised by our Rotary Club. The room is used by community groups and provides a regular meeting place for our club.

Carrie is frequently at the gatherings to fill the backpacks with groceries for needy students in many school districts in the Lansing area. When she is there, it is not uncommon for some of her staff members to come along to help. As an accountant, she presents an annual program to club members and guests on changes in the income tax code and its applications.



## **Hastings**

### **David Solmes - "Mr. Rotary"**

Dave Solmes certainly deserves the title of "Mr. Rotary" for the many ways that he serves the Hastings Rotary Club, and the community through Club activities. Dave has been the Club's Treasurer and on the Club's Board of Directors for many years and volunteers for nearly every Club activity, leading many of them and/or obtaining volunteers for the activities. Dave's most recent Club project is making arrangements with the Hastings City Council to be in charge of the concession stand at the newly constructed

Thornapple Plaza, which is the site of dozens of concerts and performances each year. An additional example of Dave's leadership for that project is having members of the Hastings Kiwanis Club involved in volunteering to help at the concession stand. Truly, Dave personifies the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self," not only for Rotary programs, but also for the Hastings and Barry County community.



## Hillsdale

### **Richard Moore - "Sustained Leader"**

Richard Moore is our nomination for Rotary Hero. Rich has been the driving force for many years behind our major community project: Sandy Beach. Sandy Beach, years ago, was a beautiful asset to the City of Hillsdale as a community beach and recreational area within the city's park on Lake Baw Beese. Several years ago our club decided that the restoration of this community asset would be our long-term project commitment. Rich has been our point person since the start for this project. He has provided

the necessary leadership for our multiple fundraising, planning, and restoration efforts. Our club's original vision for this community restoration project has been exceeded. Now we are pursuing the restoration of the recreational areas adjacent to Sandy Beach. Again, Rich is our leader for this latest phase of the project. Please consider Mr. Richard Moore as our Rotary Hero.



## Jackson Breakfast

### **Kathy Lincoln - "It's Done!"**

Kathy has served for over 5 years as our Club Secretary. During that time frame she has managed several grant requests including the latest grant matching funds from multiple clubs to reach \$101,000 for Dr. Chandra's eye clinic in the Philippines. She organized multiple events and outreach programs. She supports the Board with minutes, advice, and out-of-the-box thinking with new and innovative ideas. She handles the ordering of supplies, name badges, awards, and a plethora of items needed to keep a board and club moving forward. On more than a dozen occasions, I would ask her about something that needed to be accomplished and her response would be, "It's done!"



## Jackson

### **Mick Baughman - "True Gentleman"**

This year the Rotary Club of Jackson is pleased to nominate Michael J Baughman as our unsung Rotary Hero. Mick has been a member of Rotary since 1959, is a Paul Harris Fellow and exemplifies the 4-Way Test. For many years Mick has faithfully supported the Interfaith Shelter, a local homeless shelter, where the club serves dinners each month. Mick was also the club's "editorian," as newsletter editors were called at the time he had the job. He quietly supports club, member and community activities

whenever possible. Not only has he supported Rotary activities but community involvement as a past Jackson Community College board member and an attorney. Mick is a quiet, unassuming, true gentleman who signifies what it means to be a Rotarian.



## Kalamazoo

### **Mary Carol Zoeller - "Membership Multiplication Magician"**

Mary has chaired the Membership Committee for several years. Under her strategic leadership and vision, the committee and our club as a whole has been given practical, fun approaches to bringing visitors to meetings and actively moving visitors onto a membership path. Additionally, the committee has worked on retention through a new member mentorship program, weekly Membership Minutes that entertainingly celebrate a member's accomplishments, and a quarterly 5th Monday Fun Day that

is designed to get members sitting with new people and getting to know each other through fun conversational prompts. She truly is a Rotary Hero.



## Kalamazoo Sunrise

### **William Lustig - "Thorough and Energetic"**

Bill has been a Rotarian for 12 years and is our current co-President and secretary! He is a proud graduate of the University of Michigan. Bill is a retired dentist who loves to play golf and spend time in northern Michigan with his lovely wife Jeri.

He played a major role in writing the club grant to purchase gloves and hats for over 500 youth in the Kalamazoo area. The project was called "warm hands warm heart" and worked with two organizations (Charlie's PLACE

and the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission) to provide gloves and hats to keep children warm during the winter months.

Soon after recovering from shoulder surgery, Bill led the club in a cleanup of a portion of the Kalamazoo Valley River Trail. We enjoy Bill since of humor, appreciate his energy and willingness to take on multiple roles and projects on behalf of our club!



## Lakeshore

### Frank Beltran - "No Problem"

Frank is a past president and a past "Rotarian of the Year" for Lakeshore Rotary. He has been chairman of our Projects and Fundraising Committee for several years. Among other things, he runs and organizes our 2 biggest fundraising events annually. Despite getting help from a co-chair recently, this is quite an undertaking. No matter what happens, Frank is always cool and collected and answers most questions and concerns the same way-hence, his nickname "No Problem". He handles everything with grace and equanimity and with a can-do spirit. This allows us to have successful projects and to have great fun and fellowship doing it. He certainly exemplifies "Service Above Self."

## Lansing

### Duane Vernon - "Perfect Attendance"

Duane Vernon, originally from Ithaca, the very first Boy Scout from Ithaca to receive the Eagle Scout Award.

Duane is affectionately known as Mr. MSU. During a routine exam his doctor was surprised when he poked Duane's finger and his blood was green. Duane has performed countless pre-game radio shows for both the MSU football and basketball teams.



Duane graduated from Michigan State College in 1953 and enlisted into the US Army. Upon his departure from the US Army as a 1st Lieutenant Duane returned to Michigan. He soon went to work at the Michigan Retailers Association followed by a career at the Lansing Credit Exchange/Credit Bureau of Greater Lansing he worked until 2015 when he retired after a 45 year career.

Duane became an active member of Rotary in 1962. Duane served on several committees at Rotary and was club president from 1980 through 1981. In fact, he likes Rotary so much that he has had a perfect attendance record for the past 55 years. "Anything we get in life is because of help from others". This is Duane's philosophy, which I believe is resonated in his giving personality.



## Lansing DeWitt Sunrise

### **Dolores Diaz - "Kind Soul"**

Dolores is a kind, compassionate, dedicated Rotarian. She has been a Rotarian for 21 years. Dolores has held numerous positions including President, treasurer and secretary. She is currently our secretary and remains very involved with fundraisers that our club participates with. Dolores is always the first to organize, volunteer and participate in any new initiatives. Our board unanimously voted her as our club hero for 2016.



## Mason

### **Jenny Bond - "Foundation Block"**

This person was the first name that popped into the committee's minds when the committee was asked to come up with a nominee for "Rotary Hero." Over the years, this nominee has worked on countless projects and efforts for the Mason Rotary Club. Previous roles include; President, Secretary, Treasurer, and numerous committee chairs. Nominee currently holds the position of Foundation Chair. When the board needs history on the club or a person capable of level thinking they always turn to her. This person has been a "FOUNDATION BLOCK" to the Mason Rotary Club over

many years and continues to be!! She volunteers frequently, and always gives of herself, time and personal resources without complaint. WHEN YOU THINK OF MASON ROTARY CLUB HERO YOU HAVE TO THINK OF JENNY!



## Marshall

### **Jeff Greene - "Hometown Server"**

Jeff Greene, a Paul Harris Fellow, has been a member of the Marshall Rotary Club since 2010, and served as its president in 2012. Brought up in Marshall, he pursued a business career in Ohio until returning to his home town, where he has dedicated himself to a wide range of community service. He has been particularly active in promoting the fine arts in Marshall, having worked long hours at the Franke Center for the Performing Arts, both indoors (as a member of the Board of Directors) and outdoors (as a Weekly Weeder). Similarly, his voluntary physical and mental labors

at East End Studios and Gallery in Marshall, where visual artists from around the region display their work and art classes are held, have contributed greatly to the restoration of the historic building where EESG is housed. As if that were not enough, Jeff was recently elected president of the Marshall Rotary Foundation, a position his father once held.



## Oshtemo

### **Mark Barnes - "Highly Effective Diplomat"**

Mark meets the 4-way test in his everyday life and is a true asset to our club. Mark is always available to help out when needed. He will rise to the occasion and make things happen. Specifically, he has taken on the responsibility of being our secretary for a number of years and now assists our current secretary when she needs help. He has done additional training on behalf of the club, helped with Rotary Exchange students, been an invaluable intermediary between our club and the Township of Oshtemo,

and put in a lot of hours in preparation for our biggest fundraiser every year, the Oshtemo Fun Day. His organizational skills have been put to good use as he has managed the space in the park to handle all the vendors, booths, and parking for an event that draws a crowd of several thousand visitors. His sunny disposition and can-do attitude makes him a great Rotarian and well deserving of the honor of being our Rotary Hero.



## Paw Paw Area

### **Matt Cooper - "Helper to Many"**

The Paw Paw Area Rotary nominates Rotarian and Attorney, Matt Cooper, as our Rotary Hero.

There are so many reasons why we chose Matt for our Hero – too many to list in one paragraph. Some of the highlights include Matt's dedication to his fellow man beginning with our small Rotary group where Matt is a charter member and past president of our club. He currently heads our Youth Committee, helping us honor a student each month from Paw

Paw's alternative school. Matt's community spirit extends beyond our small group. Within our community Matt is involved with Tri-County Headstart, the Van Buren County Emergency Planning, Paw Paw Rocket Football, and Paw Paw Youth Baseball. He is also a former Paw Paw Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year. But Matt's benevolence reaches farther than our community. He has been nationally recognized for a case that he litigated for an Iraq War Veteran from Hartford, Michigan. The case, known as the Hurley Case, protects the rights of all personnel serving in the United States Military. The Hurley case appeared on the front page of the New York Times, and every major newspaper around the world reported on the story. Sergeant Hurley and Matt appeared on a featured story on the CBS Evening News. Matt effectuated amendments by Congress to the Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act (SCRA). He has since written a book called A Soldier's Home and started a foundation to educate judges and the public about the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act that provides critical consumer and other protections to our military personnel and their families. As we've followed Matt's work for this cause, he has brought a heightened awareness and appreciation of service members, veterans and their service to our club.

Matt's name should be listed in the dictionary after the word "hero" and that is what he is to our club. Thanks Matt.



## Paw Paw Lake

### **Birney Vandergough - "Mr. I'll Do"**

Birney is a charter member of our club and a Paul Harris Fellow. He has served as President twice. Over the 34 years as a member he has helped other members stay as a member by helping pay their dues when needed. Birney has been a great part of our fundraising projects. His help in our fundraising projects has kept our club going.



## Portage

### Jennifer Maynard - “Servant Leader”

Jennifer Maynard exemplifies service above self. Since joining Portage Rotary in 2010, Jennifer has been a true leader in service in Portage Rotary. Her open and inviting style has made her an excellent Publicity and Public Relations Chair over the past 4 years. Jennifer is a Paul Harris Fellow, and Past President. In 2016, Jen organized the 1st ever Portage Rotary Community Open House @ Portage City Hall. Jennifer also chaired the 50th Anniversary Committee, and led the club to a very memorable event.

Jennifer assumed the duties of Rotary Youth Exchange officer while serving as president in 2014. She has also taken on tracking for RI Paul Harris contributions. She reaches out to others with her enthusiasm for Rotary Service. Jen has involved her family in a number of fund raisers and service projects. She continually encourages and mentors fellow club members.

Jennifer Maynard is a true Servant Leader

## South Haven

### Tom Renner - “Lifelong Communicator”

When Tom Renner retired in 2014, ending a 47-year-long commute to his job away from South Haven, he was looking for a way to become re-engaged with community. Membership in the Rotary Club of South Haven has been the perfect fit. A higher education public image specialist, Tom has helped broaden the community's awareness of South Haven Rotary through media relations, website management, social media means and photography skills. He is President-Elect of the South Haven Club. Tom is active in the community beyond Rotary, offering his communication skills to several organizations such as the South Haven Area Emergency Services, the South Haven Performance and Speakers Series, the Historical Association of South Haven, the Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau and City of South Haven. While working at Hope College, he was honored by the Rotary Club of Holland as a Paul Harris Fellow. He and his wife Carole have four children and nine grandchildren



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### St. Johns

#### **Pam Foster - "Fundraiser Queen"**

There is not a more deserving Rotarian for this award. Pam has put service above self-multiple times in her time with Rotary and follows the 4 Way Test. Pam has chaired our largest fundraising event two times now. She stepped in and filled this past year once the current Chairs job took him out of state. There was no hesitation from her to fill that void as we needed someone with experience to take that on. She was our club president last year and also is a Paul Harris member and has perfect attendance. She

has been on the clubs board for 6 years now and has helped getting new members involved in the club which has helped with membership retention.



### St. Joseph-Benton Harbor

#### **Patti Kutz - "Can-Do!"**

It is with great pleasure that the Rotary Club of Saint-Joseph-Benton Harbor announces the 2017 Rotary Hero of our club: Mrs. Patti "I CAN-DO" Kutz. Patti is a dynamic, multi-talented professional who is known for her outcome-oriented leadership with strong communication, organizational and analytical skills. She is even better known as "I CAN-DO" because she never says "NO" - sometimes without even knowing what the task is. She has served as the Chairman of the Club Essay Contest and served on our board of directors for many years. She takes it all in stride and simply

buckles down and takes care of it, never leaving it for someone else to complete. Her zest for life, her melodic laughter and her love of all things Rotary make her our ideal candidate. Patti was unanimously selected because of her Rotarian Attitude and her Spirit of Hope, Giving and Love for Everyone.



## Three Rivers

### **Larry Campbell - "Goodwill Beacon"**

In 1990, DG Karl Sandelin, had an idea of starting an international project. The purpose was to improve education in Belize. Larry made the trip to Libertad Belize to find the village had limited electric and one phone in the home of the school principal. In 1993, the District discontinued their Belize project. From 1994 through today, Larry and Jane have become the guiding light for the continuation of this project.

Recently, Larry and Jane decided to invite some of the newer members of the Rotary Club. These Rotarians came back with determination. It was then that Larry spearheaded applying for grants through the Rotary Foundation. He also created a fundraising drive called 50 for \$50.

Larry has turned the Belize project into a school, the Campbell Library, the Murk Playground, and the Weed Computer Lab. Thanks to Larry the Three Rivers Rotary Club has a legacy in Libertad. An invitation to join a trip has turned into a level of service that can only be defined as Rotarian. Larry has built goodwill, lasting friendships, and has benefited the entire community of Libertad Belize.



## Union City

### **Dee Wasikowski - "Big Heart"**

Dee Wasikowski joined Rotary in 2014. She has participated in many fundraising activities including tapping trees for Maple Syrup, collecting of the sap and providing invaluable assistance with our Annual Draw Down Fundraiser. As a teller for Southern Michigan Bank and Trust we are always utilizing her banking experience. Dee has 3 boys, 3 grandsons, loves the outdoors and always willing to help with community service projects.



## Vicksburg

### **Michael Tichvon - "Quiet Doer"**

Mike Tichvon joined the Vicksburg Rotary Club in 2006, soon after moving to Vicksburg. He very quickly demonstrated his interest, willingness and eagerness to volunteer for Rotary as well as the community. He has a unique set of skills that he gives freely of to the Vicksburg Rotary Club and the Vicksburg community.

Mike has served as secretary for the club since 2011, and in each of the Board roles, including president in 2013/14. Perhaps his most lasting contribution to the club has been as chairman of the annual Rotary Showboat since 2012. Showboat is the primary club fund raiser, which has allowed the club to contribute thousands of dollars back to the community. His role is to make everyone happy while seeing to all the details of putting on the finest stage production possible to produce.

He is the greens superintendent of Angels Crossing golf course, working tirelessly to make it one of the finest player courses in this part of the state.

To make things grow for friends and neighbors, he freely dispenses his knowledge on growing specialty grasses, getting rid of pesky moles in lawns, and the best planting practices for shrubs and trees.

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



## Williamston Sunrise

### **James Conroy - "Exemplary Service"**

Jim Conroy is our Club Hero because of his amazing energy, commitment and dedication. He is the positive constant in all of our efforts to serve the community. When volunteers are needed, he is the first one to put his hand up. He quietly leads by supporting the efforts of others and making a difference for all. Jim took on the role of the chairperson for our major fund raiser – the Duck Race - and led that project to the highest gains we have seen in several years. This is the same influence he has brought to all of our fund raising efforts. His focus on volunteering comes from his heart. He is a compassionate and giving soul. He is the epitome of the expression "Volunteers do not necessarily have the time: They have the HEART". Williamston Sunrise Rotary proudly nominates Jim Conroy as our Club Hero.

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