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WILLIAMSTON MAN SELECTED AS WINNER OF GOLDEN TROWEL

AWARD GIVEN TO ONLY 4 PEOPLE ACROSS MID/SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN

Every year Rotary Clubs throughout Mid-Michigan submit names of non-Rotarians that have made a significant contribution to their club’s projects for the [Rotary District 6360 Foundation Golden Trowel Award.](https://www.dacdb.com/Rotary/Accounts/6360/Downloads/0/District%206360%20Foundation/Golden%20Trowel%20Application%20Fomr.pdf)

The Rotary District 6360 Foundation annually awards up to four (4) Golden Trowel Awards to non-Rotarian individuals or groups who have made a major contribution to a Rotary project.

The Williamston Sunrise Rotary Club recently recognized a community member with this award.

Don Bixler was one of the four individuals to receive the 2020 Golden Trowel Award.

Don Bixler, of Williamston, Michigan is the owner and sole proprietor (along with his wife Wendy Shaft) of [Limner Press](https://www.limnerpress.com/), a storefront print shop. But Don makes it more than just a print shop. He is a volunteer, an advisor, and a printing expert who shares his knowledge willingly, and this often results in less business for himself.

Some of the things that have made Don stand out to the Williamston Sunrise Rotary include: that when the Cub Scouts (a Williamston Rotary-sponsored Pack) wanted to disseminate instructions to the Cubs for a model rocket-building project in the park, they asked Don to print 25 copies of the instructions. Don said, "You know, those instructions are going to be scattered all over the park before they are done. Why don't I just print ONE copy on 11 x 17 stock and laminate them. That way, Cubs can come up and check their work at a central table, where you can be stationed to help them. Also, the lamination allows the cub scouts to use them again next year."

Also, during COVID-19 Don Bixler was forced to close the doors to his business. However, he did not let this stop him from giving back. Instead, Don and his wife began making and donating masks. They worked from home, sewing into the wee hours of the morning, and donating most of what they made.

Even non-essential businesses perform essential services. And when someone needed something printed, it was well understood in the community that Limner Press and Don was the person to call. Don would go down to the shop, print from an email, and leave the results in his mailbox, or at the police station or wherever someone could retrieve it.

In a time when we all must come together, Don Bixler is a great example of the power of giving to others.

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