**Rotary District 6580**

**Honoring A Legacy of Service - Orphie Bridges Award**

The Orphie Bridges Award began in 1996-97 to honor Past District Governor Orphie Bridges for his outstanding service to his Rotary Club and to District 6580 in many capacities. Orphie was a Past President and longtime Secretary of the Columbus Rotary Club and served 3 years as District Treasurer and in 1986-87 as District Governor of Rotary District 6580.

Orphie Bridges was a no-nonsense guy, but he had a gentle heart. Orphie was a strong believer in The Rotary Foundation; he was multiple Paul Harris Fellow and named all his children and grandchildren born before his death as Paul Harris Fellows.

The Orphie Bridges Award is presented annually to one Rotarian who has demonstrated a strong commitment to Rotary on both the club and district level and even beyond and who have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others through Rotary.

Clubs or individual Rotarians may make nominations, by submitting a short resume’ of the nominee to the District Governor ([jatully@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jatully@sbcglobal.net)) by **April 5th.** The District Governor shall appoint a committee to review the nominations and select a recipient, who will be honored at the District Conference.

Past Award Winners:

1996 -97 – Roy Goode (Columbus)

1997-98 – Don Sodrel (New Albany)

1990-99 – Bob Stewart (Columbus)

1999-00 - Jim Gislason (Vincennes)

2000-01 – Pat Riggins (Bloomington)

2001-02 – Bill Cunningham (Martinsville)

2002-03 – Owen Hungerford (Columbus Sunrise)

2003-04 – Teree Bergman (Columbus)

2004-05 – Peggy Peter ( New Albany)

2005-06 – Jerry Fox (Greensburg)

2006-07 – Steve & Susan Leonard (Martinsville)

2007-08 – Ron Jensen (Bloomington)

2008-09 – Ron Brogan (Clarksville)

2009-10 – Larry Moore (Greensburg)

2010-11 – Oscar Ozette (Evansville Morning)

2011-12 – Steve Richards (Franklin)

2012-13 – Bill Ryall (New Albany)

2013-14 – No award

2014-15- Bettye Dunham (New Albany)

2015-16 -Joe Hagedorn (New Albany)

2016-17 – Steve LaRoche (Vincennes)

2017-18 – Randy Wheeler (Evansville)

**Nominations must be emailed no later than April 5th.** [**jatully@sbcglobal.net**](mailto:jatully@sbcglobal.net)

**Honoring a Legacy of Service**

**The Orphie Bridges Award**

**Nomination Criteria**

1. **Dedicated at least ten years to Rotary Service**
2. **Served at the district level**
3. **Contributed financially or personally to The Rotary Foundation**
4. **Exemplified Service Above Self**
5. **Demonstrated accomplishments in all Avenues of Service**

**Please return this nomination form by email attachment no later than April 5 to District Governor Judy Bush at** [**jatully@sbcglobal.net**](mailto:jatully@sbcglobal.net) **.**

Name of Nominee

Address

City, State, Zip code

Nominee joined Rotary Club of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on (date)

Name of nominator

Please use the space below and additional pages, if desired, to write a brief but clear description of Rotary service rendered by the nominee. Include all offices held, committee involvement in the Avenues of Service and other services to the community.