Rotary International Awards
District 7570 Rotarians

Citation for Meritorious Service Award

One Rotarian from each district may be recognized by the Trustees each year. Nominations are solicited from DGs and RI Directors.

2000: Tom Todd (Kingsport)
2002: Eric Adamson (Front Royal)
2003: Joseph Ferguson (Salem)
2005: Henry Nickels (Tazewell)
2012: Lee Beam (Staunton)
2013: Rae Carpenter (Lexington)
2014: Walter Hughes (Rocky Mount)
2015: Ron Napier (Front Royal)
2016: Mike Mefford (Johnson City)
2018: Woody Sadler (Lexington Sunrise)
2023: Vivian Crymble (Tri-Cities)

Polio Free Service Award

This award honors members who have made outstanding contributions to our polio eradication efforts.

2012: June Long (Salem)
2013: Eric Adamson (Front Royal)
2016: Bill Long (Salem)
2017: Dana Guthrie (Forest)
2021: Traci Blido (Bedford)

Rotary Foundation District Service Award

2008: Walter Hughes (Rocky Mount)

RI Service Above Self Award

This award is presented by the Board of Directors of RI and is to recognize individuals who have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service. This is Rotary's highest honor for individual Rotarians. A max of 150 may be selected each year.

2002: Tom Todd (Kingsport)
2003: Rae Carpenter (Lexington)
2005: Eric Adamson (Front Royal)
2010: Ron Ferrill (Martinsville)
2014: Joseph Ferguson (Salem)

2015: Henry Nickels (Tazewell)
2021: Brill, Bryon (Winchester)
2026: Woody Sadler (Lexington Sunrise)

RI Spouse/Partner Service Above Self Award

This recognizes the spouse/partner of Rotarians who have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service through Rotary. 100 are selected each year.

2014: Linda Adamson (Front Royal)
2015: J.B. Combs (Bristol VA-TN)
2023: Elaine Farrill (Martinsville)

Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award

Four complete years after receiving the Citation for Meritorious Service, a Rotarian becomes eligible for the Distinguished Service Award. Because this is the Foundations highest award recognition, a recipient's exemplary service to the Foundation must extend beyond the district level and over an extended period.

2008: Ron Ferrill (Martinsville)
2009: Joseph Ferguson (Salem)
2010: Henry Nickels (Tazewell)
2011: Eric Adamson (Front Royal)
2012: Bill Long (Salem)
2013: Dave Moreman (Front Royal)
2014: Malcolm Huckabee (Danville)
2016: June Long (Salem)

Rotary Women of Action

2015: Beth Pline (Roanoke Downtown)

Significant Club Achievement [Service] Award

Recognizes individual Rotary clubs that complete a project addressing a highly significant need in their local community.

2014: Lexington Sunrise

Vocational Service Award

2012: Walter Hughes (Rocky Mount)
2013: Ernie Bentley (Christiansburg-Blacksburg)
2014: Dr. Ken Tuck (Roanoke)
2015: John Blankenship (Tazewell)

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