



Rotary International **Avenues of Service Citation For Individual Rotarians**

Awarded to F. A. (Fred) Christie, June 30, 2015

(The following text was read at the awards presentation ceremony)

Very few Rotarians qualify for Rotary International's *Avenues of Service Citation*, which is one of the most prestigious awards a Rotarian can receive. Many of our members have extensive experience in perhaps two or three of the five avenues, but it is rare for a member to have actively participated in all five *Avenues of Service*, which are: *Club, Vocational, Community, International and Youth*.

To date, our club has honoured eleven members with this award. I will ask you to listen to these names, so you will have an idea of the type of commitment and character required to earn this RI Citation: John Kersley, Orm Tye, Jack Troughton, Russ Hicks, Carolyn Correia, Jim Maxwell, Jack Sawyer, Bud McGinnis, Joan Heyland, Carol Waters and Doug Heyland.

I am certain that you will agree that tonight's recipient deserves to join this group. This Rotarian qualifies across the board, and then some. He is one of those guys who really exudes enthusiasm for whatever he is doing. Our club has benefitted from his membership for 17 years. Give him a task and he will dive in with a full effort, and report back to you regularly throughout the process. The results will likely exceed your expectations. As a former senior business executive who achieved distinction and success, maybe this really isn't such a surprise.

Under **Club Service**, this member has served as our club President, sat on the Board for 4 years, and has been a prominent contributor on the Awards, Bulletin, Membership and Environment committees. He goes all out for our fundraising projects as a consistent and inspiring salesman for both the *Mums for Thanksgiving* and *Rotary Cash Calendar* campaigns. He was active on the Membership Committee, tasked with monitoring the mentor program in our club. He's at every social event of the club, and has hosted the BBQ.

In **Vocational Service**, he has given many speeches related to his lofty profession, and taken several leadership roles in various professional organizations. He has regularly hosted Exchange students, Group Exchange participants and students taking part in the *Adventures in Citizenship* program. He works on the club's *Music for Humanity* concert each year, which is helpful to University of Ottawa music students, who appreciate both the performance experience and exposure offered to them by this annual concert.

His **Community Service** activities are too numerous to mention. He is a volunteer for *Ottawa Reads* and he is a presenter for the *Dictionary 4-life* campaigns. He rings the bell for the Salvation Army's *Christmas Appeal*, and he has been a major force on the ABCs of Fraud Committee. He is also active in his church where his enthusiasm and commitment come shining through on a regular basis.

Our recipient has been very active in **Youth Service**, having served on the Youth and Vocational Committee for 7 years, and hosted students and young adults in Ottawa for various Rotary programs. He has also served numerous times as an enthusiastic *Four-Way Test Award* presenter.

The member's activities relevant to **International Service** cover a long period. In our club he has chaired the Youth Exchange committee and has hosted students on many occasions. Prior to joining our club, he belonged to five other Rotary clubs in other cities, and was an active advocate and supporter of Youth Exchange in those clubs. During winter breaks in warm climates — usually Florida — he doesn't just lie on the beach. He does make-ups at Rotary clubs in his "wintering" areas and often gives presentations about our *ABCs of Fraud Program*.

A member of 5 clubs before joining us in 1998? A positive and enthusiastic force in every Rotary project he undertakes? A mentor to the young and a confidante and trusted advisor to us all? Who else could it be, but Fred Christie!

Fred, you epitomize our motto of *Service Above Self* and we are always amazed at your energy and determination to get the job done, and to get it done right! Your broad range of Rotary experience qualifies you for Rotary International's *Avenues of Service Citation*, and we are proud to award it to you this evening. Please come forward to accept your citation.