

RI Significant Achievement Award

Nomination Form

The purpose of the RI Significant Achievement Award is to recognize a club activity that addresses a community problem or need, to encourage new projects on the part of every club, and to promote increased awareness of the importance of exemplary club efforts.

Award Criteria

Only club projects carried out by a single club are eligible for this award and only one club per district may be nominated. Projects previously recognized with an RI Significant Achievement Award are not eligible. Before selecting a project to be nominated for the RI Significant Achievement Award, make sure it meets the award criteria. The project must:

- Address a significant problem or need in the local community (international service projects, no matter how worthy, are not eligible for this award) — *handicapped kids.*
- Involve most or all the club members in personal rather than merely monetary service *Nearly all members*
- Be commensurate with the size of the club and the resources available *\$50,000* *790%*
- Enhance the image of Rotary in the community *huge PR and publicity.*
- Be able to be emulated by other Rotary clubs — *Talking to Fairbanks, now.*
- Be currently active or be reaching a conclusion during the Rotary year for which the award is being given (though it need not have been initiated in the current Rotary year) *Concluded in August 2013.*

Suggested Nomination Procedure

- By 1 August, the district governor chooses and announces a district selection committee to receive and evaluate all entries. The governor should be an ex officio member of this committee.
- The governor should publicize this committee, together with the criteria for selection (see above), in the monthly letter and announce the deadline for entries to be received by the committee chair. Nomination forms will be available from the governor.
- The district selection committee should meet by 1 February and choose not more than five (5) club projects as candidates to receive the award, forwarding these selections to the governor by 1 March.
- From the projects proposed by the district selection committee, the governor will select one (1) project in consultation with the committee.
- The governor then submits the nomination with documentation to Rotary International.
- Nominations received at Rotary International before the deadline will be evaluated by the RI Selection Committee. Entries received after the deadline will not be considered.

Rotary club Worilla Sunrise Club president Dan Kennedy
Project title Inclusive Playground at Newcomb Park - Worilla, AK
Number of members in your club 36 Number of members who actively participated in the project 35
District governor _____ District _____
Signature of district governor _____ Date _____



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Project Description (please summarize the project in the space below)

Wasilla Sunrise Rotary Club is planning to complete its "inclusive playground" at Newcomb Park on Wasilla Lake on Saturday, August 3rd. The playground is highly visible from the busy Parks Highway. The Mat-Su Valley is one of the fastest growing areas of the State and the demand for services for residents with physical and/or developmental disabilities is growing. Rotary identified a need - a general lack of accommodation for the younger generation in this population segment, and, as a Club we are committed to help meet some of this demand with this proposed project. Rotary's inclusive playground will be located next to the newly constructed playground for 2 to 5 year olds that the City of Wasilla began building last fall. Our \$50,000 project will complement the new City playground and will include accessible activities for handicapped and developmentally disabled children. The City of Wasilla has assisted our club with administration of the project

The women and men of the Wasilla Sunrise Rotary Club have had a lot of fun planning and building the Valley's first "inclusive playground" at Newcomb Park at Wasilla Lake. The new playground is especially designed for families with special needs children.

Project Justification (please be specific about how the project meets the award criteria)

The project took shape over four Saturdays in 2013 of volunteer efforts from the 35 women and men of the Rotary Club:

July 13th - project layout and drilled 42 holes two to three feet deep.

July 20th - erected the equipment and placed it in the holes.

July 27th - Completed the construction of equipment and poured concrete.

August 3rd - Complete the surface material and public ribbon cutting at 1:00 pm

This unique \$50,000 project is getting tremendous community support, not just from Wasilla Sunrise Rotarians. The Mat-Su Health Foundation, The Alaska Mental Health Trust and several other private donations are helping to fund the new playground. In-kind donations have been valuable, too. Our club's current "Gallons for Giving" fundraiser will also help pay for this community asset.

The new inclusive playground is not our Club's first substantive project with the City of Wasilla. The Wasilla Sunrise Rotary Club enjoys a positive relationship with the City and looks forward to other collaborative efforts in the future.

The Club received maximum public relations and stories in the local newspaper, The Frontiersman. New members were actually inducted into Club because of their interest in the extremely visible project. We are currently sharing the project concept with a Fairbanks Rotary club. We are also proposing to build more benches for the families using the playground.