

## A MOST DESERVING FELLOW

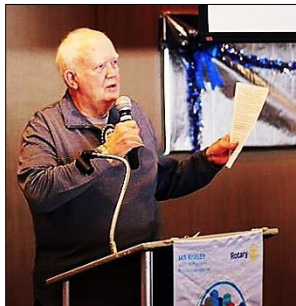
by Bill Johanson

I had the privilege and pleasure on December 14 of presenting a Rotary Paul



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Harris Fellowship to someone who makes a gentle, positive difference in the lives of quite a few people: our daughter Carrie Kelly. Check it out. Carrie has a young family with three very active boys; she



volunteers effectively in her community, often giving credit to others; and she holds down a full-time job supervising the Mercy Health Weight Management team.

This was a very special day for Carrie. I've been a member of the Muskegon Rotary Club for nearly 27 years. Rotary's major honor is to be named a Paul Harris Fellow. The honoree does not have to be a Rotarian and the award can be given for a number of reasons, including exceptional community service, helping foster better understanding and friendly relations among all people as well as any number of things that make a positive difference in the world.

Adding to the ceremony's specialness, Carrie's mom Kris attended and helped keep our daughter calm. But Carrie was driven to near shock when her

"big boss" appeared out of nowhere and helped me explain

Carrie at work. Roger Spoelman serves as

Regional President and Chief Executive Officer of CHE Trinity Health West Michigan at Mercy Health Partners. When Carrie interfaced with him the most, Roger was President and Chief Executive Officer of Mercy Health Partners. He shared with the Rotary audience Carrie's role in HMR, managing a high-functioning team of five who delivers the prestigious HMR program for weight loss – this year, HMR received awards from *US News & World Report* for 3<sup>rd</sup> best weight loss program in the country and #1 fastest weight loss program.

The time and energy required to be a mom and homemaker speak for themselves, and Carrie can claim some significant volunteer accomplishments. Last year, she was prominent in helping get a 3.9 mill bond proposal approved for a major replacement of Fruitport High School and other needs. She received written recognition from the superintendent and board president as being "one of the main members of *Yes for Fruitport's Future's*



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core group that stayed involved even when the first millage request did not pass." She was nominated to receive 'Above and Beyond' recognition for her contribution to Fruitport

Community Schools. She's also the



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Public Relations representative for Shettler Elementary's Parent-Teacher Committee, and chairs Teacher Appreciation Week.



"Outside of her team here at Mercy Health Weight Management," said a work colleague recently, "Carrie has volunteered to help with the heart screenings for high school athletes, Mercy Heart Center's 'The Ride,' not to mention all the work she does at her sons' schools. (And) she's always willing to help a fellow colleague in any way she can."

**Congratulations, Carrie!**