

On the occasion of our 90th Anniversary, we salute six of our own, for their Service Above Self.

We are grateful that these six members chose the Rotary Club of Haddonfield as their vehicle for making significant contributions to our community, our region, and our world. Their devotion to Service Above Self exemplifies the desire of all of our members to “give back” and to make a difference in the lives of others.

### **ONE FIRST RESPONDER**

George Cox is Haddonfield's current Citizen of the Year. A Haddonfield native, he is a 56-year member and former Chief of Haddon Fire Co. No. 1. He has held leadership positions with the Ambulance Association, Camden Co. Firemen's Assn and Fire Chiefs' Assn., Hero Scholarship Fund, NJ State Fire Chiefs' Assn., National Assn. of Fire Chiefs Eastern Division, and American Legion Post 38. He is in his sixth year as a crossing guard at Central Middle School and of course he is our local Santa Claus. George and his wife Carol celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last year. They have three children and five grandchildren.

### **ONE SPIRITUAL LEADER**

Charles Sayre is a South Jersey icon who served as senior minister for the Haddonfield United Methodist Church from 1965 until his retirement in 1990. During his early years at that church, he became aware of the desperate needs of families in Camden, and mobilized members of churches throughout the region to support churches in Camden. This action led to the formation of Respond, Inc., a nonprofit organization that sought, initially, to provide proper childcare in Camden for children of working parents. He remains a board member to this day. Since 1991 Dr. Sayre has chaired the State Street Housing Corporation in Camden, which has provided hundreds of residents with safe and affordable rental housing, rehabilitated more than 100 homes, and runs a 12-week home-ownership program. He has been a leader for 40+ years with Fellowship House, an oasis of hope that provides child care, guidance, and mentoring. He has helped hotel management and unions in Atlantic City provide culinary arts training for the youth of Camden and recently enlisted Holman Enterprises and Campbell's Soup to provide training facilities that would enable Camden youth to become auto mechanics. Dr. Sayre has been a Rotarian since 1953 and a member of the Haddonfield Club since 1965, serving as 1983-84 president. In 2009 he was honored by our Rotary District as the recipient of its annual Vocational Service Award.

### **ONE TEACHER**

Pamela Fisk had the privilege to teach for four decades in the UK, USA, and West Africa. In the process of interacting with thousands of students and hundreds of teachers, she has, as Chaucer noted in the 14th century, “gladly learned.” She learned (to borrow from Roland Barth, director of the Principal's Center at Harvard) that successful schools are communities of learners, incorporating both teachers and students, where collegiality is of the utmost importance; where there is a respect for diversity and an element of risk taking; where there is commitment accompanied by a sense of humor; where there are high standards with low anxiety; and where there is a safety net for those who stumble. The Egyptian novelist Naguib Mahfouz noted, “If you train your young people to be intellectually independent, to be thinkers

and to have vision, you can throw them into any culture.” In the 21st century, with the “shrinking” of the world through modern communications, nothing could be more appropriate. Teachers owe their students no less. A Paul Harris Fellow, Pamela serves as our Club’s director of International Service. In that capacity, she spearheaded a multi-year project to drill a fresh water well for a school in Ghana.

### **ONE VOLUNTEER**

Nick Nicolay leads several Camden-based initiatives for Rotary including working with Respond’s Auto Tech program (sponsored by Subaru) to help youth develop skills that will lead to employment; persuading contractors and distributors to donate equipment for use in Camden (through his past role as sales director for the Tennant Company); and Pedals for Progress, collecting bicycles and sewing machines for reconditioning and distribution in Third World countries. A native of Hollywood CA, Nick and his wife Carolyn live in Haddonfield, where she worked at the Public Library for 17 years. Daughter Andrea is library director in Arlington MA; and Claire is a defense attorney in Brooklyn. Nick joined the Rotary Club of Haddonfield in 1991 and has served as director of community service, membership, and programs. He was club president in 2008-09 and currently serves as vice chair of the club’s foundation. He is a member of American Legion Post 38 and has represented the club on the board of the Municipal Alliance.

### **ONE ROTARIAN OF THE WORLD**

Bill Lane, a local dentist, has been a member of the Rotary Club of Haddonfield since 1978. He served as director of Vocational Service prior to becoming president in 1984-85. He currently serves as our liaison to Rotary International and is Rotary Foundation chair for District 7640. Bill and his wife Janet visited India in 2009 and 2011 as members on Rotary teams that immunized children against polio. He is a Paul Harris Major Donor. Bill is president of the Haddonfield Adult School, a member of Christ the King Church Choir, and a devoted supporter of Cathedral Kitchen in Camden, donating time and treasure to their Smiles Dental Clinic. Bill and Janet have three sons and seven grandchildren.

### **ONE COMMUNITY LEADER**

Bill Reynolds started out as a teacher and administrator in public and private schools and at the University of Pennsylvania. Then followed a 20-year career as a senior partner in Reynolds & Schaeffer Associates, a management consulting firm. After retiring in 1997, Bill returned to academia to start the Center for Management and Entrepreneurship at Rutgers School of Business in Camden. He served as its executive director until his retirement from Rutgers in 2010. In 2006-07, he served as interim dean of the School of Business while the university searched for a permanent successor. Bill holds a doctorate in management from Penn, a master’s from Harvard, and a bachelor’s from Lafayette. A lifelong Haddonfield resident, he served as mayor, director of public works, president of the Library board of trustees. He spearheaded the establishment of the Haddonfield Foundation. Within Rotary he is a two-time Paul Harris Fellow, has served on almost every committee, and has been editor of the club’s newsletter since 2010; his weekly news and opinion emails are a Sunday highlight.