

# Past Recipients

This annual Cadwallader Award is presented in honor of Charles N. Cadwallader who served as President of Lincoln Rotary Club 14, District Governor, and Director of Rotary International, as well as sponsored eleven Rotary Clubs in the District. The award is presented to a Rotarian in District 5650 who has made a monumental contribution in one or all of the avenues of Rotary service. The award is made possible by an endowed gift from Charles N. and Ruth Cadwallader.

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| 1963 Elijah Leavitt   York   | 1993 Paul F. Foster   Shenandoah                |
| 1964 William W. Cook, Sr.   Beatrice                                   | 1994 Rudolph E. Tomek   Humboldt                |
| 1966 Al V. Sorensen   Omaha  | 1995 David C. Livingston   Lincoln 14           |
| 1967 Paul W. Hyland   Lincoln Northeast                                | 1996 William R. Mann   Nebraska City            |
| 1968 Ervin J. Schneider   Auburn                                       | 1997 Robert L. Carlisle   Norfolk               |
| 1969 Dr. Ben H. Greenburg   York<br>Dr. Donald J. Bucholz   Omaha West | 1998 Dr. Ann Coyne   Omaha Suburban             |
| 1970 Robert L. Voss   Fremont  | 1999 Roger R. Ludemann   Lincoln 14             |
| 1971 Bernard J. Klasek   Wilbur  | 2000 William E. Ramsey   Omaha                  |
| 1972 Ken Wortman   Aurora  | 2001 Dr. George Lytton   Lincoln South          |
| 1973 J.D. Anderson   Omaha   | 2002 Dan Rose   Wayne                           |
| 1974 Elmer E. Magee   Lincoln 14                                       | 2003 Lyle Sapp   Omaha Suburban                 |
| 1975 E.J. "Pat" Keim   Fremont   | 2004 Mary Linn Sonnemaker   Bellevue            |
| 1976 Vernon E. Fisher   Shenandoah                                     | 2005 Nicolette "Nicki" S. Klein   Lincoln South |
| 1977 Eugene J. Ely   Auburn  | 2006 William Schmeeckle   Lincoln 14            |
| 1978 Hugh L. Tinley   Omaha  | 2007 J. Robert Perrin   Omaha Suburban          |
| 1979 James M. Paxton   Omaha West                                      | 2008 Joseph K. Roberts   Lincoln South          |
| 1980 David A. Lemen   Council Bluffs                                   | 2009 Joanne Peters   Omaha Suburban             |
| 1981 Everett R. Jones   Beatrice                                       | 2010 Robert Knox   Council Bluffs               |
| 1982 Earl T. Luff   Lincoln 14   | 2011 Harry Reyburn   Omaha Suburban             |
| 1983 John Paustian   Lincoln Northeast                                 | 2012 Ozzie Gilbertson   Lincoln East            |
| 1984 Dr. Sol Kutler   Omaha Suburban<br>Walter E. Truex   Norfolk      | 2013 Roxy Orr   Omaha Suburban                  |
| 1985 I. Joseph Pemicone   Omaha  | 2014 Dr. Thomas Cardwell   Lincoln South        |
| 1986 Erwin H. Goldenstein   Lincoln 14                                 | 2015 Dr. Charles Erickson   Lincoln East        |
| 1987 Dr. Clarence Zimmer   Friend                                      | 2016 Dorothy Zimmerman   Beatrice               |
| 1988 H.W. "Bud" Henriksen   Fremont                                    | 2017 Curt Peters   Omaha Suburban               |
| 1989 Kermit R. Hansen   Omaha Suburban<br>Wayne O. Tanderup   Seward   | 2018 Dr. John Herdman   Lincoln South           |
| 1990 Larry McNichols   Omaha Suburban                                  | 2019 Gretchen Bren   Omaha Downtown             |
| 1991 Thomas E. Gouttierre   Omaha                                      | 2020 Clay Ehlers   Lincoln South                |
| 1992 Dr. Donald W. Miller   Lincoln 14                                 | 2021 Jon and Bonnie Kruse   Seward              |
|  | 2022 Robert Rapp   Omaha Morning                |
|  | 2023 Rob Simmon   Glenwood                      |



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District 5650

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2024 Cadwallader Award  
**Dr. Klaus Hartmann**  
Lincoln Rotary 14

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Dr. Klaus Hartmann has had an on-going positive influence in his community and his profession for many years. As a member of Rotary Club 14 in Lincoln, he has led by example and has been especially impactful in the area of international youth exchange. In addition to all he has done through Rotary, he personally provides scholarship support for first-generation students from immigrant families and has financed the college education of a former Rotary Exchange student from Italy.

Klaus was born in Pforzheim, Germany, and came to America as an exchange student in the 1960s. He gained great benefit by being blessed with a host family in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, who prompted his interest in returning to the U.S. and helping him advance his education through graduation from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the University of Nebraska Medical Center. This background led to his passionate work—both personally and through Rotary—to support the international youth exchange program and the ideal of education as a builder of goodwill around the world.

Dr. Hartmann has been deeply involved in advancing his profession through his work in forensic psychiatry serving many years at the Lincoln Regional Center, as well as a myriad of other assignments in related fields. He has practiced medicine for 53 years in public service in an effort to help those who are most seriously mentally ill and disenfranchised from society.

Klaus is deeply involved in his profession and his community serving on many national and international organizations in his medical field. In the community of Lincoln, he has been involved as a board member with the Boy Scouts of America, Goodwill Industries, Southeast Community College, and many other entities helping build quality of life in Lincoln and surrounding areas.

Klaus has also had a distinguished career in the military serving as Chief Flight Surgeon in the U.S. Air Force reserves, acting as a consultant in psychiatry to the Surgeon General of the Air Force, and a number of other leadership roles.

## Club Service

Klaus has been a major supporter and contributor to the Club, as well as acting in a leadership role as a former member of the board of directors of Rotary Club 14 and as head of the District International Youth Exchange program in years past. He has been involved for many years in helping build the Club's charitable Foundation with a special emphasis on providing support for international exchange students through a major endowment he established. He also provided support and guidance for the Foundation in its effort to provide multiple annual scholarships, as well as serve the giving needs of the community of Lincoln.

## Vocational Service

Klaus has lived a life of exceptional service to his profession and his community. His dedication to high moral ethics and leading by example has helped others develop their full potential, as well as empowered those with major life challenges. He has continuously provided this kind of support throughout the years, and it personifies his commitment to excellence in everything he does. He has reached out into the community to augment his involvement in Rotary and help in any way he can. This is especially true in his commitment to youth and supporting many individuals who may have limited opportunities without his guiding hand.

Dr. Hartmann continues to lead in further developing his vocational outreach by serving as an Associate Clinical Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. He also serves as an adjunct professor at the American University of Antigua, where his teaching touches many lives and is an example of international outreach in support of the Rotary ideal of the positive impact of vocational service.

## Community Service

"Service Above Self" is a great description of Klaus Hartmann as someone who has recognized the benefits he received at a very young age and is determined to "pay it forward" to current and future generations. His community involvement in local boards like the Boy Scouts and multiple Rotary Club 14 community support endeavors is just the tip of the iceberg in consideration of what he does both locally and around the world.

## International Service

Klaus is the ultimate example of involvement in international service as he has experienced the rewards and challenges of being an exchange student from Germany, becoming a citizen of the United States, and later providing support for Rotary International programs around the world. He was one of the first to commit to the Club's original PolioPlus fundraising initiative in 1987 and has continued to support for many years each time a new campaign was started.

Dr. Hartmann is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and member of the Paul Harris Society. He deeply believes in the worldwide initiatives of Rotary and has continually stepped up to support them.

## Youth Service

This is an area in which Klaus is most exceptional. He has been deeply involved in the Rotary International Youth Exchange for many years and through a major program he established within Club 14 that provides support for students coming to America each year. He has also supported and participated in the Club's annual scholarship program providing funding for capable and needy students to attend a college of their choice. This program has been in effect for more than 30 years, and Klaus has been an integral part of its success.

Klaus has hosted international students during their attendance in school in Lincoln and helped organize the successful long-term establishment of these programs as a Rotary worldwide effort to build peace and understanding through education. The Club's annual International Student Picnic, which is implemented in Lincoln each year, is an example of this dedication to youth and the importance the Club places on this major initiative thanks to his support.

As a child and adolescent psychiatrist, Klaus exemplifies the kind of caring and service oriented individual that Rotary strives to have involved. Dr. Hartmann is an extraordinary Rotarian and, more importantly, an exemplary human being who is very deserving of this important award.

As Dr. Hartmann has said many times...

**“ What has meant so much to me over the years of membership in Rotary is the relationships and friendships formed with truly outstanding individuals who selflessly desire to provide a ‘leg up’ to those in need. Rotary, through its many avenues of service, has allowed my family and me to contribute in a small way to make a positive difference in the world which is otherwise impossible as a solo endeavor. For that, I am grateful. ”**