

Stanley W. "Swing" Lewis was honored with the Lifetime Service Award of the Boothbay Harbor Rotary Club at its meeting on Thursday, June 8, 2008, with a large contingent of family and friends joining the Rotarians for the festive occasion. The Lifetime Service Award was instituted by our club in 1960 and has been awarded 30 times since then.

Program Chair Ken Honey introduced the honoree and listed his many contributions to the community. Born and raised in Boothbay, Swing graduated from Boothbay Harbor High School and then served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He later worked for the C. Dodge Lumber Company before joining the Community School District, where he was employed for 39 years, 20 of which as transportation supervisor. He was Boothbay Fire Chief for 37 years and is still an active member of the department as well as town fire warden. He was a deputy sheriff in Lincoln County for 47 years. For 55 years he has been a member of the Bayview Masonic Lodge, of which he is a past master. He has served as a trustee of the Cemetery District for 30 years and is an active member of the Boothbay Civic Association.

Among those contributing memories of Swing were Boothbay Fire Chief Dick Spofford, Jim Smyth (who shared many bus rides with Swing), former school superintendent Mark Keegan, Cemetery District Trustee and Rotarian Mike Hall, Bob Pike (who contributed a photo of his son leaving for his first day of school on Swing's school bus), Bill Kautzmann (who praised Swing's invaluable assistance in the street numbering program) and Swing's granddaughters Dianne and Jennifer, who told how he was not only a loving grandfather to them but is now playing the same role for their children as well.