

# ROTARY DISTRICT 7610

## CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD CRITERIA

As Rotarians we recognize the virtue of service. But we also know that we are not the sole proprietors of that trait and that there are outstanding individuals in the larger public community that have devoted much of their time and life to service to their community. Thousands of hours of volunteer community service go unrecognized each year. This year, Rotary District 7610 is initiating a program to recognize unusually dedicated community leaders through a ***Citizen of the Year*** award at Club, Area and District level. The recipient is to be chosen from the general public through nominations submitted by district Rotary clubs through their Assistant Governors (AGs). This award is intended to recognize an individual residents of our Rotary District who has contributed to improving the quality of life in the state, his/her region city/county, or his/her community. This award is to recognize an individual who has stood out among the many unsung residents/heroes who have worked so hard serving our youth, our schools, public safety, land use, transportation, the environment, and more. Rotarians are excluded from this award, and Nominee's for the Club Award and District Award should display a broad range of community support

### **PARTICIPATION**

All clubs in the district are encouraged to conduct their own Citizen of the Year Award and to submit ONE nominee for the District Award, using the following selection criteria as a minimum:

- The club allow for the general public and Rotarians to make nominations for this award. (A copy of the public announcement will be part of the submission process.)
- The selection process included an evaluation process that was judged by a group which should include non-Rotarians.
- Once the Club Awards their awardees then they will forward their nomination through the AG. At this time the AG will make a selection and potentially a separate award and then forward the Area winner to the District for final consideration as the District Citizen of the Year.
- It is recommended that the Club make the Club presentation at a community event, or Chamber of Commerce meeting to enhance their public image.

### **NOMINATION**

Each club in the district is encouraged to partake in this program and acknowledge Citizens that serve others above themselves. Then they can nominate one individual as their selection for "District Citizen of the Year Nominee." At a minimum, each nomination shall include the following:

- Original announcement of the club's nomination process.

- “Summary Report” including:
  1. Nominees name and contact information including an e-mail address;
  2. The selection process;
  3. The reason for selecting the individual nominated to include:
    - a. Details of service or activity including specific results and achievements;
    - b. Significant position(s) of leadership, responsibility or authority the nominee has held
    - c. Services or activities related to the above – include dates;
    - d. Additional biographical or background material that would be helpful to the selection committee including citations, newspaper articles, photographs or similar materials;
  4. Two letters of recommendation, each addressing the nominee’s community service;
  5. A letter from the club president attesting to the nominee’s community service.

## **DEADLINE TO DISTRICT**

**October 25, 2012**

Nominations must be submitted to:

TBD

## **RECOGNITION**

The individual chosen as Rotary District 7610 Citizen of the Year will be invited to the District Foundation Awards banquet in November 2012 at a place to be designated and based on Foundation giving should receive a Paul Harris Fellow Recognition . This is one of Rotary’s most prestigious recognition awards. All other nominees will receive a DG Citation to be presented at the Rotary Club nominating them.