

Rotary District 5810 Awards

*Each nominee must be in good standing with their club and District 5810.

AWARDS TO INDIVIDUAL ROTARIANS

Outstanding 1st year Rotarian Award

The *Outstanding 1st Year Rotarian Award* recognizes a new member who has made an exceptional impact within their first year of Rotary membership. This award honors an individual who has quickly embraced the spirit of Rotary and demonstrated a strong commitment to “Service Above Self.”

The recipient stands out for their enthusiasm, active participation, and willingness to engage in club projects, events, and initiatives. They show initiative, a desire to learn, and a passion for service that positively influences fellow members and strengthens the club.

This award celebrates a Rotarian whose early contributions reflect leadership potential, dedication, and a promising future within Rotary, embodying the values and mission that define the organization.

Eligible Nominees: Rotarians who are still in their first Rotary calendar year at the time of nomination. This award may only be received once.

History:

A new Award established during the 2011 - 2012 year.

2011-2012 - Pam Queen (Greenville)

2012-2013 - Owen Devlin (Dallas Uptown)

2013-2014 - Randy Watkins (Dallas Uptown)

2014-2015 - Paul Kelley (Greenville)

2015-2016 - Mike Bell (McKinney)

2016-2017 - Sarah Jenkins (Plano Metro)

2017-2018 - Bonnie Blake Helm (Addison)

2019-2020 - Roxanne Turner (Greenville)

2020-2021 - Zain Kalson (Plano West)

2021-2022 - Zain Kalson (Plano West)

2022-2023- Susan Glen (Park Cities)

2023-2024 – Margaret Silva (Prestonwood)

2024-2025 – LaTara Scott (Plano)

Rotarian of the Year Award – District 5810

The *Rotarian of the Year* award honors a Rotarian who has demonstrated exceptional dedication to the ideals of Rotary and has gone above and beyond in service to their club, community, or the world. This individual exemplifies “Service Above Self” through consistent involvement, leadership, and a commitment to making a meaningful impact.

The recipient of this award is someone who inspires others through their integrity, generosity, and passion for service. They actively contribute to club initiatives, support Rotary programs, and embody the spirit and values that define Rotary. Their efforts strengthen the club and reflect what it means to be a Rotarian.

This award honors a Rotarian whose actions reflect the very best of District 5810 and whose contributions leave a lasting and positive legacy.

Eligible Nominees: An individual may not self-nominate for the award and may only receive the award once.

History:

1996-1997 - Doug Rudman (Carrollton-Farmers Branch)
1997-1998 - Jaye Marksbury (Richardson Central)
1998-1999 - Pete Snider (Southeast Dallas County)
1999-2000 - Mark Healy (Dallas Market Center)
2000-2001 - Karl VonBieberstein (Park Cities)
2001-2002 - Mary Rydesky (Mesquite)
2002-2003 - Jack Abernathy (Rockwall)
2003-2004 - Bud McBrayer (Plano)
2004-2005 - Richard Gilman (Richardson Central)
2005-2006 - PDG Herb Hoxie (Plano)
2006-2007 - Linda Elliott (Grand Prairie)
2007-2008 - George Elking (Plano Sunrise)
2008-2009 - Sandra Forster (Garland)
2009-2010 - Jean Daniel (JD) Grimm (Richardson Central)
2010-2011 - Sandra Moudy (Richardson)
2011-2012 - Bill Dendy (E-Club)
2012-2013 - George Ritcheske (Coppell)
2013-2014 - Glenn McCrary (Grand Prairie Metro), Jim Duffy (Addison Midday)
2014-2015 - Glen Campbell (Prestonwood)
2015-2016 - Woody Alexander (Richardson East)
2016-2017 - Kim Quimby (Greenville)
2017-2018 - Steve Parry (Plano Metro)
2018-2019 - John Moser (Allen Sunrise)
2019-2020 - Glen and Vickie Campbell (Prestonwood)
2020-2021 - Alex Johnson (Plano West)
2021-2022 - Katy Ridge (Greenville)
2022-2023 - Doug Bryan (Grand Prairie)
2023-2024 – John Johnstone (Dallas Uptown)
2024-2025 – Cathy Zelzer (Addison)

Outstanding Club President of the Year

The *Outstanding Club President of the Year* award recognizes a current Rotary Club President who has demonstrated exceptional leadership, vision, and dedication during their term. This individual has gone above and beyond in guiding their club to success while exemplifying the Rotary motto of “Service Above Self.”

The recipient is a dynamic and effective leader who inspires engagement, fosters collaboration, and empowers members to achieve meaningful service outcomes. Through strong communication, strategic planning, and a commitment to Rotary’s core values, they have strengthened their club’s impact within the community and supported the broader mission of Rotary.

This award honors a president whose leadership has been instrumental in increasing and retaining club membership, elevated their club’s performance, enhanced member experience, and contributed to the continued growth and vitality of Rotary.

Various activities for consideration in nominating a candidate should include but not be limited to:

1. Increasing RI Foundation donations from club and its members
3. Attending district events
4. Influential in increasing club membership and member retention
5. Participating in community projects and/or international projects
6. Improving or maintaining a high level of fellowship among club members
7. Creating or maintaining successful fund-raising events
8. Exemplifying high ethical standards in business and club activities
9. Conducting club and board meetings in an efficient professional manner
10. Completing and filing required district and international paperwork on time

Eligible Nominees: Specific documentation of qualifications and accomplishments during the Presidential Year must accompany the nomination.

History:

2009-2010 - Phillip Bankhead (Park Cities)

2010-2011 - John Hendry (Richardson East)

2011-2012 - Raul Paredes (Carrollton/Farmers Branch)

2012-2013 - Fred Brown (Park Cities)

2013-2014 - Kirk Bell (Plano)

2014-2015 - Bill Bexley (Carrollton/Farmers Branch)

2015-2016 – Karen Farris (Park Cities)

2016-2017 - Paul Kelley (Greenville)

2017-2018 - Dr. Paul Lonquist (Carrollton-Farmers Branch)

2019-2020 - Katy Ridge (Greenville)

2020-2021- Alex Johnson (Plano West)

2021-2022 - Happy Franklin (Park Cities) Cyndi Janssen (Dallas)

2022-2023- Debbie Dobbs (Grand Prairie)

2023-2024 – Diana Kolb (NTP – Small); Vicki Campbell (Prestonwood - Med); Rebecca Poynter (Richardson - Lrg)

2024-2025 – Jerrica Anderston (E-Club – Small); David Heimer (Addison – Med); Jennifer Lott (Duncanville – Lrg)

Rotary Foundation Advocacy Award

The *Rotary Foundation Advocacy Award* recognizes a Rotarian who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to promoting, supporting, and advancing the mission of The Rotary Foundation. This individual serves as a passionate ambassador, increasing awareness and inspiring others to engage in the life-changing work made possible through the Foundation.

The recipient actively educates fellow Rotarians on the impact of Foundation programs, including district grants, global grants, PolioPlus, and other humanitarian initiatives. Through their leadership, communication, and personal example, they encourage participation, stewardship, and philanthropic giving within their club and across the district.

This award honors a dedicated advocate whose efforts strengthen the reach and effectiveness of The Rotary Foundation, helping to create lasting change in communities around the world.

Eligible Nominees: Any District 5810 Rotarian in good standing may be nominated. An individual may not self-nominate for the award, and an individual may only receive the award once. This is not only an award for past service or a "body of work" but also must impact the contributions of Rotarians during the current Rotary year.

History:

2000-2001 - Frank Casero (Carrollton/FB)
2001-2002 - Greg Pape (Park Cities)
2002-2003 - L.B. Showalter (Plano)
2003-2004 - Tom Ryan (Rockwall Breakfast)
2004-2005 - L.B. Showalter (Plano)
2005-2006 - DGE Kim Holland (Prestonwood)
2006-2007 - J D Grimm (Richardson Central)
2007-2008 - Van Northrup (Prestonwood)
2008-2009 - Sandra Forster (Garland)
2009-2010 - Bill Perryman (East Dallas)
2010-2011 - Doug Gill (Park Cities)
2011-2012 - Larry W. Webb (Prestonwood)
2012-2013 - Glen Rowe (Waxahachie)
2013-2014 - John Hill (Coppell)
2014-2015 - Charlie Bond (Park Cities)
2015-2016 - PDG Bill Dendy (Desoto)
2016-2017 - Randy Watkins (Dallas-Uptown)
2017-2018 - Greg Pape (Park Cities)
2019-2020 - Glen Campbell (Prestonwood)
2020-2021 - Glen Thornton (Plano West)
2021-2022 - William Dendy (Dallas)
2022-2023 - Dean Cimini (McKinney)
2023-2024 - Christopher Steinsholt (Rockwall)
2024-2025 - Kenneth Truax (Melissa)

Service to New Generations Award

The *Service to New Generations Award* recognizes a Rotarian that has demonstrated exceptional commitment to empowering young people through service, mentorship, and leadership development. This award honors those who actively support Rotary's New Generations programs, including Interact, Rotaract, RYLA, and Youth Exchange.

The recipient is dedicated to investing in the next generation by creating opportunities for youth to grow, lead, and serve their communities. Through guidance, encouragement, and meaningful engagement, they inspire young leaders to embrace the values of Rotary and develop a lifelong commitment to service.

This award celebrates an individual whose efforts have made a lasting impact on youth, strengthening the future of Rotary and building a legacy of service, leadership, and community involvement.

Eligible Nominees: An individual may not self-nominate for the award, and an individual may only receive the award once. This is not an award for past service or a "body of work," but rather for impacting New Generations during the current Rotary year.

History:

1998-1999 - Mark Healy (Dallas Market Center)
1999-2000 - Stephen Miller (Plano)
2000-2001- Debble Devine (Rockwall)
2001-2002- Gary Embrey (Carrollton-Farmers Branch)
2002-2003 - Christian O'Connor (Garland)
2003-2004 - Kathy Ritterhouse (Grand Prairie Metro)
2004-2005 - Natalie Nickerson (Duncanville)
2005-2006 - Tom Sager (Cedar Hill)
2006-2007- Patricia Deeds (Cedar Hill)
2007-2008- Melissa Gonitzke-Wright (Garland)
2008-2009- Nick Hosn (Dallas)
2009-2010- Sandra Moudy (Richardson)
2010-2011- Tracy Gomes (Park Cities)
2011-2012-Not Awarded
2012-2013-Steve Parry (Plano Metro)
2013-2014- Dr. Sandra Froese (McKinney Sunrise)
2014-2015 - Jim Duffy (Addison Midday)
2015-2016 - Felecia Davis (Desoto)
2016-2017 - Charles Dowden (Dallas)
2017-2018 - Alex Johnson (Plano)
2018-2019 - Irving Las Colinas
2019-2020- Mike Callahan (East Dallas)
2020-2021 - Jerred Lacy (Desoto)
2021-2022 - Shirley Heitzman (Dallas)
2022-2023- James Braeten (Rockwall Noon)
2023-2024 – Shelley Strickland (Plano Metro)
2024-2025 – Stacy Massar (Rockwall Noon)

CLUB AWARDS

Rotary Club of the Year Award

The *Rotary Club of the Year Award* recognizes a Rotary club that has demonstrated excellence in service, leadership, and overall club performance throughout the current Rotary year. This award honors a club that exemplifies the Rotary motto of “Service Above Self” through meaningful projects, strong member engagement, and a commitment to making a lasting impact in their community and beyond.

The recipient club distinguishes itself through innovative service initiatives, effective leadership, and active participation in district and Rotary International programs. It fosters a vibrant and inclusive club culture, supports membership growth and retention, and consistently contributes to The Rotary Foundation and other Rotary causes.

This award celebrates a club that sets the standard for achievement within Rotary—one whose dedication, collaboration, and service create positive, sustainable change while inspiring others across the district.

Eligibility: This Award requires the “Rotary Club of the Year Nomination Form”, which is available to be downloaded from the Rotary District 5810 website, to be completed and submitted. The winning club must be eligible for and have applied for the Rotary Presidential Citation. A large club, a medium club, and a small club may each receive an award. Clubs may self-nominate.

History:

2004-2005 - Park Cities, Prestonwood

2005-2006 - Prestonwood

2006-2007 - Preston Center

2007-2008 - Park Cities

2008-2009 - Not Awarded

2009-2010 - Park Cities

2010-2011 - Park Cities

2011-2012 - Park Cities

2012-2013 - Park Cities

2013-2014 - Plano

2014-2015 - Park Cities (large club); Dallas Uptown (medium club); Small Club not awarded.

2015-2016 - Greenville (large club); Dallas Uptown (medium club); Fair Park (small club)

2016-2017 - Dallas (large club); Addison (medium club); Melissa (small club)

2017-2018 – Dallas (large club); Addison (medium club)

2018-2019 - Richardson East

2019-2020 - Greenville (large club), McKinney (medium club), East Dallas (small club)

2020-2021 - Park Cities (large club), Plano West (small club)

2021-2022 - Dallas (large club), Grand Prairie Metro (small Club)

2022-2023 - McKinney (large club), Grand Prairie (medium club), Coppell (small club)

2023-2024 – Richardson (Lrg), Prestonwood (Med), Coppell (Small)

2024-2025 – McKinney (Lrg), Addison (Med), Dallas Uptown (Small)

Community Service Award

The *Community Service Award* recognizes a Rotary club that has demonstrated outstanding commitment to improving the quality of life within its local community through impactful service projects and initiatives. This award honors a club that identifies community and/or district needs and responds with meaningful, sustainable solutions.

The recipient club exemplifies “Service Above Self” by actively engaging its members in hands-on service, fostering partnerships with local organizations, and delivering programs that create measurable and lasting change. Their efforts reflect creativity, compassion, and a deep dedication to serving others.

This award celebrates a Rotary club whose service strengthens communities, uplifts those in need, and embodies the true spirit and mission of Rotary.

Eligibility: A large club, a medium club, and a small club may each receive an award. Clubs may self-nominate.

History:

1995-1996 - Preston Center

1996-1997 - Park Cities

1997-1998 - Sherman

1998-1999 - Dallas

1999-2000 - Waxahachie

2000-2001 - Irving Sunrise

2001-2002 - Waxahachie

2002-2003 - Preston Center

2003-2004 - Cedar Hill

2004-2005 - Cedar Hill

2005-2006 - Carrollton-Farmer's Branch

2006-2007 - Royse City

2007-2008 - Park Cities

2008-2009 - Prestonwood

2009-2010 - Grand Prairie Metro

2010-2011 - Greenville

2011-2012 - Waxahachie

2012-2013 - Greenville

2013-2014 – Greenville

2014-2015 - Greenville

2015-2016 - Carrollton-Farmers Branch

2016-2017 - Greenville

2017-2018 - McKinney

2018-2019 - Richardson

2019-2020 - Greenville

2020-2021 - Plano West

2021-2022 – Greenville

2022-2023- Park Cities (large club), Grand Prairie (medium club), Coppell (small club)

2023-2024 – Dallas (Lrg), North Texas Pioneers (Small)

2024-2025 – Richardson (Lrg), Plano Metro (Med), North Texas Pioneers (Small)

International Service Award

The *International Service Award* recognizes a Rotary club that has demonstrated exceptional commitment to advancing global understanding, goodwill, and peace through impactful international service efforts. This award honors a club that extends its reach beyond local boundaries to address critical needs in communities around the world.

The recipient club exemplifies “Service Above Self” by developing and supporting international projects, building meaningful partnerships across countries, and actively participating in Rotary’s global initiatives. Through contributions to programs such as global grants and humanitarian efforts, the club helps create sustainable solutions that improve lives internationally.

This award celebrates a Rotary club whose dedication to international service reflects the true spirit of Rotary—fostering cross-cultural connections, promoting peace, and making a lasting difference on a global scale.

Eligibility: Hands-on activities receive special recognition over purely funded activities. A large club, a medium club, and a small club may each receive an award. Clubs may self-nominate.

History:

1996-1997 - Carrollton-Farmers Branch

1997-1998 - Duncanville

1998-1999 - Preston Center

1999-2000 - Carrollton-Farmers Branch

2000-2001 - Plano

2001-2002 - Mesquite

2002-2003 - Duncanville

2003-2004 - Grand Prairie Metro

2004-2005 - Prestonwood

2005-2006 - Royse City

2006-2007 - Royse City

2007-2008 - Royse City

2008-2009 - Preston Center

2009-2010 - Grand Prairie Metro

2010-2011 - Greenville

2011-2012 - Waxahachie

2012-2013 - Greenville

2013-2014 - Greenville

2014-2015 - Greenville

2015-2016 - Greenville

2016-2017 - DeSoto

2017-2018 - Dallas

2018-2019 - Coppell

2019-2020 - Addison

2020-2021 - Carrollton-Farmers Branch

2021-2022 - Carrollton-Farmers Branch

2022-2023- McKinney (large club), North Texas Pioneers (small club)

2023-2024 – Carrollton/Farmers Branch (Lrg), Dallas Uptown (Med)

2024-2025 – Dallas (Lrg), Prestonwood (Med), E-Club (Small)

Public Image Award

The *Public Image Award* recognizes a Rotary club that has demonstrated excellence in promoting Rotary's mission, values, and impact within their community and beyond. This award honors a club that effectively communicates its story, increasing awareness, engagement, and support for Rotary.

The recipient club excels in utilizing a variety of communication platforms—such as social media, websites, press outreach, and community events—to showcase its club meetings, social programs, service projects and highlight the positive difference Rotary makes. Through consistent branding, compelling storytelling, and strategic outreach, the club enhances Rotary's visibility and reputation.

This award celebrates a Rotary club that strengthens public awareness, attracts new members and partners, and proudly represents Rotary as a leading force for service and positive change.

Eligibility: Please submit examples with the nomination. A large club, a medium club, and a small club may each receive an award. Clubs may self-nominate.

History:

2009-2010 - Not Awarded

2010-2011 - Not Awarded

2011-2012 - Frisco Sunrise

2012-2013 - Park Cities

2013-2014 - Frisco Sunrise

2014-2015 - Park Cities

2015-2016 - Park Cities

2016-2017 - Dallas

2017-2018 - Park Cities

2019-2020 - Park Cities

2020-2021 - Park Cities

2021-2022 – Dallas

2022-2023- McKinney (large club), Coppell (small club)

2023-2024 – Rockwall (Lrg), Prestonwood (Med), Melissa (Small)

2024-2025 – Park Cities (Lrg), Grand Prairie (Med), Melissa (Small)

Rotary Foundation Project Grant Award **(Formerly Known as Rotary Foundation Award)**

This award recognizes a Rotary club that has demonstrated exceptional commitment to turning Rotary Foundation grants into meaningful service projects. Through effective planning, collaboration, and execution, the club has used grant funding to create a measurable, positive impact in their community or internationally. The award honors innovation, dedication, and the spirit of Rotary in transforming resources into real-world change.

Eligibility: Clubs must use grant funding from the District 5810 Foundation to complete these projects. No projects may receive the award more than once. A large club, a medium club, and a small club may each receive an award. Clubs may self-nominate.

History:

1993-1994 - Commerce
1994-1995 - Greenville Daybreak
1995-1996 - Richardson Central
1996-1997 - Park Cities
1997-1998 - Prestonwood
1998-1999 - Fair Park
1999-2000 - Irving
2000-2001 - Dallas Market Center
2001-2002 - Park Cities
2002-2003 - Plano Metro
2003-2004 - Fair Park
2004-2005 - None awarded
2005-2006 - Park Cities
2006-2007 - Garland
2007-2008 - Allen Sunrise
2008-2009 - Prestonwood
2009-2010 - Not Awarded
2010-2011 - Park Cities
2011-2012 - Not Awarded
2012-2013 - Not Awarded
2013-2014 - Not Awarded
2014-2015 - Not Awarded
2015-2016 - Desoto
2016-2017 - Dallas
2017-2018 - Dallas
2018-2019 - East Dallas
2019-2020 - Prestonwood
2020-2021 - Not Awarded
2021-2022 - Coppell
2022-2023 - Rockwall (large club), Coppell (small club)
2023-2024 - Prestonwood (Med), Coppell (Small)
2024-2025 - Rockwall (Lrg), Coppell (Med), Dallas Uptown (Small)

Most Fun Club

This award celebrates the Rotary club that brings energy, creativity, and joy to every meeting, project, and event. This club has an outstanding social calendar for its members and guests to attend throughout the year. Through their camaraderie, enthusiasm, and positive spirit, this club makes service not only impactful but also enjoyable. They show that Rotary is about making a difference **and** having fun while doing it! This club reminds us all that making a difference can be a blast. They lead with joy, inspire with spirit, and show that fun and service go hand in hand!

Eligibility: Clubs may self-nominate. A large club, a medium club, and a small club may each receive an award.

History:

2018-2019 -Allen Sunrise

2021-2022 - Park Cities

2022-2023- Park Cities (large club), Coppell (small club)

2023-2024 – Prestonwood (Med), North Texas Pioneers (Small)

2024-2025 – Grand Prairie Metro (Med), Midlothian (Small)

Veteran's Project Excellence Award

This award honors a Rotary club that has demonstrated outstanding dedication to supporting veterans through impactful projects and initiatives. By addressing the needs of those who have served our country, the club exemplifies compassion, creativity, and commitment to community service. Their efforts provide meaningful support, foster recognition, and improve the lives of veterans and their families, setting a high standard of excellence in service.

The purpose of this award is to recognize a club that has participated in one or more veteran support events during the Rotary year. The club selected for this award made the most positive impact on the veteran community.

Eligibility: Clubs may self-nominate. A large club, a medium club, and a small club may each receive an award. The veteran's projects must be done within the district's boundaries which include the following counties: Collin, Dallas, Ellis, Fannin, Grayson, Hunt, Kaufman, and Rockwall.

History:

2019-2020 - Plano East

2020-2021 - Not Awarded

2021-2022 - Plano East

2022-2023- Plano East

2023-2024 – Dallas (Lrg), Grand Prairie (Med), North Texas Pioneers (Small)

2024-2025 – Dallas (Lrg), Grand Prairie (Med), Melissa (Small)