

Rotary District 6650 2011-12 Award Summaries

Robert Manchester Award for Vocational Service

This award is named for Robert Manchester of the Youngstown Rotary club and District Governor in 1946. The award is given for a project that recognizes vocational achievement or informs young people about a range of vocational choices.

Winner: Girard / Liberty

Runner up: Salem

The Rotary club of Girard/Liberty is recognized for its outstanding vocational service efforts. The club partnered with Girard High School's FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) robotics team. FIRST was founded as a way to inspire young people to enjoy science and technology and seek careers as engineers and technologists. Together they load clothing as part of the club's Poorest of the Poor program; they present Trumbull County's Special Olympics track and field event; and they sponsor the robotics team called the RoboCats. This year the RoboCats won the Engineering Excellence award for robot design and finished as runner-up in the Pittsburgh Regional competition.