



The Newly Established District 6630 Gary M. Neuman Spouse/Partner Service Award

Presented posthumously to Gary Neuman

Nominated by The Rotary Club of Cleveland, OH

Named for our first recipient, the newly established **District 6630 Gary M. Neuman Spouse/Partner Service Award** recognizes spouses and partners of Rotarians who have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service within Rotary District 6630. Unlike the Rotary International Spouse/Partner Award, this award is based solely on the humanitarian service rendered through Rotary District 6630, with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others. An especially important aspect of this award is that it may be presented posthumously if the spouse/partner has passed during the current Rotary year in which it is being presented.

Personal financial contributions to Rotary, its Foundation, or any individual project are NOT relevant considerations for this award.

Any non-Rotarian spouse or partner of an active Rotarian in good standing may be nominated by the Club President, except for spouses or partners of current and **immediate** past district governors, current RI directors, current RI trustees and other RI officers. An individual may receive the award only once.

About Our 2015-16 Recipient: Gary's contributions to the District were countless. He shared in the spirit and supported "all things Rotary," from his involvement in District 6630 and beyond in his community and love for 'birding'.



He had his own passion for Rotary and its outreach to those less fortunate, and especially for the Group Study Exchange Teams he helped shepherd in our district for so many years.

The nomination from the Cleveland Club stated "We don't think we ever heard him say 'no' to anything Rotary."

Many of us will always continue to look for that wonderful smile "above the crowd" at our Rotary meetings and events where he always served as Sergeant at Arms and provided help anywhere he was needed.

He leaves an indelible mark on each of us and on Rotary - the only thing missing was the pin on his lapel. He was a kind and gentle man and his love for Julie and for Rotary was amazing.

In addition to serving our District he served his country with honor and distinction having served in the U.S. Marine Corps. The warmth of his smile and his sense of humor were renowned and I have not met anyone who didn't like him upon the *first shake of his hand*.



It was an honor to present the inaugural Gary M. Neuman Award to his partner Julie West posthumously for Gary in recognition of his service and dedication to District 6630.