

PAST RECIPIENTS

This annual Cadwallader Award is presented in honor of Charles N. Cadwallader who served as President of Lincoln Rotary Club 14, District Governor, and Director of Rotary International, as well as sponsored eleven Rotary Clubs in the District. The award is presented to a Rotarian in District 5650 who has made a monumental contribution in one or all of the avenues of Rotary service. The award is made possible by an endowed gift from Charles N. and Ruth Cadwallader.

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| 1963 Elijah Leavitt <i>York</i> | 1994 Rudolph E. Tomek <i>Humboldt</i> |
| 1964 William W. Cook, Sr. <i>Beatrice</i> | 1995 David C. Livingston <i>Lincoln 14</i> |
| 1966 Al V. Sorensen <i>Omaha</i> | 1996 William R. Mann <i>Nebraska City</i> |
| 1967 Paul W. Hyland <i>Lincoln Northeast</i> | 1997 Robert L. Carlisle <i>Norfolk</i> |
| 1968 Ervin J. Schneider <i>Auburn</i> | 1998 Dr. Ann Coyne <i>Omaha Suburban</i> |
| 1969 Dr Ben H. Greenburg <i>York</i>
Dr. Donald J. Bucholz <i>Omaha West</i> | 1999 Roger R. Ludemann <i>Lincoln 14</i> |
| 1970 Robert L. Voss <i>Fremont</i> | 2000 William E. Ramsey <i>Omaha</i> |
| 1971 Bernard J. Klasek <i>Wilbur</i> | 2001 Dr. George Lytton <i>Lincoln South</i> |
| 1972 Ken Wortman <i>Aurora</i> | 2002 Dan Rose <i>Wayne</i> |
| 1973 J.D. Anderson <i>Omaha</i> | 2003 Lyle Sapp <i>Omaha Suburban</i> |
| 1974 Elmer E. Magee <i>Lincoln 14</i> | 2004 Mary Linn Sonnemaker <i>Bellevue</i> |
| 1975 E.J. "Pat" Keim <i>Fremont</i> | 2005 Nicolette "Nicki" S. Klein <i>Lincoln South</i> |
| 1976 Vernon E. Fisher <i>Shenandoah</i> | 2006 William Schmeeckle <i>Lincoln 14</i> |
| 1977 Eugene J. Ely <i>Auburn</i> | 2007 J. Robert Perrin <i>Omaha Suburban</i> |
| 1978 Hugh L. Tinley <i>Omaha</i> | 2008 Joseph K. Roberts <i>Lincoln South</i> |
| 1979 James M. Paxton <i>Omaha West</i> | 2009 Joanne Peters <i>Omaha Suburban</i> |
| 1980 David A. Lemen <i>Council Bluffs</i> | 2010 Robert Knox <i>Council Bluffs</i> |
| 1981 Everett R. Jones <i>Beatrice</i> | 2011 Harry Reyburn <i>Omaha Suburban</i> |
| 1982 Earl T. Luff <i>Lincoln 14</i> | 2012 Ozzie Gilbertson <i>Lincoln East</i> |
| 1983 John Paustian <i>Lincoln Northeast</i> | 2013 Roxy Orr <i>Omaha Suburban</i> |
| 1984 Dr Sol Kutler <i>Omaha Suburban</i>
Walter E. Truex <i>Norfolk</i> | 2014 Dr. Thomas Cardwell <i>Lincoln South</i> |
| 1985 I. Joseph Pemicone <i>Omaha</i> | 2015 Dr. Charles Erickson <i>Lincoln East</i> |
| 1986 Erwin H. Goldenstein <i>Lincoln 14</i> | 2016 Dorothy Zimmerman <i>Beatrice</i> |
| 1987 Dr. Clarence Zimmer <i>Friend</i> | 2017 Curt Peters <i>Omaha Suburban</i> |
| 1988 H.W. "Bud" Henricksen <i>Fremont</i> | 2018 Dr. John Herdman <i>Lincoln South</i> |
| 1989 Kermit R. Hansen <i>Omaha Suburban</i>
Wayne O. Tanderup <i>Seward</i> | 2019 Gretchen Bren <i>Omaha Downtown</i> |
| 1990 Larry McNichols <i>Omaha Suburban</i> | 2020 Clay Ehlers <i>Lincoln South</i> |
| 1991 Thomas E. Gouttierre <i>Omaha</i> | 2021 Jon and Bonnie Kruse <i>Seward</i> |
| 1992 Dr. Donald W. Miller <i>Lincoln 14</i> | 2022 Robert Rapp <i>Omaha Morning</i> |
| 1993 Paul F. Foster <i>Shenandoah</i> | 2023 Rob Simmon <i>Glenwood</i> |
| | 2024 Dr. Klaus Hartman <i>Lincoln 14</i> |
| | 2025 Blake & Kathy Collingsworth <i>Lincoln Giving Spirits</i> |

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2026 Cadwallader Award

Dr. Robert Rauner III

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Dr. Robert “Bob” Rauner has spent his career and Rotary service advancing health, education, and community well-being. A member of Rotary Club 14 for 14 years, Bob has served tirelessly in leadership roles at the club and district levels, especially through his work in Rotary Youth Exchange. His professional and civic work reflects the highest ideals of Rotary service, improving lives locally and globally through dedication, innovation, and compassion.

About

Bob is the President of Partnership for a Healthy Lincoln (PHL) and Partnership for a Healthy Nebraska, where he directs projects that improve the health of Nebraskans thousands at a time. PHL has been nationally recognized by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for its community collaborations to reduce obesity and improve fitness, especially among school children. Before founding PHL, Bob spent 15 years as a family physician serving rural and underserved populations.

In addition to his professional leadership, Bob serves as President of the Lincoln Public Schools Board of Education, consults on health policy and insurance initiatives, and sits on the advisory board of the American Board of Family Medicine’s Center for Professionalism and Value in Healthcare. He holds degrees from Creighton University, the University of Nebraska Medical Center, and Johns Hopkins University.

Bob and his wife, Lisa, also a family physician, live in Lincoln and are the proud parents of three daughters. Two of his daughters were Rotary Youth Exchange students to Spain, and Bob’s father and grandfather were also active Rotarians in Sidney, Nebraska.

Dr. Robert Rauner exemplifies the Rotary motto of “Service Above Self” across all avenues of service. His leadership in public health, education, and Rotary youth programs continues to make a lasting impact on Nebraska and beyond.

International Service

Through Rotary Youth Exchange, Bob has ensured students experience not only education abroad but also meaningful, cultural immersion. Stories from exchange families illustrate how his leadership connects generations, preserves cultural traditions, and strengthens Rotary’s role in building peace and understanding worldwide.

Youth Service

Bob has been called “a gem of a guy” for his commitment to youth. His steady leadership makes Rotary Youth Exchange safe, affordable, and transformative for students. Parents credit his patience and dedication with shaping their children into lifelong Rotarians and global citizens.

Club Service

Bob has been deeply engaged in Rotary #14 as a host parent, committee chair, and board member. He currently serves as District 5650 Youth Exchange Officer, ensuring life-changing international experiences for students and fostering goodwill across borders.

Community Service

Elected twice to the Lincoln Public Schools Board of Education, Bob now serves as its President. He has also been recognized with Leadership Lincoln’s Bub Cuca Servant Leader of the Year award (2020).

Vocational Service

As a physician and public health leader, Bob has championed innovative programs that connect health and education. His research linking fitness and academic achievement has been published nationally, and his leadership in cancer prevention and vaccination initiatives has earned national recognition. Honors include Family Physician of the Year (Nebraska Academy of Family Physicians, 2020), Physician Advocate of the Year (Nebraska Medical Association, 2016) and multiple awards from nutrition and education organizations for advancing wellness.