



## Joseph K. Roberts Lincoln South Rotary Club

### 2019-20 Recipient Rotary International Service Above Self Award

#### Personal biography

Joe, past Club president, Club TRF Chair since 2000, each year leading the club to at least 85% Sustaining Membership and increasing participation in TRF direct. Sets Example-Major Donor, Paul Harris Society, Benefactor, Bequest Society with Spouse. At District-Assistant Governor; Trainer; Awards; Scholarships; GSE Team Leader; Foundation Chair, District Grants, Endowment Fund Chair. A broker in group insurance/retirement, assisted employees at no charge through fellow Rotarian when a local company closed.

#### Rotary positions held (please list the most recent, up to 5)

Position Title: Rotary District 5650 Endowment Fund / Permanent Fund Chair	Rotary Year: 2019-20
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Position Title: The Rotary Foundation Chair for Rotary District 5650	Rotary Year: 2012-13 to 2015-16
Position Title: Lincoln South Rotary Club Foundation Chair	Rotary Year: 2000 to present

#### Rotary service activities

Joe has been the primary force behind Lincoln South Rotary's success in giving to The Rotary Foundation. He is active in all Club service projects and fundraisers, often providing a challenge or match to encourage others to participate. He started two of the club's long-time service projects that continue today.

Rotary positions in addition to above include: Club President, Club Board Member, Club Service Project Chair, Assistant Governor, District Trainer, District Awards Chair, District Outbound Scholarship Chair, District Grants Chair, and GSE Team Leader to Sweden.

Joe has been awarded the Club Rotarian of the Year and the Club's highest honor - the Sower Award. He has been awarded the District's highest honor - The Cadwallader Award. Also at the District Level he has been honored with the Outstanding Leadership and Outstanding District Chair. He has also been honored with The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service.

#### Non-Rotary service activities

Joe is very active in his church, including serving as Treasurer. He was a major force behind a Capital Campaign to build a new church. Through his company and personally, he is generous with his support of local non-profit organizations. When a local company closed, leaving employees needing to make decisions about what to do for Health Insurance (COBRA was not available to them), Joe offered his services at no charge through a fellow Rotarian to help review their needs to make the transition to unemployment a little less difficult.

#### Describe how this candidate embodies Service Above Self

Joe is always finding ways to promote Rotary and TRF. He has provided personal funds to the Rotary Foundation to help members attain the level of Paul Harris Fellow and to generate points to use to match contributions to others. At a recent District Conference, Joe donated \$1,000 for a Paul Harris Fellow given during the conference. There isn't anyone else in the District who has made this type of commitment - yet! But, many respect Joe and will likely follow his lead!

Joe took over the position of District Foundation Chair in the middle of transition to Future Vision. He got a team in place, worked through pending items, and got the District back in good standing with TRF. He conducted successful Grant Management Seminars and we had a record amount of Grant requests from Clubs in the District the first year.

Lincoln South Rotary club is 35 years old, at high had 54 members. All time TRF giving \$310,000, 40% of Club members use TRF Direct. Over the past 23 years (unsure of accuracy prior) \$205.48 per capita (\$318 high). There have been 131 Paul Harris Fellows named through Lincoln South Rotary. At any time about 80% of the members are Paul Harris Fellows. Additional Paul Harris Fellows honor non-Rotarians that support the Ideals of Rotary. presented at the District Conference. This serves to honor a deserving recipient, but also encourages other clubs to consider making contributions to TRF in the name of a deserving member of their community.