Rotary District 5450

CLUB SPONSORED AWARDS – chosen from nominations submitted by clubs in the district to the sponsoring Rotary Club. Contact the sponsor Rotary Club with any questions. **Applications must be received by the club sponsor by August 1 and cover the previous Rotary year of July 1 through June 30.** *Awards will be given to each winner during a club meeting.*

1. **Alana James Diversity Award: Denver LoDo -** Significantly reducing intolerance of Racial, Ethnic, Religious, Gender and Sexual Diversity within their club or community.
2. **Ed Bemis Award (Club Communications): Littleton Rotary Club -** Best Club Communications
3. **George K. Davis Water Project Award: Lakewood Foothills -** Recognition of a club in District 5450 for the best ***completed*** water project.
4. **Jim Brook Tireless Rotarian Award: Summit County Rotary -** Honors and celebrates a Rotarian who has dedicated their time and talents for many years at the club and District level and exemplifies the ideal of Service Above Self in all ways.
5. **Kevin Farrell Leadership Award: Denver Southeast Rotary -** Honors a Rotarian in District 5450 who demonstrates a sustained commitment to the nurturing of leadership development in both youth and adults
6. **Literacy Award: Englewood -** Recognizing extraordinary efforts to advance literacy in our communities or around the world.
7. **Mary Kay Hasz Membership Award: Highlands Ranch Rotary Club -** this award seeks to honor a Rotarian who has significantly improved membership and growth by demonstrating leadership, a positive role model and commitment.
8. **Outstanding Active Senior Award: Boulder Rotary Club -** this award seeks to honor an active senior Rotarian (based upon classification formerly known as "Senior Active") who exhibits an energetic level of participation in his/her community.
9. **Ray Jenkins Award: Denver Rotary Club -** To honor the club with the highest per capita contribution to The Rotary Foundation for the current year through the end of April.
10. **Russell Gleason New Project Award (formerly the Scott Metcalf New Project Award): Lakewood Foothills Rotary Club** - The outstanding newly initiated club project for the year.
11. **World Community Service Award: Denver Mile High Rotary Club -** Recognizing a club which has made a contribution to "World Understanding and Peace" through an international project.
12. **Youth Service Award: Smoky Hill Rotary Club -** Recognition of a club in District 5450 for completing the most deserving project that benefits children.

Award applications can be found on the District Web site: www.rotary5450.org | News & PR Tab

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1. **Best Club Growth Award** - The club with the largest percentage of growth from July 1 and last day of April, as automatically computed by the District 5450 office.
2. **Family of Rotary Award -** The club that has a Family of Rotary Chair and has best used some of the suggested activities of the Family of Rotary emphasis in scheduling the club's activities for the year.
3. **Hayes Family Mental Health Award** - Recognition of a Club for a **new** project addressing depression, anxiety and/or addiction.
4. **Ron Prascher Interact Service Award -** Outstanding Interact Club
5. **Preserve Planet Earth Award -** Recognition of the Rotary club that has made a new, significant contribution to sustaining our environment through community projects that raise awareness while conserving resources around the world.
6. **Public Relations Award -** District 5450 Club that has generated increased awareness and understanding of Rotary through outstanding media coverage or public relations efforts.
7. **Vocational Service Award -** The club which has done the most to stimulate Vocational Service in its community.
8. **Volunteer in Community Service Award** - Recognition of service to Rotary by a **non-Rotarian.**

DISTRICT GOVERNOR DISCRETIONARY AWARDS are selected by the District Governor. **Applications must be received by August 1 and cover the previous Rotary year of July 1 through June 30.** Email nominations per any individual instructions found on the application and copy 2026-2027 District Governor Cindy Chase at rotary@cindychase.net and also copy office@rotary5450.org

1. **Rotarian of the Year Award** - Outstanding Rotarian during the year determined by the District Governor.
2. **Paul Harris Award of Excellence** - The club that best meets the goals of the current Rotary International President and the District Governor.
3. **District Service Award for Excellence** - Recognition of service excellence to the District.
4. **Four Way Test Award** - Recognition of a Rotarian for outstanding exemplification of the principles of the Four Way Test.
5. **Membership Development Initiatives Award -** acknowledge clubs who have developed and implemented creative strategies to positively impact membership in their District.
6. **Governor's Discretionary Award** – special recognition of service to Rotary.
7. **Distinguished Service Award** – recognition of service excellence to Rotary.

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