

In 2004-2005, the Governor's Bell Award was created by PDG Steve Lemmon. The Bell was purchased as part of Rotary International's Centennial Celebration, and was mounted on the storage box, which was designed and built by Roy Fleshman, husband to Rotarian Donna Fleshman.

That year and each year after, the Governor's Bell has been awarded by the District Governor to the Top Club in District 5180. The original idea was to give it to the Club who did the most, earned the most awards, and did a job that exemplifies the true meaning of Rotary during the year. Each year, the District Governor has had their own criteria as to how it would be awarded but following the same principle.

The Club earning the Governor's Bell keeps the bell for one year and then it is passed onto a new Club who has earned it the following year.

Here is the history of the Club recipients:

2004-2005	DG Steven Lemmon	Rotary Club of West Sacramento
2005-2006	DG Dave Harris	Rotary Club of Orangevale
2006-2007	DG Dee Fairbanks	Rotary Club of North Sacramento
2007-2008	DG Clarence Parkins	Rotary Club of Folsom
2008-2009	Brian Moore	Rotary Club of Natomas
2009-2010	Barry Kalar	Rotary Club of Roseville
2010-2011	JoAnn Lemmon	Rotary Club of Roseville
2011-2012	Jack Taylor	Rotary Club of Roseville
2012-2013	Bob Deering	Rotary Club of Fair Oaks
2013-2014	William Short	Rotary Club of Laguna Sunrise
2014-2015	Fred Teichert	Rotary Club of Fair Oaks
2015-2016	Glenn Fong	Rotary Club of Pocket Greenhaven
2016-2017	Barbara Tracy	Rotary Club of Point West
2017-2018	Sandra Sava	Rotary Club of East Sacramento
2018-2019	Jack Arney	(2) Rotary Clubs of Oroville & Gridley
2019-2020	Ray Ward	Rotary Club of North Sacramento
2020-2021	Brent Hastey	Rotary Club of Fair Oaks
2021-2022	Desiree Wilson	Rotary Club of Lincoln
2022-2023	Karen Cendro	Rotary Club of South Sacramento
2023-2024	Sidney Smith	Rotary Club of Laguna Sunrise
2024-2025	Steve Turner	Rotary Club of Folsom Lake

2025-2026	Megan Ellinghouse	Rotary Club of Sacramento

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