

In 1982 the District established an award to Past District Governor F.S. “Matty” Mathewson as the Rotarian of the Year. The reverence for “Matty” and the desire to honor other Rotarians inspired the District to continue the award on an annual basis.

Past recipients:

1981-82 F.S. “Matty” Mathewson. Plainfield
1982-83 Reverend Edward C. Dunbar Flemington
1983-84 Paul R. Chesebro. Princeton
1984-85 David C. Ringle. Fanwood-ScotchPlains
1985-86 Joseph E. Bennett. Asbury Park
1986-87 John P. Gale. Plainfield
1987-88 James Coventry. Westfield
1988-89 Volkert Veeder. Toms River
1989-90 J. Melville McDonnell. Roselle-Roselle Park
1990-91 Nicholas Carnevale. Princeton
1991-92 Ralph Winter Woodbridge
1992-93 J. Patrick Growney. Hillside
1993-94 Robert T. Kee. Matawan
1994-95 Victor D’Addario, Jr.. Linden
1995-96 William Mealia Elizabeth
1996-97 William E. “Ed” Griffin. Princeton
1997-98 Steve Goodman. Somerville
1998-99 Edward Robinson. Hightstown-S. Brunswick
1999-2000 Donald “Bob” Maxwell. Westfield
2000-01 Fred Chemidlin. Fanwood-ScotchPlains
2001-02 David Breidinger. Trenton
2002-03 Isabel Pizzolato Union
2003-04 Bob Barrett. Robbinsville-Hamilton Twp Sunrise
2004-05 Don Matthews. Montgomery-Rocky Hill
2005-06 Joe Scandariato, Sr. Hamilton Township
2006-07 Harrie Copeland. Flemington
2007-08 Brian Fischer Clinton Sunrise
2008-09 Marcia Bossart. Princeton

2009-10 Gregory S. Blair. Robbinsville-Hamilton Twp Sunrise
2010-11 Len Nemeroff.Hamilton Township
2011-12 Gerald L. HarrisBerkeley Heights
2012-13 Dr. Michael Toscani Lambertville, NJ-New Hope, PA
2013-14 Maria VargaHamilton Township
2014-15 Michael Townley Plainfield-North Plainfield
2015-16 John Lutz Hamilton
2016-17 Janis GroverLamberville, NJ-New Hope, PA
2017-18 David Navazio Trenton
2018-19 Transition to District 7475 No Award Made
2019-20 Ellsworth HavensMadison
2020-21 To Be Announced F.S. “MATTY” MATTHEWSON
ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR