

# ROTARY CLUB OF LAKE WYLIE ANNUAL AWARDS GUIDELINES/CRITERIA

## AWARDS COMMITTEE SELECTION

The first year a committee of three members consisting of the President, President-Elect, and President-Nominee. The President will be the Chairperson the first year. The original committee selected a chairperson and designated terms of 3 years (President-Nominee), 2 years (President-Elect) ,1 year (President) to be served by committee members. In future years the current year recipient of the Rotarian of the Year Award will replace the committee member whose term has expired. This new member will be appointed for three-year terms. The committee member whose term is expiring in the current year will serve as chairman of the committee. In the event of a vacancy on the committee, the last member who has rotated off of the committee and is willing and able to serve will return to fill the vacancy for that year.

## ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

1. **PURPOSE:** To select an individual who is a member of the Rotary Club of Lake Wylie who has demonstrated outstanding service in the following areas:
  - a. Is a loyal, dedicated Rotarian, demonstrated by his/her level of attendance and participation. The acceptance of responsible positions in the Club and/or District functions. The performance of these duties should exceed normal expectations.
  - b. Lives a life that exemplifies fellowship and ideals of Rotary as interpreted in the Rotary motto: "Service Above Self"
  - c. Supports The Rotary Foundation and the Lake Wylie Rotary Club Foundation.
  - d. Sponsored a new member in any Rotary Club
  - e. Strives to live the 4-Way Test in his/her personal and professional life. In the Rotary clubs, community, international and vocational service activities and encourages and fosters the ideal of service as set forth in the "Object of Rotary"
  - f. Has exhibited outstanding achievements for the Club during the past year

2. **ELIGIBILITY:** A member of the Rotary Club of Lake Wylie. The current President is not eligible for selection, nor are members of the selection committee. Once a member has been selected for the award, they will not be eligible to receive the award a second time.

3. **NOMINATIONS:** Nominations can be made from the membership of the club. Club members will notify the committee of nominations and provide the committee with **detailed and specific written justification** for the nomination. There is no required length for the written justification; however, it should be of sufficient length to explain why someone is deserving of the award when compared with the written narratives of other nominees. The committee can also make nominations and they will investigate

the candidates and make their selection based on the criteria identified in paragraph one. This should be a confidential nomination. Please do your part to keep it that way.

4. **RECOGNITION:** The member receiving the Rotarian of the Year will receive an engraved plaque. Every effort will be made to make the recipient a Paul Harris Fellow (if not already) through the use of Foundation Recognition Points. This may or may not be possible in the first few years of the Award.

### **UNSUNG HERO OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The recipient of the Unsung Hero of the Year Award should truly take Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self" and incorporate it into their everyday lives. The criteria for selection are that they (1) be unpaid volunteers; (2) have given many hours to their respective organization; (3) have made positive contributions; (4) might be, but are not necessarily, in leadership positions; (5) are NOT generally known to the community at large; and (6) are NOT Rotarians. Recognition will be in the form of an engraved plaque. Nominations must be submitted to the committee by a Rotarian and should contain a **detailed and specific written narrative** as to why the individual is deserving of the award. There is no required length for the written justification; however, it should be of sufficient length to explain why someone is deserving of the award when compared with the written narratives of other nominees.