



Rotary Club of Hinsdale

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HINSDALE ROTARY REAPS HONORS AT DISTRICT CONFERENCE

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The Rotary Club of Hinsdale added several awards to its blue and gold banners following the District 6450 Annual Conference in Sheboygan, Wisconsin May 12-15. Awards went to the club and to an individual. They included:

- The Club Builder Award, which recognizes an increase of members, increase in amounts of money raised at various events, a large number of events during the last Rotary year, and being judged as a well-run club overall;
- First Place Award for a Community Event for the Rotary Run Charity Classic, which raised funds for local charities;
- Third Place Award for Public Relations with praise for consistent press releases to the community; and
- Club Member Roger Herring earned the Membership Leadership Award for serving as chairman of the District 6450 Membership Committee.

The Rotary Club of Hinsdale is one of 63 clubs in District 6450. An annual district conference is held in each of Rotary's 530 districts around the world.

"As current president of Hinsdale Rotary Club, I am as surprised as I am pleased that we have won these awards," said Rotary Club of Hinsdale President Michael Sedlak. "With our 55 members focused on *Service Above Self* (the motto of Rotary), you get so immersed in positive activities, that you forget how special your efforts really are. Our Rotary district has 63 clubs, including the first Rotary Club established more than 100 years ago. Rotary has about 33,000 clubs internationally, all deserving of awards. It is truly inspiring to be recognized among this world-class group of peers."

Members of the Rotary Club of Hinsdale who attended the conference included Immediate Past President Jerry Cierniak, Vice President Richard Barton, Treasurer Chuck Snyder, Board Members Caryl Anderson, Roger Herring and Carolyn Snyder, and new member Cheri Vana.

Roger Herring acknowledged his 28-member committee, which included Hinsdale Rotarian Cheri Vana, as an important part of his award. The committee set a goal of attracting 100 new members to the clubs throughout the district, and they believe they will meet the goal by June 30. District Governor Robb Kneupfer established membership as one of his primary goals for the 2010-11 Rotary year, Herring added.

“Members are the building blocks and the base of our clubs. Sustaining and continuing a membership base allows clubs to develop a core,” Roger Herring said. “A sustaining and continuing membership base allows strong friendships and fellowships to develop within a club. Membership development and retention is an ongoing process for successful clubs.”

Conference programs included a summary of accomplishments over the past year, promotion of the upcoming events and projects, farewell speeches of the current officers, and introduction of the incoming officers.

“There also is fine food and nurturing of the Rotary spirit,” reported Jerry Cierniak.

The Rotary Club of Hinsdale meets weekly at 12:15 p.m. at The Community House in Hinsdale. Founded in 1959, the club consists of men and women of diverse backgrounds whose commitment to service ranges from support of local youth programs to assistance for the poor and sick across the globe. For more information on membership, programs or fundraising, visit www.hinsdalerotary.org.

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