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Rotary seeks nominations for Leaders in Service awards

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The Wilmington Rotary Club is seeking nominations for its fourth annual Leaders in Service awards, which will honor top leaders in three categories of local enterprise: business, non-profit and government. The three honorees will be recognized at a banquet on May 13, 2025.

The awards program and banquet are a fund-raiser for the club, which since 1915 has been undertaking projects to improve our community, the nation, and the world. Corporate sponsorships and individual ticket sales will benefit the Rotary Club's local, non-profit charitable arm, the RCDW Foundation. This year, the foundation will disburse \$70,000 or more in grants to non-profit organizations and in support for the club's own projects, primarily focused on basic education and literacy.

The club is asking for nominations from the public. Nominees should be leaders of organizations that have contributed to improving our community. Specifically, those proposed for the Leaders in Service award should 1) hold a responsible leadership position in their organization, or its local branch; 2) have made outstanding contributions to the community in one or more of Rotary's seven Areas of Focus; 3) have led a life and managed their organization in accordance with the Rotary Four-Way Test; 4) have demonstrated a commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion; and 5) have demonstrated leadership skills in personnel development and done collaborative work with others in the community.

More details and a nomination form can be found online at www.leadersinservice.org. Nominations are open until Jan. 17, 2025.

The Wilmington Rotary Club's RCDW Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable institution. That means sponsorships will be largely tax-deductible for donors. In return for their support, sponsors will be recognized at the awards banquet and in public media advertising and will receive multiple tickets to the May 13, 2025 awards banquet.

Details about the sponsorship levels and benefits are available at www.leadersinservice.org.

Funds raised through the Leaders in Service awards will be allocated during the 2025-26 Rotary year, which begins July 1, 2025. Recent projects the club's foundation has supported include long-term support for education and literacy in New Hanover County schools that serve high-poverty student bodies; nutrition assistance and a dental clinic for the families of low-income public school students; cash awards each year for five outstanding rookie teachers; research to combat Alzheimer's disease; training assistance dogs for people with disabilities; construction of a Habitat for Humanity house; and international health, water supply, and economic development projects in Honduras, Moldova, Ukraine, Sierra Leone, and Guyana.

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