

Conference on the Cape



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RI Representative Sonny Brown



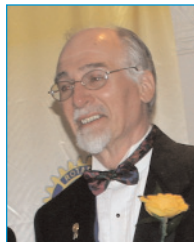
In his keynote address to Saturday night's Gala and District Awards Presentation, former RI VP Sonny Brown said that when you have a need to serve, there's no better place to do it than Rotary. He noted how our organization transcends borders, cultures and religions. And he challenged us to both dream and make those dreams reality through the strength of our actions. Having related to the story of King Arthur, he left us with the thought, "What kind of Camelot will you build?" It was a pleasure having Sonny and Ann's knowledge and cheerful friendship with us at this conference.

Major Awards Presented

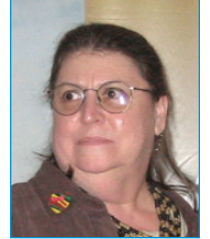
The highest Rotary and District honors were presented Saturday night to the following outstanding Rotarians and clubs:

Charles W. Pettingill Award to the **Fairfield Rotary Club** for building an outstanding record of service in a combination of Rotary's Four Avenues of Service during the three preceding Rotary years. President Terry Medlin accepted the award.

Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award to **Henry Scopp** of Devon. The highest honor bestowed by the Foundation, it recognizes those who actions greatly contribute to a better life for the less fortunate. **The Service Above Self Award** to



Lynda Hammond of Hamden. The highest non-Foundation award for a Rotarian, only 150 are given each year in the 529 Rotary worldwide districts. The award honors those who are the true embodiment of Rotary with demonstrated contribution over years.



Donald A. Adams Award to **Vince Ganci** of the Tribury Club. Awarded to non-Past District Governors, it recognizes outstanding all-around contribution to the Four Avenues of Service.

Abraham I. Gordon Achievement Award to **David Wolfe** of Monroe. It is bestowed upon Rotarians who have made a significant impact on members of their community or, in particular, the international community. David's strong leadership of our youth exchange program has significantly contributed to world understanding and peace.



Assistant Governors Cup to **Brian Amey** of Newtown, ADG of Area 3. For distinguished service in this most important district responsibility.

Gala Scrapbook



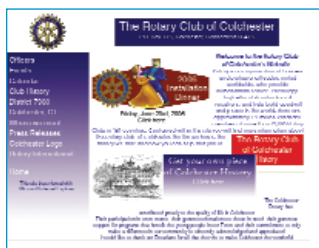
Saturday Plenary Session Outstanding Project Awards

The Saturday Plenary was the place to get great ideas. A dozen successful projects in all Avenues of Service were presented as models for other clubs to follow. Several awards were also presented:

Bob Runde presented the **Outstanding Community Service Project Award to Derby-Shelton Rotary** for their partnership with the city to produce Shelton Day each October. This all-day event was attended by over 20,000 families last year, enjoying 150 vendors, 8 bands, 2 stages, ethnic foods and carnival rides. Through the event, the Club raised over \$19,000 for local scholarships and financial assistance.

Ed Davies presented the **Outstanding Club Service Project Award to Rotary Club of Mystic** for their concerted public relations effort that placed significant regular stories about Rotary activities throughout the year.

Ed also presented two communications awards. **Outstanding Public Image – Website** went to **Rotary Club of Colchester** and Webmaster Fred Brown.



Outstanding Public Image – Written went to *The Spoke*, the weekly newsletter of the **Rotary Club of Danbury** and editors Ralph Welsh and Randy Lindel.



Michael Musco presented the **Outstanding Vocational Service Project Award to Guilford Rotary Club** for the comprehensive program of their Guilford High School Interact Club. Strong fundraising enabled GHS Interact to contribute to 6 Haitian Health Foundation projects last year, prepare food for homeless shelters, conduct a holiday food drive and run a “senior prom” at their Community Center.

Lynda Hammond presented the **Outstanding International Service Project Award to Rotary Club of Hamden** and Cathy Forsberg for their Bio-Sand Water Filter Project in India. Cathy and husband Mike Lipman set up a small workshop in southern India to produce inexpensive (\$25 each), low maintenance filters that can produce enough clean water for drinking and cooking for 15 people per day. The workshop now has 12 employees producing 50 filters per week and was supported locally in India by Rotary District 3190.



Joining Cathy and Lynda for the presentation was Jyotsna Harchandani, one of this year’s Rotary exchange students to our district from India.

Rotary Youth Exchange



Also at Saturday’s Plenary, Dave Wolfe presented nine of our 10 incoming exchange high school students for the year. A most impressive group of young world citizens.

Behind the Scenes



It takes dozens of people to produce a successful conference. Indefatigable Conference Chair Ernie Luise, Registrar Michele Gustine and technology guru Terry Medlin are just a few of those deserving our thanks.

Avenue of Service Awards Saturday Night

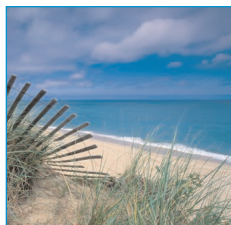
Outstanding Club Service went to the **Rotary Club of Milford** for an outstanding calendar of membership and fellowship events, attendance, meeting and recognition programs, organization support and excellent public relations and publicity.

Outstanding International Service went to the **Rotary Club of Hamden** for medical, humanitarian and literacy projects in 10 countries. The Hamden Club now has twin club relationships with seven Rotary clubs in six countries.

Outstanding Community Service also went to the **Rotary Club of Milford** for a rich program funded by five fundraisers that netted over \$90,000 last year. Projects include programs for seniors, videotaping people and places for local history, four literacy programs, several public safety and health programs as well as contributions to community services.

Outstanding Vocational Service to the **Rotary Club of West Haven** for 14 vocational programs including a computer refurbishing program for local child care centers and schools (over 100 computers donated to date) and a new project to increase world awareness among pre-schoolers.

Outstanding Foundation Service went to the **Rotary Club of Milford**. Their projected average per-member giving to the Foundation is \$130 this year, with 28 first-time Sustaining Members and 56 repeat Sustaining Members. Congratulations for an organized and concerted effort in this most important area.



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