

The *Non-Rotarian Community Service* award recognizes an individual (not an organization or group) in this community who, although not a Rotarian, has contributed significantly to improving the quality of life in his or her community, whether state, country or world. The nominee should display a broad range of community support.

The award is presented at the will of the club. It is not automatically presented every year.

There is no limitation on the number of awards presented in any given year.

An individual may be recognized for the award multiple times.

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The *Service Above Self* award recognizes Rotarians who demonstrate Rotary's motto by volunteering their time and talents to help others. This award is intended to recognize especially those who actively help others through Rotary.

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The *John Mitchell Rookie of the Year* award is named after a very special individual – a past President of our club, loved and remembered for his own service to our community. John Mitchell, who passed away in 1999, was a retired bank CEO and Vice Chairman. He was a former president of the Mississippi Banker's Association, Starkville Chamber, the United Way and the Economic Development Authority. He was also a World War Two Marine Corp Veteran. I think everyone here would agree that the greatest generation is the very definition of service above self.

We are fortunate that Service Above Self is not limited to any one generation, and we have new members in this club who are ready, willing, and able to accept the request to help, and often quickly take on leadership roles within the club.

The award is given to a member who has less than five years of service with the Starkville Rotary Club. Each year, we celebrate one of these newer members who has demonstrated the true heart of a Rotarian in a relatively short time.

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*Rotarian of the Year* is awarded annually to one Rotarian who has given exemplary service to the club and community in the current program year.

An individual may be recognized only once.

If a current officer is nominated, he or she should be nominated for service beyond the responsibilities of the office.

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The *Distinguished Service* award is the Starkville Rotary Club's highest service recognition and is given to Rotarians who have rendered exceptional service to the Club and the community for an extended period of time. The award is presented at the will of the Club.