

PAST CADWALLADER RECIPIENTS

Rotary District 5650 · Since 1963

ABOUT THE AWARD

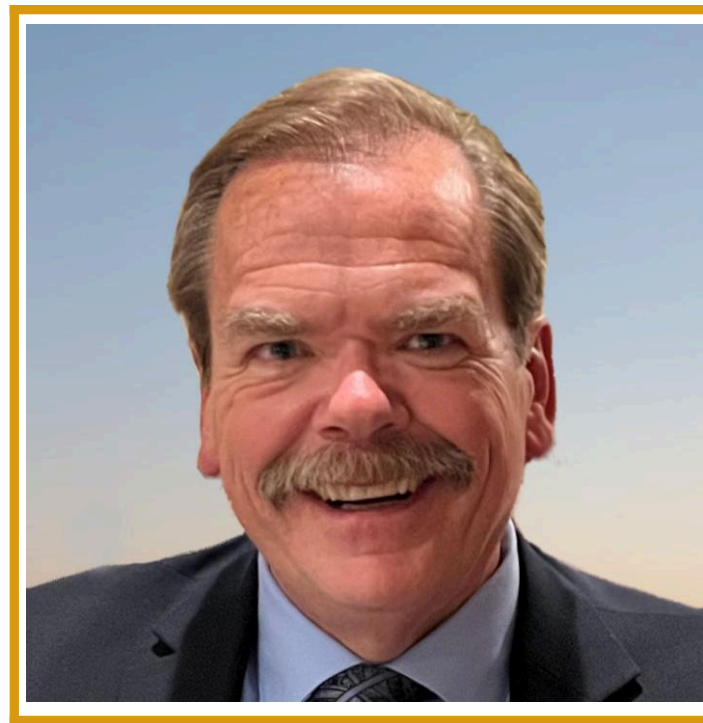
The Cadwallader Award is District 5650's highest honor. First presented in 1963, it is given in memory of Charles N. Cadwallader, a Lincoln Rotarian who served as President of the Rotary Club of Lincoln, District Governor, and Director of Rotary International, and who sponsored eleven clubs in this District. The award recognizes Rotarians whose contributions to Rotary service have been truly monumental.

1963 Elijah Leavitt · York	1994 Rudolph E. Tomek · Humboldt
1964 William W. Cook, Sr. · Beatrice	1995 David C. Livingston · Lincoln #14
1966 Al V. Sorensen · Omaha	1996 William R. Mann · Nebraska City
1967 Paul W. Hyland · Lincoln Northeast	1997 Robert L. Carlisle · Norfolk
1968 Ervin J. Schneider · Auburn	1998 Dr. Ann Coyne · Omaha Suburban
1969 Dr. Ben H. Greenburg · York	1999 Roger R. Ludemann · Lincoln #14
1969 Dr. Donald J. Bucholz · Omaha West	2000 William E. Ramsey · Omaha
1970 Robert L. Voss · Fremont	2001 Dr. George Lytton · Lincoln South
1971 Bernard J. Klasek · Wilber	2002 Dan Rose · Wayne
1972 Ken Wortman · Aurora	2003 Lyle Sapp · Omaha Suburban
1973 J.D. Anderson · Omaha	2004 Mary Linn Sonnemaker · Bellevue
1974 Elmer E. Magee · Lincoln #14	2005 Nicolette S. "Nicki" Klein · Lincoln South
1975 E.J. "Pat" Keim · Fremont	2006 William Schmeeckle · Lincoln #14
1976 Vernon E. Fisher · Shenandoah	2007 J. Robert Perrin · Omaha Suburban
1977 Eugene J. Ely · Auburn	2008 Joseph K. Roberts · Lincoln South
1978 Hugh L. Tinley · Omaha	2009 Joanne Peters · Omaha Suburban
1979 James M. Paxton · Omaha West	2010 Robert Knox · Council Bluffs
1980 David A. Lemen · Council Bluffs	2011 Harry Reyburn · Omaha Suburban
1981 Everett R. Jones · Beatrice	2012 Ozzie Gilbertson · Lincoln East
1982 Earl T. Luff · Lincoln #14	2013 Roxy Orr · Omaha Suburban
1983 John Paustian · Lincoln Northeast	2014 Dr. Thomas Cardwell · Lincoln South
1984 Dr. Sol Kutler · Omaha Suburban	2015 Dr. Charles Erickson · Lincoln East
1984 Walter E. Truex · Norfolk	2016 Dorothy Zimmerman · Beatrice
1985 I. Joseph Pernicone · Omaha	2017 Curt Peters · Omaha Suburban
1986 Erwin H. Goldenstein · Lincoln #14	2018 Dr. John Herdman · Lincoln South
1987 Dr. Clarence Zimmer · Friend	2019 Gretchen Bren · Omaha Downtown
1988 H.W. "Bud" Henricksen · Fremont	2020 Clay Ehlers · Lincoln South
1989 Kermit R. Hansen · Omaha Suburban	2021 Jon and Bonnie Kruse · Seward
1989 Wayne O. Tanderup · Seward	2022 Robert Rapp · Omaha Morning
1990 Larry McNichols · Omaha Suburban	2023 Rob Simmon · Glenwood
1991 Thomas E. Gouttierre · Omaha	2024 Dr. Klaus Hartmann · Lincoln #14
1992 Dr. Donald W. Miller · Lincoln #14	2025 Blake & Kathy Collingsworth · Lincoln Giving Spirits
1993 Paul F. Foster · Shenandoah	2026 Dr. Robert Rauner · Lincoln #14

SERVICE ABOVE SELF



CELEBRATING SERVICE ABOVE SELF



2027 CADWALLADER AWARD

*District 5650's Highest Honor
Presented To*

BILL HARVEY

The Rotary Club of Omaha | Rotarian Since 1997

DISTRICT 5650 CONFERENCE BANQUET

Saturday, October 24, 2026
Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum
Ashland, Nebraska

Bill Harvey

2027 Cadwallader Award Recipient · The Rotary Club of Omaha

A ROTARIAN WHO SHOWS UP

For nearly three decades, Bill Harvey has lived Rotary's ideal of Service Above Self. His influence reaches from weekly meetings of The Rotary Club of Omaha to District 5650, regional Foundation leadership, and the international Rotary stage. What distinguishes him is not simply the offices he has held, but his continued willingness to volunteer wherever he is needed. Bill shows up for the important decisions and for the everyday work that makes service possible.

ABOUT BILL

A native Omahan, Bill graduated from Central High School, earned his BSBA from the University of Nebraska at Omaha, and received his JD from Creighton University School of Law, where he met his wife, future Rotarian Gretchen Heizer Harvey. After clerking for the Nebraska Supreme Court, he built a law practice in government regulation, corporate governance, and commercial transactions, and he is licensed to practice in both Nebraska and Colorado. For 33 years he has served the companies now known as EHPV Management Group, as a Managing Partner and as General Counsel for EHPV and Big Red Keno. Bill and Gretchen share a remarkable Rotary legacy: both have served as President of The Rotary Club of Omaha, Bill in 2017 to 2018 and Gretchen in 2025 to 2026.

ROTARY LEADERSHIP

A Rotarian since April 1997, Bill has served as Club President (2017 to 2018), Club Secretary, a director, Club Rotary Foundation Chair, and a dedicated committee leader. As District 5650 Rotary Foundation Chair (2019 to 2022), he helped sustain Foundation giving and project momentum during the pandemic. He went on to serve as Endowment and Major Gift Advisor for Rotary Region 36, Zones 25B and 29 (2022 to 2025), and as Corporate Secretary of the Zones 25 and 29 Foundation over the same period. A graduate of the Rotary Leadership Institute and a Past President of the Fellowship of Rotarian Genealogists, Bill regularly shares his expertise through District and multidistrict Foundation presentations. In June 2026, he moderated an international panel on The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund and the Paul Harris Society at the Rotary International Convention in Taipei.

FOUNDATION COMMITMENT & HONORS

The Rotary Foundation honored Bill with its Citation for Meritorious Service, a recognition reserved for Rotarians who show exceptional dedication to its mission. Bill and Gretchen have also made an extraordinary personal commitment to the Foundation. Together they are Level IV Major Donors, Level IV Bequest Society members, members of the Paul Harris Society and the PolioPlus Society, and Paul Harris Fellows +8. They also founded a family fund within The Rotary Foundation that supports Rotary projects both here at home and around the world. Their generosity complements Bill's years of work helping other Rotarians understand and support the Foundation's enduring humanitarian impact.

Five Avenues of Service

A lifetime of leadership and personal commitment

CLUB SERVICE

Bill's service began with The Rotary Club of Omaha in April 1997 and has never stopped. His years of leadership have given the Club institutional knowledge, sound judgment, and a steady advocate for The Rotary Foundation. Yet Bill is just as dependable behind the scenes. As a member of the Club AV Committee, he routinely helps with audiovisual equipment and presentations at weekly meetings. The same Rotarian who has served at the regional level is willing to solve a microphone problem so another member can be heard.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Bill has put his legal and business experience to work for Rotary and his community. An attorney licensed in Nebraska and Colorado and a former Nebraska Supreme Court clerk, he built a career in government regulation, corporate governance, and commercial transactions. As a Managing Partner and General Counsel of EHPV Management Group and Big Red Keno, he has, through 33 years of service, helped generate \$395 million for community betterment across Nebraska.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Bill's community commitment is measured not only in leadership positions, but in the time he personally gives. He consistently volunteers with The Rotary Club of Omaha to serve meals at the Stephen Center, helping people facing homelessness and hardship. He packages meals with Kids Against Hunger, rings the Salvation Army bell during the holidays, joins Rotary Christmas Tree Recycling, and helps place the 9/11 memorial flags at Memorial Park. He performs these practical acts of service year after year, often without fanfare, because he understands that every meal served and every hour volunteered matters.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Bill has helped connect District 5650 to Rotary's worldwide humanitarian mission. As Endowment and Major Gift Advisor for Rotary Region 36, he guided Rotarians building the Foundation's long term capacity and took part in regional efforts supporting its \$2.025 billion asset goal. A speaker at District and multidistrict events, he has attended multiple Zone Institutes and Rotary International Conventions. As Past President and a Board member of the Fellowship of Rotarian Genealogists, he connects Rotarians worldwide through virtual gatherings and a newsletter.

YOUTH SERVICE

Bill's commitment to young people is direct and personal. During his presidency he supported both inbound and outbound Rotary Youth Exchange students, and his involvement continued after his term ended. He personally welcomed an inbound student from Japan at the airport, helped with the welcome party, joined social activities, and helped the student feel at home in Omaha.

Bill Harvey shows up. For nearly thirty years, he has been a Rotary leader, strengthened The Rotary Foundation, welcomed young people, and personally carried out Rotary's mission of Service Above Self.