

AL WATSON MEMORIAL AWARD

Qualifying Requirements

In 2008 - 2009 District 6970 initiated the *Al Watson Memorial Award* to recognize a Rotarian who has demonstrated the values of Rotary and community over . . .

a significant period of time. The guidelines for the selection emphasizes that the individual should emulate the values and commitment demonstrated by Al Watson to Rotary, his community, and the creation of a better future.

Al was a long-time member of the **Keystone Heights Rotary Club** until his passing at the age of 94 years. Sixty-five of those years he was a Rotarian.

Al and his wife were successful in the grocery business largely due to a combination of hard work, common sense and an engaging personality. Al and his wife worked tirelessly and donated significantly with little or no fanfare to open the doors of opportunity to community youth through access to education, to improving the quality of care for others, and for his beloved Rotary Foundation.

Al's philosophy is best described by two of his quotes:

Wealth is like manure. You can leave it one big pile and it will smell, BUT you can spread it over the ground and beautiful flowers become the focus.

Advice to newly married after Al and Angie were married for 68 years: Marriage is like an Oreo, really doesn't matter what happens in the middle as long as love is on both sides.

Rotarians who have lived the same principles as Al Watson are eligible to be recognized with this award. Someone who works out of the spotlight . . . Someone who helps build community. . .Someone who does this work with joy, year after year.

Criteria: Award criteria, nominating guidance and other information for this award are being reviewed and refined by the District Awards Committee and Governor Corps during Summer 2019. Please check back for updates.