

**Congratulations
to all past and present awardees from
the Fairfield Rotary Club.**

Black Rock

Robert Medvey (2010)
Christina Chudwick (2011)

Bridgeport

Abraham I. Gordon (1987)
Louis C. Klein (1988)
John C. Stawarky (1992)
Michael J. Leone (1994)
Frank F. (Fritz) Ober (1997)
Sarah McCann (2000)
Leete P. Doty (2001)
Christopher A. Gallo (2003)
John Annick (2004)
Mark Fries (2005)
Jatin Mehta (2006)
John R. Cottrell (2007)
Philip J. Dwyer (2008)
Edward Davies (2009)
Stefanie Kuchma (2010)
Susan Chudwick (2011)
DeNoriss Crosby (2012)
Bridgeport Sunrise
Robert Vossler (2000)
Paul Verman (2001)
K. Maria Roy (2003)
Brian DeSanty (2004)
William X. Flynn (2005)
Susan S. Chroede (2006)
Dr. Charles Phillips (2007)
Linda Malkin (2008)
Christina Orlyn (2011)

Derby-Shelton

Al Patuzzi (2009)
Tom Nickse (2010)
Troy S. Adcox (2011)
Leo Vine (2012)

Devon

Gloria "Dodie" Ireland (2001)
Edward J. Mancini (2003)
Paul Lewis Otzel (2004)
Vincient Lambiase (2005)

Dr. Howard Sadinsky (2006)
Beat Zahner (2007)
James Secondi (2008)
Ann M. Brignola (2009)
Jeff Solomon (2010)
Henry Jadach (2011)
Samuel Alagno (2012)

Fairfield

William J. Josko (1990)
John L. Murray (1993)
Edward M. Gleawson (1995)
John M. (Mack) Leask II (1996)
Roy Cant (2001)
John Marshall Lee (2003)
Janet Barillari (2004)
John Beckman (2005)
Walter Dunn (2006)
Dr. William Kueffner (2007)
Bill Llewellyn (2008)
George Markley (2009)
James Michael Hughes (2010)
Norma Johnson Peterson (2011)
Kevin Lesko (2012)

Milford

Albert P. Ross (2003)
David Ullman (2005)
Rich Weir (2006)
Gary Belsford (2007)
Tracy O'Brien (2008)
Terry J. Munk (2009)
Paul Mangels (2010)
Linda Bouvier (2011)
Sam Bergami (2012)

Monroe

David Wolfe (1998)
Dennis Condon (2001)
Dr. Norman T. Michaud (2003)
Gerard A. Cloutier (2004)
Hank Banach (2005)
Phil Lindstrom (2006)
Dr. Rhonda Greifinger (2007)

Thomas Taylor (2008)
Robert Guere (2009)
Wayne Chmura (2010)
Merna Goett (2011)
Jesse Trevino (2012)

Orange

Trish Peterson (2008)
Donald Lewis (2009)
Glenn Pearson (2010)
Baxter Walsh (2011)
Edward Martin (2012)

Stratford

Richard Brew (1989)
F. Paul Kurmay (1993)
Frank DeLuca (2001)
David W. Killeen (2003)
Patricia Patusky (2004)
Constantine Chargaras (2005)
Karen Bowless (2006)
Peter Russell (2007)
M. Lewis Chaplowe (2008)
Benjamin B. Branyan (2009)
Joseph Dolan (2010)
Anthony Nizzardo (2011)
Marty Burger (2012)

Trumbull

Ronald Lesko (1991)
James Lang (1999)
Leonard Germano (2001)
J. Preston Merritt (2003)
Joseph C. Ruospo (2004)
Michael Rappa (2005)
Dana Lonergan (2006)
John McBride (2007)
Michael Redgate (2008)
Philip Lane (2009)
Gregory Bivona (2010)
John Makar (2011)
Sue Horton (2012)

**26th Annual
Norman K. Parsells
Award Presentation
Program**



Why We're Here Today...

We are here to honor the memory and spirit of
Norm Parsells, a dedicated Rotarian
who served his community well.
Norm's dedicated service to the community demonstrated
Rotary's ideal of "service above self."

Although Fairfield was his "home" club, he
frequently visited and worked with other clubs where
many lasting friendships had been made.
It is, then, quite fitting that these clubs join to honor him
by issuing an annual Norman Parsells Award.

The Rotarian recipients of the Award have been
selected to be recognized as ones who personify
the spirit and dedication to community and
Rotary that Norm represented during his lifetime.

**Fairfield Rotary Club
Monday, December 9th, 2013
Gaelic-American Club
74 Beach Road - Fairfield, CT**

Norman King Parsells 1909 - 1986

Norman King Parsells was born in Stamford on March 14, 1909.

After graduating from the Stamford Public School system, he entered Yale University, earning a B.A. in 1929 and a J.D.L. in 1932.

While at Yale, he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Alpha Delta. He later became active in alumni activities, serving as Agent for Alumni Affairs of Yale law School.

Following graduation, he joined the prominent law firm of Marsh, Day and Calhoun, eventually becoming a senior partner. He was a member of the bar of the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut, a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, president of the Connecticut and Bridgeport Bar Associations and Fairfield Town Court Judge.

Shortly after the start of WWII, he enlisted in the United States Navy as a Lieutenant, receiving an honorable discharge in 1945.

A resident of Fairfield since 1938, Norm joined the Fairfield Rotary Club in 1948. He served as President in 1951-52, District Governor of 7980 in 1967-68 and later as District Chair of the Legislative Committee and as District parliamentarian.

Politically, he served three terms in the Connecticut House of Representatives and in 1955 was the Majority Leader. Locally he served for seven years as moderator of the Fairfield Representative Town Meeting.

Norm was also community minded, serving as President of the Greater Bridgeport/ Fairfield YMCA, as well as Director of the Audubon Society of Connecticut and the Bridgeport Museum of Art, Science and Industry.

In 1985 he was honored as the recipient of the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce Harold B. Harris Award, in recognition of his community service.

Norman King Parsells was a distinguished citizen and gave much of himself to his country, state, community and mankind. He truly epitomized one of the main tenets upon which Rotary International was founded, "Service above Self."

Rotary lost a wonderful champion when Norm passed away on June 19, 1986 at the age of seventy-seven.

Service Above Self



"Reach Within to Embrace Humanity"

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies Steve Elworthy
President, Fairfield Rotary Club

Welcome	Steve Elworthy
Song - 'America'	Led by Bob Price and the Fairfield Rotary Singers.
Invocation	Jim Hisey Past President, Fairfield Rotary
Pledge	Debbie Clancy President Elect, Fairfield Rotary
4 Way Test	George Markley Past President, Fairfield Rotary
Greetings	Rick Bassett District 7980 District Governor 2013-2014
Why We're Here: Remembering Norm Parsells	Abraham I Gordon Bridgeport Rotary Club Past RI Vice President
Presentation of Awards	Steve Elworthy and Deb Clancy President, Fairfield Rotary President-Elect and IPP



Norman Parsells Recipients 2013

Black Rock - Charles Priddle

Charlie was a member of the Rotary Club of Derby/Shelton for 22 years. During this time, he received the Excellence in Leadership



Award in 2000, was Sergeant at Arms from 2003-2004, Centennial President in 2005, a Paul Harris Fellow in 2006, and Vocational Service Co-Chair in 2007. He has been a member of the

Black Rock Rotary Club for the past 2 years, where he is the current acting Secretary. He has worked at the Kennedy Center in Trumbull for the last 3 years as a Corporate Training Specialist.

Bridgeport – George Shawah, Jr.

George Shawah, Jr. was introduced to Rotary through his father George Shawah, Sr. and joined in March 1987 after he graduated from Muhlenburg College in 1982.



He has been a consistent leader within the organization since his joining. He served as President in 2004-2005. George is a Paul Harris Fellow and Sustaining Member of the Foundation. He

currently serves as Sergeant-at-Arms and is a member of the Bridgeport Rotary Club Foundation. In past years, he chaired all the avenues of service, served on the Rotary Housing Board, and was a member of the Board of Directors. George is always to first to volunteer for club activities and is particularly active in the club's Fundraising Committee from reserving the location to the minutiae associated with the setup. As a dedicated winemaker, George and his wife Annette, sponsor winetasting events at their

home for club members as a fundraising activity for the club. When not at a Rotary event, George is president of Baldwin Pearson & Company, a family owned Commercial Real Estate Brokerage and appraisal firm.

Derby-Shelton –Anthony F. DellaMonica

Tony was a lifelong resident of Shelton. He was a barber for 57 years and owned Anthony's Family Hair Care Center for over 30 years before retiring.



Tony was an active member of the Derby-Shelton Rotary Club serving as its' President from 1983-1984 and as Secretary for 10 years.

He was an Area Rep for Rotary D-7980 and was responsible for the chartering of the Interact clubs at Derby High and Shelton High schools. He had perfect attendance for 30 years and was the recipient of the Paul Harris Fellow from the Rotary Foundation. He also was on the Board of Directors for the Boys & Girls Club of Lower Naugatuck Valley for over 25 years and was a member of the Shelton Planning & Zoning Commission from 1981 to 1986. Tony was a member of Shelton's Conser-vation Commission and was an avid hunter and fisherman. He was the Outdoor columnist for the "Suburban News" and a Board Member of the Shelton Businessmen's Association. He was a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association, the Seymour Fish and Game Club and former member of the Connecticut Wildlife Federation..

Unfortunately Tony passed away on Oct 17th and is missed greatly by his Rotary friends and community.

Devon – Mark Krom

Mark Krom was first introduced to the Devon Rotary Club in 1996. It was inevitable that he would make an excellent Rotarian as he



had exemplified the motto "Service Above Self" long before ever joining the Rotary Family. Within the Devon club itself, Mark has served as Sergeant-At-Arms, Chairman of the Amicares Home

Improvement Project, Chairman of the Liberty Rock Renovation (a lookout point that the colonists used to guard against British invasion during the Revolutionary War, located in Devon), and the Vials for Life program. As the owner of Harborview Electric he performed all the electrical work and its maintenance to the Devon Rotary Pavilion assembled in 2005.

In addition to his contributions to Rotary activities, Mark was the chair of the Milford Haunted House Project for 6 years, volunteers for the Red Cross, served on the board of Drug Free Milford, the Inland Wetlands Committee, the Milford Cemetery Association and volunteers for the Special Olympics.

Mark's dedication to our community is most demonstrated by his dedication to the Boy Scouts of America where he has been the Scoutmaster for Troop One Milford for 33 years. Every year he runs a Coat and Glove drive for the rescue mission in Bridgeport, the Thanks for Giving Food Drive, the Milford Point Clean Up and Christmas cards to the Troops. He has produced 78 Eagle Scouts as Scoutmaster and the Superstorm Sandy Relief Dinner that he ran became the model program for FEMA.

Mark is married to Denise Jenkins-Krom. They have 5 children Mark, Bart, Kelly, Jason and Seth and 7 grandchildren Tashya, Morgan, Olivia, Taylor, Braedon, Cooper and Jackson.

Fairfield – Peter A. Penczer

Peter Penczer grew up in Fairfield, attending the public schools, and graduated from West Point in 1958. He spent four years,



mostly in Germany, in the Army as an engineer. He graduated from Yale Law School in 1965. He began his own law firm in 1971 focusing on commercial real estate law. Real estate develop-

ment gradually became his primary activity, although he's of counsel to Green and Gross in Bridgeport. Peter was Honoree at Operation Hope's 2008 Gala for his contributions and at the Fairfield Theater Company's 2012 Gala for his contributions and 10 years of board service, which included three years as president. He's on the boards of the International Institute of Connecticut, (as President for two years), the Fairfield Museum and History Center, and the Science Park at Yale, in New Haven. Peter is Chairman of the Fairfield Economic Development Commission, and VP for International Service in our Fairfield Rotary Club. He's been married to his wife, Lynne, for 54 years, and enjoys their life together - in addition to other activities and hobbies.

Trumbull – Byron Campbell

Byron has been a community leader through his involvement in his church, charities, Trumbull Chamber of Commerce, Trumbull



Cable Advisory Board, Trumbull Rotary and Trumbull AYSO. Byron has served on many boards and logged hundreds of volunteer hours.

A Rotarian for just 4 years, Byron jumped right in serving along side his fellow Rotarians at many events. Byron currently co-chairs the communications board and is the webmaster for the club. Byron is the co-owner of Firelight Media Group in Trumbull CT. Byron has received many industry awards, including Tellys and Emmys.

Norman Parsells Recipients 2013 *(continued)*

A proud moment for Byron and his wife Kelly was receiving the Congregational Coalition on Adoption Institute's 2006 Angels in Adoption Award for their commitment and service to children seeking forever family. In his free time Byron enjoys family time, coaching his kids and golf. Byron and Kelly have 4 children Jonathan, Ryan, Monet and Faith.

Orange – Paul Grimmer

Paul Grimmer, a graduate from Pennsylvania State University's Class of 1987, is currently serving as the Executive Director of the



Orange Economic Development Corporation. Paul started his career with the City of Shelton, where he became Director of the Department of Community Development, a position held until 1998.

In 1998, he helped to establish The Oxford Economic Development Corporation, where he became the organization's first Executive Director. Then in 2001, his career finally led him to join the Orange Economic Development Corporation. Paul Grimmer is now the lead economic development agent for the Town of Orange.

Paul has been married to his wife Lisa for the past 23 years and has 3 children – Ryan, age 22; Kelsey, age 20; and Alyssa, age 16. He is very proud of his life as a Rotarian, volunteering to support the Orange Rotary's fund raising events such as the Annual Auction, Lobsterfest, and Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot.

In 2013, he received the Paul Harris Fellowship Award. Paul said, "While I have been an Orange Rotarian for the past 12 years, this past year has been the busiest, most hectic and most satisfying of all. I wish to thank all of my friends from Rotary for their support. I admire you all for your dedication to 'Service above Self' and I do everything I can to learn from your example."

Milford – Mitchell I. Quintner DMD

A true Milford native, Dr. Quintner was raised in Milford and has practiced here for over 30 years. Throughout his career he has



been an active community volunteer. Dr. Quintner is past president of the Milford Rotary Club where he has been a member for 21 years and was recognized by his club with the Rotary

International Service Award, Vocational Service Award and Humanitarian Service Above Self Award. He has also served on the United Way of Milford Board of directors and is an original member of the founders club receiving the Caring Community Award two years in a row. Dr. Quintner was a member of the Milford Chamber of Commerce receiving the Human Service Award and also serves on the Milford Board of Health.

For 25 years on or around Valentine's Day Dr. Quintner and his team have hosted "Doctors with a Heart Day" on this special day Dr. Quintner provides a free day of dental services for those in need in the community. He has also taken part in the Haitian Health Foundation traveling to remote villages in Haiti providing dental care for the poor and hosted a Haitian relief effort benefit dinner and raised over \$12,000. Dr. Quintner and his team participate in "Smiles for Milford" inviting patients and

members of the community to whiten their smile for a reduced price donating 100% of the proceeds to The United Way of Milford the past four years the office has raised over \$40,000.

Dr. Quintner spends his free time enjoying time with his children, grandson, wife and his 2 dogs.

Monroe – Bill Florin

Bill Florin is a five-year member of the Rotary Club of Monroe and has served as secretary, president-elect and now president for this Rotary year. In his time as a member,



he has chaired several successful events, including the club's community member recognition Service Above Self awards breakfast and twice for the club's pancake breakfast to

benefit Project Warmth, Monroe's heating assistance program. He has also written many of the news releases and coordinated publicity for the club's signature golf tournament and contributes to the club's social media efforts.

While not busy with Rotary Club service, Bill serves as a board member and volunteer trainer for TBICO: The Bridge to Independence and Career Opportunity, a Danbury-based non-profit that prepares the long-term unemployed with new and refreshed career work and search skills. He also does pro-bono writing work for non-profit organizations and runs free résumé and career search workshops in Trumbull, Newtown and Monroe.

Stratford – Diane Puterski

Diane Puterski, a Shelton native, joined Rotary in 2004, several months after starting her position as Director of Stratford Senior Services. She is a graduate of Southern CT



State University and the University of Bridgeport, with an MS in Education and Counseling. Most of her career has been devoted to working with older adults and their families. She also has

worked as a consultant for Yale University's School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry, and a Hospice homecare program, where she developed a pediatric bereavement program for children under the age of 16. She was an adjunct faculty member of Gateway Community College in the Human Services Department. Currently, Diane also works as an on-call chaplain at Griffin Hospital, where she facilitates several bereavement support groups.

Diane was club President in 2009, and has worked on several fundraising committees. For the past three years she has chaired Stratford's Main Street Festival. Diane, affectionately called the "Queen," personifies the spirit and dedication to her community and Rotary that Norm represented during his lifetime.

But she considers her greatest accomplishment - and joy - as being the proud mother of a beautiful daughter, Katherine. In her spare time, Diane enjoys needlework, reading and cooking, and caring for her one dog and four cats.

Congratulations to all!

Of the things we think, say or do . . .

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

THE
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TEST