

Tappahannock Rotary Club Receives Two Major Awards

The Tappahannock Rotary Club was more than pleasantly surprised at a recent Rotary District Banquet to be awarded two very special recognition awards for their community work during the 2012-2013 year. The awards banquet held at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg in June was attended by John Lewis, Club President 2012-2013, and his wife Hollie. John Lewis still recovering from the surprise said "I am still shocked we won best "Large Club" out of 55 clubs for Community Service and the Presidential Award (only two clubs got that). I was really proud to represent us." The District covers a region including Northern Virginia, west to Charlottesville, and south to West Point.

The first award, for their outstanding Community Service, included improved membership and recruiting; maintaining high attendance levels; hosting an exchange visit for a police team from Western Australia and leading an exchange team for a Virginia Rotary visit to Australia; leading a literacy international project in Kingston Jamaica; 100% member participation in the charitable Rotary Foundation; outstanding weekly programs, quarterly spouse night; public image; pork roast; croaker tournament; and many more activities too numerous to mention.

The Second award the Tappahannock Rotary Club received as one of the two clubs in the 55-club District was the "Presidential Citation." The Presidential Award was given for the Tappahannock club's support for Jacob's Ladder; the local Boy Scout troop The Haven Shelter; Tappahannock Regional Free Clinic's 5k, and support for their fund raising activities; college scholarships; citizen of the year award; operation In-As-Much; support to the Veteran's Day ceremony, Tappahannock Main Street Program, and Farmers' Market; Essex County Museum and Historical Society; Route 17 trash pickup; and Essex County Little League support. C. Norman Wood, Club President 2013-2014 was elated "Just wonderful to come onboard as President for a club recognized as #1 in Community Service and only one of two clubs {of 55} to get the Presidential Citation just doing great projects and fun things in the community. The awards are all due to John Lewis's outstanding leadership in the last 12 months!".

For more information about the Tappahannock Rotary Club, becoming a member, and Rotary's work in the community, visit www.tappahannockrotary.org – the club meets every week on Thursday at Roma's Ristorante at 6:00 p.m.

Caption: Displaying their Rotary District Awards: John Lewis – Past-President 2012-2013 - recipient of the Rotary District 7610 Presidential Award, Joe Johnston – Community Service Chair - receiving the District 7610 Community Service Award, Bill Croxton – Assistant District Governor – presiding over the awarding ceremony, C. Norman Wood - Club President 2013-2014, and John Gregory – President Elect 2014-2015.