

First Ever

H.C.S.C. Golden Rule Award for Community Service

Final Results!

We would like to recognize and thank these seven nominees for submitting their great volunteer efforts for our first ever Golden Rule Award for Community Service:

Donald L. Bartelmay, National Member, Aiken, S.C. - Sertoma International Inc

Jane Brown, Southeast RMG, Lavonia, GA - Northeast Georgia Council of Boy Scouts

John Caldwell, Southwest RMG, Plano, TX - North Texas Food Bank

Tim DeMuth, Ohio RMG, Gahanna, OH, - Red Cross Blood Drive, Columbus, Ohio

Don Grunewald, North Central RMG, Cambridge, WI - American Legion Post #67

Richard G. Shankle Indiana RMG, Auburn, IN - Auburn/Waterloo Trail Community Foundation

Ross Willour SoCal RMG, Palm Springs, CA – Columbian Retirement Home, Marysville, CA.

All the nominations were outstanding and our judges from our Board of Directors, Manny Fernandez, John Gresham, and Phil Shama, were challenged to select a winner!

And our national recipient is Donald L. Bartelmay and his volunteer work for Sertoma International Inc and their hearing charity and mission. Here is Donald's nomination story:.

I served on the Board of Directors of Sertoma International and have served as it's President. Sertoma is a 501 (c)3 International charity in the US, Canada and Mexico. The Mission of Sertoma is Hearing Health. I have been instrumental and have chaired Campus Walks for Hearing Health, I have been instrumental in having Inductive hearing systems put into major venues (for those with Telecoils in their hearing aids to be able to hear with clarity from anywhere within the venue.) Have worked with local, county and state government to have May declared Better Hearing and Speech Month in state of South Carolina. I am a hearing advocate working with state government to provide hearing aids to the 6000 children in our state whose families cannot afford them. I speak to groups about protecting your hearing (once gone it cannot be returned). Sertoma is (SERVICE TO MANKIND) and we do much service in our communities. I have had the pleasure of leading our 400+ clubs and the over 13,000 Sertomans. I have visited all over the US, Canada and Mexico and seen the great work done in their communities.

I have also served as President of Hearing Charities of America Inc, as well. We are 8 different hearing charities and companies working under that umbrella providing hearing aids for those that cannot afford them. Their help was instrumental in the writing of the bill to help children in South Carolina to get hearing aid help through our legislature, HCOA is a 501c(3) as well.

Donald, we are proud of your volunteer contributions to hearing health in South Carolina and nationally through Sertoma International Inc.! Congratulations!

Donald will have a check for \$150.00 donated in his name to Sertoma International Inc. Our other six nominees will have \$50.00 donated in their names to the charities that they volunteer for. A certificate of appreciation has been emailed to each nominee and a copy to their RMG President for recognition at an upcoming RMG event.

Our sincere thanks to our seven nominees and our three judges for their support of our first ever Golden Rule Award for Community Service!

We are happy to accept nominations for the second annual Golden Rule Award for Community Service for 2025 at any time. The 2025 deadline for nominations will be April 15, 2025.

If you wish to support the Sertoma International's mission for hearing aids, you can donate at:

- 1) www.sertoma.org***
- 2) www.hearingcharities.org***
- 3) Mail a check to Sertoma International at***
720 Main Street Floor 1
Kansas City, MO 64105

All donations are tax deductible. Thank you.



2024 National Golden Rule Winner: Don Bartelmay