



Rotary District 5650

Presents the

# 2022 Cadwallader Award



## Robert Rapp

Nominated by Omaha Morning

Rotary District Conference

July 9th, 2022



Robert's life has always been about serving others. He says Rotary changed his life forever and becoming a part of Rotary is the best thing he has ever done.

His connection with Rotary began when he was asked to give a speech to the Crete Rotary Club by Dr. Gleason, his history professor from Doane University, about his experience in Copenhagen, where he studied abroad for a semester.

In 1997, Robert moved to Omaha and became a member of the Omaha West Rotary Club where he served on the Board and chaired the International Committee as well as many other roles. In 2010, he joined the Omaha Morning club which he continues to be an important member in their club.

Professionally, Robert has worked in financial services most of his career except for economic and community development right at the beginning. He has worked as investment representative, mortgage banker, international business consultant, and insurance agent.

Continuing to want to help others, he started his own financial service practice in January 2020. Robert Rapp Insurance Agency offers holistic financial planning practice offering property and casualty, individual and group life, health, disability, vision, dental insurance, small and large business retirement plan services, investments. His broker dealer is Principal Financial Group.

### **INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:**

Ambassadorial Scholar, Group Study Exchange Team Volunteer Area Coordinator Inbound, served on selection committee for Ambassadorial/Peace Scholars, Group Study Exchange Team Leader, Group Study Exchange Team District Chair, Vocational Training Team Chair

### **VOCATIONAL SERVICE:**

Hope Center Employment and Learning Academy Fundraiser, Mock Interviews, Learning Academy Speaker: spoke to young people about Rotary and service to their community. Created a special recognition ceremony at Omaha Morning Rotary Club Fundraiser recognizing young people for their achievement.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

Omaha Morning Rotary member, Volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, Iowa Free Service Day, Spaghetti Feed for families in need, Community wide painting project for families, helped clean up for Club project City Sprouts.

Organized a group of Rotarians to distribute food provided by the Omaha Food Bank as well as handout pizza donated by a fellow Rotarian to community members waiting in lines to get their food donations.

Wrote an RI grant application to provide funding support for the Colina Neighborhood Garden

Worked with the club and a local church to remodel and clean up grounds for a house in North Omaha to live in once released from prison, and built an outdoor patio

Serving as Omaha Morning Rotary Foundation President, helping raise over \$10,000 for Heart Heroes, Inc., a local nonprofit

## **YOUTH SERVICE:**

Hope Center Employment and Learning Academy assisting with mock interviews, educating students about Rotary and RYLA resulting in students attending the camps, District grant for computer tablets, presenting students with Rotary pins and educating them about Rotary's 4 Way Test.

## **CLUB SERVICE:**

Board member, Treasurer, Foundation Chair, Paul Harris+2, Bequest Society Member, Fundraiser Chair 5 individual years (responsible for helping the club generate in excess of \$80,000 that was distributed to the Hope Center of Omaha and the Abide Network)

Omaha Morning has had hybrid meetings offering members the opportunity to participate in weekly meetings in person or virtually. The club has used this model since July 2020. Robert and the board authorized the purchase of additional technology to ensure the membership experience was optimized. Allowing virtual meetings gave the club the ability to engage with Rotarians in other countries.

Robert proposed a virtual only membership, allowing anyone in the world to become a member of the Omaha Morning club.

Proposed further inclusion by lowering membership fees and opening an opportunity for a corporate membership and mentoring from the same company.

## THE CHARLES N. CADWALLADER AWARD

The award is presented in honor of the Great Rotarian, Charles N. Cadwallader, who served as President of Lincoln Rotary Club #14, as District Governor, and as a Director of Rotary International, and who was the sponsor of the first eleven Rotary Clubs in the District. This award is presented to a Rotarian in District 5650 who has made a monumental contribution in one or all of the avenues of service: Community, International, Vocational, Club and Youth Service. This award has been endowed by a gift of the Charles N. and Ruth Cadwallader. The award was first given in 1963. The last 25 years of recipients are:

1997	Robert L. Carlisle	Norfolk
1998	Dr. Ann Coyne	Omaha Suburban
1999	Roger R. Ludemann	Lincoln #14
2000	William E. Ramsey	Omaha
2001	Dr. George Lytton	Lincoln South
2002	Dan Rose	Wayne
2003	Lyle Sapp	Omaha Suburban
2004	Mary Linn Sonnemaker	Bellevue
2005	Nicolette S. "Nicki" Klein	Lincoln South
2006	William Schmeeckle	Lincoln #14
2007	J. Robert Perrin	Omaha Suburban\
2008	Joseph K. Roberts	Lincoln South
2009	Joanne Peters	Omaha Suburban
2010	Robert Knox	Council Bluffs
2011	Harry Reyburn	Omaha Suburban
2012	Ozzie Gilbertson	Lincoln East
2013	Roxy Orr	Omaha Suburban
2014	Dr. Thomas Cardwell	Lincoln South
2015	Dr. Charles Erickson	Lincoln East
2016	Dorothy Zimmerman	Beatrice
2017	Curt Peters	Omaha Suburban
2018	Dr. John Herdman	Lincoln South
2019	Gretchen Bren	Omaha Downtown
2020	Clay Ehlers	Lincoln South
2021	Jon & Bonnie Kruse	Seward

(Additional names can be found on the District Website)