

**NOMINATION
for the
MADISON AREA SERVICE CLUBS
RUTH GORDON SERVICE AWARD**

Concept/Criteria

To honor a current or past individual member (living or deceased) of a service club who, over a period of time, has exemplified the concept of volunteer service for the betterment of the community, either individually or through their service club.

The Award is presented at the annual Madison Area Service Clubs Fall Luncheon on **November 15, 2006**. The members of the Service Clubs Olympics Committee will vote on the Ruth Gordon Award at its **October 26, 2006**, meeting.

Our Service Club nominates:

Name: Roland Paul Home Phone: _____

Address: 707 Moygara Road Madison WI 53716

Employer: Retired Phone: _____

Address: _____

Please describe volunteer's community/club service. Use dates and examples. (Time spent in club office or committee positions are not relevant.)

A founding member of Sertoma Club (Short for Service to Mankind), Roland organized blood drives, established youth employment service and participates in naturalization ceremonies for new American citizens. He is on the founding board of directors for Bethel Horizons, a camping ministry group which helps 14,000 people a year create a sense of harmony between God, self, others and nature. Currently He is the President of Bethel Outreach, a non-profit organization which helps provide chronically mentally-ill men housing. Past-President of Bethel Lutheran Church. He and his wife host multiple children over several years from the Ukraine for 6 weeks while they come to WI through the circle of love program. This time gives respite from the contaminated area. Time here helps them build back their immune system and they receive Dental, Vision and Regular check ups. A young girl who recently stayed had missed weeks of school in the past and after the time with the Rolands she went back and made the entire school year. Making a difference in others lives one at a time.

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Name of Service Club SERTOMA MADISON

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Roland has participated in a number of significant community service projects which are sponsored by his church, Bethel Lutheran. He is currently President of Bethel Outreach Inc., a non-profit organization that runs and owns two houses for mentally challenged men. This housing is run and supported by donated time and effort from Lutheran Social Services and Bethel Lutheran Church members. The men who live in the houses are in the recovery phase and are provided 24 hour supervision for the balance of their lives if they so desire. They are provided meals, bedding, assistance with medications, telephones, cable TV and other amenities. The volunteers, including Roland, who maintain the homes and arrange for supervision and amenities all serve without compensation.

Roland and his wife Jeanette, also a leader in Bethel's "Circle of Love" program, which provides rehabilitation service and programs to Ukranian survivors of the Chernobgl nuclear explosion. This program facilitates travel of children who were survivors of the nuclear "dusting" to the United States for donated medical, dental, eyecare and other services to assist in recovery of the affected human organs. The program also sponsors travel expenses for interpreters for the children so they may communicate with the sponsor families. Roland and Jeanette have had two teenage girls and their interpreter stay in their home for several weeks during the summer the last two years. The girls and others who have come to the U.S. for rehabilitation are showing definite signs of improvement over others who have chosen to remain in the Ukraine. The Paul's have recently returned from a trip to the Ukraine to visit the girls and their interpreter.

During the tenure of Police Chief David Cooper, Roland served as a volunteer member of Chief Cooper's Community Police Relations Committee to help improve the relations between the Police Department and the community. In this role Roland helped interview new police and fire department candidates to screen for appropriate attitudes. He also marched with police up and down State Street in the aftermath of the looting and vandalism to protect against more vandalism. The goal of the committee was to be an advocate for the community within the Police Department.

Along with the above mentioned ongoing projects and committees, Roland is a very active member of Bethel Lutheran Church. He serves as the coordinator of the lay distributors of communion at three separate services on Sundays, coordinating the schedule of 11 people.

Roland's community service performed through our club over his 50+ years is too voluminous to list here. Some of the more significant items include helping to erect swings for the residents of Mendota Hospital and building a chapel for the Oregon School for girls. He is an active and enthusiastic club member who serves as a role model for younger members.

Roland has previously been honored as "Know Your Madisonian" by the Wisconsin State Journal and as our club's "Sertoman of the Year" for service to our club and his community. He says his home FAX machine still "hums" with communications all related to the community. There can be no better or more deserving recipient of the Ruth Gordon Service Award than Roland Paul.