

**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 **Wednesday, November 16, 2011**. The members of the Service Clubs Olympics Committee will select the 2011 winner of the Ruth Gordon Award at its **November 4, 2011**, meeting.

Our Service Club nominates:

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

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Name of Service Club Rotary Club of Madison

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**Return by October 19, 2011, to:
Glenn Rindfleisch, 2301 Tawhee Drive, Madison, WI 53711**

2011 Ruth Gordon Service Award Nomination
James K. Ruhly
Submitted by Rotary Club of Madison, WI – Sept. 19, 2011

Jim Ruhly came to Madison in 1965 to attend the UW-Madison Law School, and he has been a strong supporter of the Madison community ever since that time.

Jim is a partner in the Melli Law Firm, and he has been an avid supporter of the Rotary Club of Madison for the past 38 years. His volunteer service has spanned all areas of our club, including many committees as well as serving as a board member, president and Sgt.-at-arms. Since 2005, Jim has been responsible for arranging weekly speakers for our club luncheons – not an easy task as he sifts through a few hundred program proposals and is able to schedule only a fraction of the number of ideas submitted for consideration. There is a great deal involved in handling the volume and variety of requests submitted each week for this voluntary position, and we are indebted to Jim Ruhly for his exceptional work on behalf of our club which provides us with continuing top-notch programs.

In addition to his volunteer efforts on behalf of Rotary, Jim has been active in many volunteer activities, in our community including:

- Madison Cultural Arts District (board chair 2005-08),
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dane County (board member since 1984 and board president 1989-90),
- Covenant Presbyterian Church, Board of Elders, Overture Development Corporation Board member,
- American Red Cross Badger Chapter (board member 1986-97),
- YMCA of Dane County board member 2005-07,
- United Way of Dane County, (past volunteer area coordinator for their fund drive),
- Active in the former Madison Children's Theater (past board member),
- Madison Public Library Board of Directors (current),
- Overture Development Corporation Board of Directors (chair since 2009),
- Elected as a Fellow of the Wisconsin Law Foundation in 2008.

Jim was named a Father of the Year in 2002 at an event sponsored by the Father's Day Council for his demonstration of "sense of family, charity and responsibility." He has also received honors from the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dane County as well as the American Red Cross for his long-term dedication to those organizations.

Jim Ruhly is a generous, considerate and dedicated individual that we are proud to include among our membership. He can be counted upon and will always follow through on his volunteer assignments. He enhances the quality of life in Madison through his extensive volunteer efforts, and he is deserving of consideration for this year's Ruth Gordon Service Award.