



YELLOW ROSE

District Conference 2021

Melvyn Adelman



- **Bay City Morning Club**

Mel Adelman was a charter member of the club when it was chartered in 1990. Mel graduated from the University of Michigan and received his Master's in Criminal Justice from Saginaw Valley State University. He spent most of his business life with the family business, Bay City Milling and Grocery Company. After taking an early retirement, he taught criminal justice at SVSU for eight years. His greatest joy was running; and over his lifetime, he ran almost 400 road races, including the Chicago Marathon as well as competing in bike races and triathlons. Mel took an active role in sports at SVSU, founding the Women's Cross-Country program; and the university has a running award and scholarship in his name.

Mel was a kind, gentle man, known in the community for his compassion. He frequently urged the club to sing—even providing song books to club members. When ladies left their purses on their chair to go through the breakfast buffet line, Mel left his wallet on his seat to save his place.

Jim Barger



- **Frankenmuth Noon Club**

Jim went to be with our Lord on June 8, 2020, age 83 years. Jim was born on September 1, 1937 in Flint, MI to the late William and Eula Barger. He was a financial consultant for Northwestern Mutual Life until his retirement. He was a member of Frankenmuth United Methodist Church, a member of the Rotary Club of Frankenmuth, and was infamous for his jokes. He loved to ballroom dance, loved to sing, loved people and playing games. He worked hard and played hard. Jim was always positive.

Harold "Gus" Braeutigam



- **Frankenmuth Noon Club**

Gus graduated from Michigan State College (University) in 1951 and ran his veterinary practice from 1951 to 1996. He served in the U. S. Army Veterinary Corps as 1st Lieutenant from 1953 to 1955. Gus served 24 years as the Treasurer and Vice President of the Frankenmuth School Board and established the first Frankenmuth Little League team. He was an Adjunct Clinical Professor for MSU and was President of the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association. Gus received many awards including the Champion for Children, the Herbert L. Keineth Award, and the Michigan Veterinary Association Service Award; and he was inducted into the Frankenmuth Softball Association Hall of Fame.

Gus served as Rotary District Governor in 1987-1988. He held perfect attendance in the Rotary Club of Frankenmuth for 64 years, and he was a member of The Rotary Foundation Paul Harris Society.

Jack Cleveland



- **Saginaw Valley Club**

Jack Cleveland was a charter member of the Rotary Club of Saginaw Valley. He joined in 1976, served as President, and was elected a Paul Harris Fellow in 1990. In 2014 he was awarded the Heroes for Sustainer Award.

Jack was involved in every project that the Rotary Club took on. He was regularly the top annual fundraiser for the Club, and always enjoyed connecting family and friends at Rotary events. Jack was an educator in several Michigan districts, retiring from Saginaw Township Community Schools and remaining a vibrant member of the Saginaw area community. His deep involvement centered on Rotary and highlighted the Canadian-Township games and the local soccer association. Jack Cleveland passed away on December 14, 2020 at the age of 86.

Harry Beattie “Doc” Farris



- **Bay City Noon Club**

Harry Beattie “Doc” Farris, veterinarian, tall-tale teller, Rotarian, and family man, entered eternal life on Saturday, January 23, 2021 at the age of 94.

A bit of a terror on the road, he taught not only his children, but most of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren to ride a horse, drive a tractor, motorcycle, boat and (finally) car. He enjoyed rebuilding vintage Ford cars and trucks, attending Rotary meetings, memorizing and reciting Robert Service poems, researching family history, riding his lawnmower, playing euchre, and occasionally helping to castrate a bull, for old time’s sake.

Harry taught us all how to work hard, save our money, cut a grapefruit, minimize wear on our brake pads by using them as little as possible, and perhaps most importantly, to laugh at our own foolishness. He will be sorely missed by all who knew his occasionally cantankerous, funny, gritty, honorable, charming self.

Don Hawkins



- **Midland Club**

Don Hawkins leaves behind a legacy of gentleness, humor, integrity, generosity, faith, and kindness. Don served his country during World War II, enlisting in 1942 after the attack on Pearl Harbor. A proud patriot, Don participated in 2018 in an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. The flights honor the service of the nation's veterans. As a businessman and founder of Hawkins Printing and Mailing, he was noted for his integrity, support of his employees, and community involvement. He was active in Midland Rotary and was a three-time Paul Harris fellow honoree.

Dale Hernden



- **Saginaw Valley Club**

Dale's membership application was received early in 2020, and his re-induction to the club occurred March 16, 2020. Dale was a long-time Saginaw Valley Rotarian (1978-2009), past club President, past Assistant District Governor, and a Paul Harris Fellow. Dale was a past president of the Saginaw Country Club, as well. Dale retired from the financial industry (he was a vice president with Morgan Stanley) and eagerly re-joined our club. Unfortunately Dale lost a battle with cancer on November 20, 2020 at the age of 75.

Ruby Iwamasa



- **Midland Club**

Ruby did so much to share love, curiosity, and joy with the world. She taught preschool, worked for Delta College and public television (many remember that she emceed many pledge drives in the 1980's and 1990's), and devoted her many skills to Rotary. Ruby was an active Rotarian for many years, serving on the board of directors and numerous committees. She was a Paul Harris Fellow and served as the first female President of the Rotary Club of Midland. She served as the District Governor of Rotary District 6310 in 2004-2005. She was delighted to attend the 2004 Rotary International Convention in Osaka, Japan.

Her family asked that we hold dear the principles that guided her: creativity, compassion, and delight in the promise of all the children and young people you know. Follow in her hopeful and loving footsteps, and be the change you wish to see in the world.

Richard Krafft



- **Frankenmuth Noon Club**

Richard George Krafft, Jr., 90, of Frankenmuth, our dedicated, honest, and most loyal father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend went home to be with the Lord on the evening of Friday, May 22, 2020.

Dick was born in Frankenmuth on September 17, 1929, the son of the late Richard George and Meta (Hildner) Krafft. He was united in marriage to the former Mary Ann Keller on April 21, 1951. Sadly, Mary Ann preceded Dick on October 19, 2016 after 65 years of faithful marriage. Dick was a faithful member of St. Lorenz Lutheran Church. A leader in the church, civic organizations, and agricultural industry, Dick was known for his high level of integrity. He was the former President & Chairman of Star of the West Milling Company, and served as chair on many industry associations. Dick was an avid fisherman and dedicated Michigan State University fan. He loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Ray Licht



- **Pigeon Club**

Ray farmed and owned a custom spraying business. Along with being a Rotarian, his hobby was Archery. He was very instrumental in forming an Archery Team at Laker High School. Throughout the years, many of his proteges went on to win honors at the National Archery Competition. Ray was 83 years old.

Bill MacAlpine



- **Bad Axe Club**

Bill MacAlpine was a long-time member of the Rotary Club of Bad Axe. He served as President of the Club from 1986-1987 and became a Paul Harris Fellow in 2015. Bill was involved in many of the Club's activities, including its annual spaghetti dinner, and he helped start the Club's tree planting initiative. Bill was also involved in recruiting students to attend Rotary Camp and for many years took care of transporting kids to and from the Rotary Camp in Clare, Michigan. For many years, until he could no longer attend, Bill's presence at Rotary meetings was always a priority.

Lowell McDonald



- **Bad Axe Club**

Lowell McDonald was a well-respected businessman, renowned for his involvement in the community. He became a Paul Harris Fellow in 2001, was president of the Rotary Club of Bad Axe from 2002-2003, and was chosen by the Club as a Rotary Hero in 2015. Lowell will be remembered most for his constant giving to both the community and individuals in need, the countless fundraisers he held for community organizations and for providing stable jobs to many people through the years, including giving young people and those with special needs their first work opportunity.

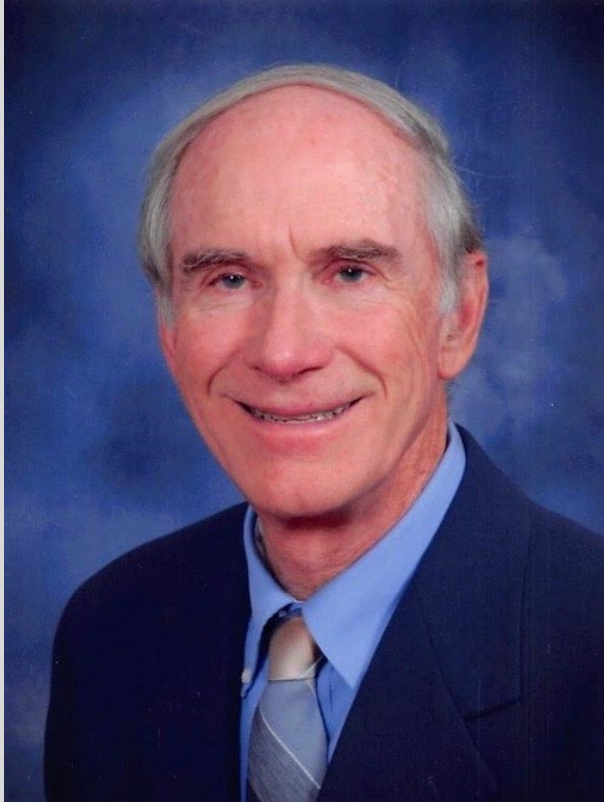
Willet Earle Oeschger



- **Sebewaing Club**

Willet joined the Sebewaing Rotary Club in 1978. He served as club president in 1985 and was a Paul Harris Fellow. Willett was known for his ready smile and determination to continue his role in Rotary following the death of his wife and a battle with cancer. In addition to supporting the clubs many projects, he worked to serve his community by promoting healthy lifestyle habits and participated in various groups of the same theme, while always making time to visit shut-ins and the sick and share his thoughts from the many prayer and bible study groups he attended, while attending to his duties as Sebewaing Township Supervisor 1980-2012. He was an avid supporter of the Sebewaing Rotary Beet Feet 5K run-walk since its inception in 2010. Willet became an Honorary Member in November 2003. He exemplified the Rotary motto “Service Above Self”.

Richard Paul



- **Chesaning Club**

Rich moved to the Chesaning/Oakley area in 1998. He retired as the Director of Community Planning and Development for Michigan. He was an active Rotarian. He served as Youth Exchange officer for many years and helped many students and families with the experience of youth exchange. He was living in Seattle to be closer to his children and grandchildren.

Leland Shetler



- **Pigeon Club**

Lee was a lifelong farmer living near Bay Port. Following his retirement in 1990, he worked for McDonald's Grocery in Bad Axe. Lee was a friend to everyone and belonged to many organizations, including Rotary. He loved music, and playing guitar and harmonica, and sang with many groups. Lee was 88 years old.

L. James "Jim" White



- **Caro Club**

Jim was a retired member of the Rotary Club of Caro. Jim approached Rotary, like he did everything in life, with gusto, enthusiasm, and commitment. As a more than 30-year member, he served as club president in 1999-2000 as well as treasurer for 20 years. Mr. White became a Paul Harris Fellow in 1981 and was a Rotary Foundation Benefactor.