

Nomination Form

Joann Hilton for Rotarian of Year

The Rotary Club of Lincoln hereby enthusiastically nominates Rotarian Joann Hilton for District 5180 Rotarian of the Year. It is hard to over state her contribution to this Club, to District 5180, to Rotary International and to her Community. She is a leader and innovator in everything she touches. She will be the leader or she will be the consummate support person. Ideas, enthusiasm, organizational skills and management skills are second to none. She builds teams committed to focused goals and has the management skills to reach those goals. Those teams are not just Rotarians. Her name and accomplishments are recognized and admired by virtually every non-profit organization in our Community as well as by the City of Lincoln. Joann is a superb and dynamic Rotarian.

❖ **A few of her many contributions to our Rotary Club of Lincoln:**

- One of most our most effective presidents ever 2011-2012
- Nominated for District Rotarian of the Year 2014-2015
- Selected to Chair super important COVID-19 Committee 2020
- Club representative to Lincoln Community Emergency Counsel – coordinates COVID-19 response of all non-profits and our City
- Rotary liaison to Downtown Lincoln Association and member of their Board
- Major involvement in every Club fundraiser, bar none. She either leads or serves in an important supporting role in every fundraiser
- Plays major role in obtaining sponsorships for our Club
- Effective, creative and enthusiastic Board member for many years
- Efficient and organized Club Secretary and Treasurer multiple years
- Dedicated and effective International Service chair - brought focus to this area
- Resurrected Vocational Service as chair of that committee
- Major, major player in raising our grant program from the ashes
- Strong contributor to Membership committee every year
- Substantial contribution in the rebirth of our Public Relations Committee
- She plays leading role is us being selected Best of the Best virtually every year
- Major factor in our Club being Chamber of Commerce Best Service Club
- Conceived, organized and runs Lincoln Wine Fest every year

❖ **Continuously provides leadership and friendship working with our youth:**

- RYE – maximizing the beauty and impact of this program on young lives
- RYLA – every year as dedicated and enthusiastic camp counselor
- Developed and coordinated suicide prevention training for school staff

- Serves important role in high school scholarship selection program
- Book Buddy programs with 3rd grade students reading to Rotarians
- Organized local school clean-up and painting project with students
- Spearheaded computer upgrade program for Lincoln Youth Center
- Wrote grants for Suicide Prevention, Teen Moms, and RYLA
- Assisted students with Differed Action for Childhood Arrival paperwork
- Nuevo Camino Board member working with at risk Hispanic kids
- Annually contributes to elementary student scholarships
- Provides dedicated support to Sober Grad night

❖ **Massive contributions in the area of International good will and friendships:**

- Delivery of wheel chairs to Guatemala in coordination with local clubs
- Continuous coordination of projects with two Mexico partner clubs
- Spearheaded maternal health clinic Tepequa with Aijiic Rotary
- Dedicated support of clean water GG program with Chapala Sunrise club
- Major funding of water filter program for Ojo de Aqua village
- Program for training of young Mexican men to build furniture for sale
- Gained support for mobile maternal health van to serve remote villages
- Dental clinic treating low or no income villagers
- Coordinated friendship visit of 15 Rotarians and spouses to Mexico
- Routinely hosts Chapala Sunrise Rotarians and spouses
- Major coordinator of student scholarship for 15 needy students

❖ **Dedicated leader in our Community. She makes good things happen:**

- She conceived, organized and executes Lincoln Wine Fest every year. Supports our downtown businesses, our local wineries, our local breweries. Attendance at 700 last year. Hugely successful event
- Easily participates in at least 85% of our community service projects
- Leader and donor in our blood drive, a District 5180 award winner
- Dynamite cheerleader for Relay for Life cancer fund raising
- Board member and Treasurer of Downtown Lincoln Association
- Leader in Chamber of Commerce activities
- Major contributor as member of Lincoln Economic Development Committee
- Recently selected to Lincoln Community Emergency Council (LCEC)
- LCEC coordinates all non-profit and City aid to those affected by COVID-19
- Conceived and executed large project of 20 signs for our City parks cementing

together the history of our City and the involvement of Rotary's support and image within the community.

❖ **Enthusiastic, creative and effective District 5180 service:**

- 2006-2009 3 Years District Interact Chair
- 2009-2010 District Foundation for Future Vision
- 2012-2013 District Website Committee
- 2013-2016 3 Years District Grant Chair
- 2013-2019 6 Years RYLA Counselor – 2020 Pending
- 2016-2018 2 Years District Human Sex Trafficking Committee
- 2017-2019 2 Years Rotary Learning Institute Instructor
- 2018-2020 2 Years District Youth Services Chair
- Organized and chaired first three 5180 Interact District Conferences
- Major player in organizing the Future Vision project
- Volunteers for innumerable District events, Foundation seminars, training sessions. Frequent presenter at District events.
- Paul Harris plus three
- Benefactor of Rotary International
- Member of Global Network for Blood Donations
- Lifetime member Rotary Action Group for Population and Development
- Nominated for District Rotarian of the Year in 2013-2014

Joann epitomizes the values and characteristics of a true Rotarian. Her involvement at the Club, District, and International level is beyond compare. Every year she commits herself completely to Rotary, to her local community and to our world community. **She is a dynamo within our Club.** She leads when leadership is needed and follows when that makes her more effective. **Joann's participation in our Club is a blessing to our Club, to Rotary International and to all those that we serve.**

Respectfully Submitted,
The Rotary Club of Lincoln
Darrell J Scott
President 2019 --2020