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Rotary Club of Front Royal Presents Ninth Robert E. “Bob” Miller Community Service Award

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Front Royal – The Front Royal Rotary Club presented the 9th Annual Robert E. “Bob” Miller Community Service Award at its meeting on August 24, 2017 to James M. “Jim” Eastham. Jim has been a life-long resident of Front Royal, Virginia and has been an active public servant in the community.

It is the objective of the Rotary Club of Front Royal to recognize individuals within the Front Royal-Warren County community for contributions that improve the quality of life of its citizens. The award is named after Robert E. “Bob” Miller in recognition of his 75 years of membership in the Rotary Club of Front Royal, and his Service to the Front Royal-Warren County community.

Recipients shall have demonstrated a commitment of service and dedication to the community through their vocation, public service, philanthropy or civic service to make a lasting impression on the community.

Past recipients of the award include: Jim Williams (2009), Mary Anne Biggs (2010), John Marlow (2011), Alan Wimer (2012), George McIntyre (2013), John LaBarca (2014), Roy Boyles (2015), and Patty Wines (2016).

Jim has distinguished himself through a lifetime of involvement in community, civic, and charitable organizations. His community service includes being involved in a number of community projects over the years including the Gazebo project on Main Street. Jim has served on numerous boards and commissions in a variety of roles throughout his lifetime including: the Front Royal-Warren County Economic

Development Authority Board of Directors, the Chamber of Commerce Foundation, the Warren County Educational Endowment, and the Warren County Dog Park Committee. His past service includes Chairman of Warren Memorial Hospital, the Warren Memorial Hospital Foundation, and the Front Royal Chamber of Commerce, and served on the Front Royal Planning Commission as a member (August 1985 – June 2004), as Vice Chairman (December 1989 – January 1993), and as Chairman (February 1993 – January 2001).

Jim served two terms as Mayor of the Town of Front Royal (2004-2008) and as President of the Rotary Club of Front Royal (2015-2016). He also served on the Vestry of Calvary Episcopal Church as well as various ad hoc committees. In addition, Jim was selected as the 2005 Blue Ridge Arts Council Arts Citizen of the Year and as the 2008 Front Royal-Warren County Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year.

Jim and his wife Denise Forbes Eastham have been married for 38 years. They were blessed with two children and one grandchild and another on the way with a November delivery date.

Jim retired after 30+ years in banking and financial management, mainly in the Front Royal-Warren County community.



Committee Chairman Doug Stanley and President Rick Novak presenting Jim Eastham with the Robert E. “Bob” Miller Award



Ashley Miller (Granddaughter of Bob Miller), Jim Eastham, and Elaine Miller (Daughter of Bob Miller) Congratulate Jim Eastham

According to past Club President Doug Stanley, “Dr. Robert E. “Bob” Miller served the Front Royal-Warren County Community as a dentist for 67 years. His dedication to his patients, clubs, and community were always in the forefront of what he did.” Doug added that, “It is with the memory of Bob and his service and dedication to the community that the Rotary Club of Front Royal is very proud to present Jim with the “Robert E. “Bob” Miller Community Service Award.”

Club President Rick Novak said, “The Rotary Club of Front Royal is very proud to honor Jim with the Bob Miller Community Service Award. I can think of no one more deserving of this award for his many years of dedicated service to our great community. Jim truly has had an impact on Front Royal.”

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