

Rochester Jaycees honor community members

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ROCHESTER— Several members of the community were honored on Saturday night at the Silver Platter during the Rochester Jaycees 40th Annual Distinguished Service Awards.

The awards ceremony is the largest one given by the Jaycees in New Hampshire. Karl Leppanen, 47th president of the New Hampshire Jaycees, gave the keynote address to the large crowd. "These people recognized tonight are role models not only to the adults of our community, but to the children," he said. The Jaycees are committed to serving the community, as well as creating a social organization in which families can work together on service projects.

In all, there were 12 awards given out starting at 8:30 p.m. Alice Eisner, former president of the Jaycees, current project advisor, and selection committee member, received a special award for Life Membership in the Rochester Jaycees for her continuing service.

Candidates for the awards are nominated by both the community and organizations such as schools, the police department

and the fire department.

When asked what it takes to become a recipient of one of the awards, Mrs. Eisner explained that the chosen nominee possesses humility and a humble attitude. She added that no candidates were contested this year when all letters were received and voted on by the Selection Committee.

A highlight of the ceremony was when Officer Gerald V. Moors, recipient of the Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer Award, stepped forward to receive his award amid raucous applause and a standing ovation. Moors and his wife, along with their own four girls, took three children into their home after Moors interacted with them in a child endangerment case.

Other awards given at Saturday night's event were: Business Appreciation Awards, TKO, McDonald's, and K+E Transportation; Outstanding Firefighter and Call Fighter, Joe Burns and Larry Elliot; Outstanding Educator, Pam Byers; Outstanding Community Leader, George W. Robinson; Outstanding Communications Specialist, Denise M. Huppe; Outstanding Religious Leader, Sister Shiela; Outstanding Lay



The winners of the 40th Annual Rochester Jaycees Distinguished Service Awards display their plaques that they received for humble acts of humility. Back row (from left) Chad Evans, Rachel Chick, a representative from K + E Transportation, Joe Britton, Joe Burns, Larry Benoit, George Robinson, and Jason Evans. Front row (from left) Adrien Chase, Pam Byers, Janel Bowden, Jim Bonneau, Andrea Bartoszak, Denise Huppe, and Gerald V. Moors.
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Religious Leader, Adrien Chase; Outstanding Young Male Citizen, Joe Britton; Distinguished Service, Jim Bonneau

The award ceremony ended

with the linking of pinkies of all in attendance as everyone recited the Jaycee Creed.

"Jaycees are a vehicle to get things done," said Leppanen,

during his Keynote Address. "Join and you'll be able to do something that you've wanted to do for so long... We can make a difference if we try."