

UNSUNG HERO AWARD 2018

ROTARIAN AWARD

The Unsung Hero Award goes to an individual who has gone above and beyond the call of duty. This is a hard working self-effacing Rotarian who epitomizes the true spirit of Rotary and volunteerism. The nominee has not received any form of compensation, praise or recognition for their efforts and truly exemplifies the Rotary motto of "service above self"

Nominations for the Unsung Hero Award are collected from Club membership who submit nominations. All submissions are tallied. We are currently on the 4th year of this annual award. Wolfgang Muhs was recipient #1 in 2015 and in 2016 it was Peter Behnke and in 2017 Wendy Howard was the recipient.

The winner of the 2018 Unsung Hero Award goes to Chris Scowen who was one of the original 21 Charter members who signed up in June 1997 to form the new Rotary Club of Peachland. That's 21 years of selfless service on projects like the Rotary Pavilion, Annual Seniors' Bus Trips, Christmas light up, Polar Bear swim and the list goes on. Chris has held a wide variety of positions with the Club including President from 2001 to 2002 and today he is our Foundation chair, is on the Executive and actively assists on the majority of fundraisers and community projects that the Club participates in. Oh and please do not forget that he has a forever role in our Murder Mysteries as Sherlock Holmes in which he MC's the evening and manages to play the role with total aplomb while keeping us all on track.

Some of the comments received on why Chris should receive the award include. "Chris is always helpful and positive in everything he does" "He is a steadfast exemplary Rotarian who volunteers constantly, is highly reliable and dependable and contributes in any way he can, wherever he can without complaint"

I think one club member put it the most eloquently when they said that Chris was and I quote "Quiet, unassuming, consistent, unselfish and dedicated to all things Rotary".

Chris' passion and dedication to the Peachland Rotary Club and to all things Rotary is why he is a marvelous role model to us all. Please join me in recognizing Chris Scowen as our Unsung Hero for 2018.

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NON-ROTARIAN AWARD

The 2018 Non-Rotarian award is a volunteer or organization who has worked tirelessly in the Peachland Community. This year's recipient is Peachland Fire Department – Station 21. Yes it's definitely a night for the number 21.

Our Peachland Fire Department protects us in so many ways by providing fire prevention and firefighting; they respond to local motor vehicle accidents; are first responders providing medical assistance; provide fire safety education in our schools and community; provide flood assistance and prevention and the list goes on. This year has been especially challenging for them providing home evacuation alerts and assisting with the Mount Eneas and Monroe Creek forest fires to name just a few.

What is especially amazing is that our Peachland Fire Department is made up of volunteer paid on call fire fighters who answer the call undergoing intensive ongoing training as well as responding to medical, fire and other emergencies.

On another note The Peachland Fire Department provided their training "dolls" "Annie" and "Rescue Randy" as bodies for our Murder Mysteries as well as dropping off and picking up the bodies and 2 wonderful firefighters helped us out this year with the set-up of tables and chairs. I think they were in the middle of training but took time out to assist us when we groveled for a need for strong hands.

Thank you Peachland Fire Department for everything you do. For keeping our Community safe and always lending a helping hand when needed.

Our non-rotarian 2018 Unsung Hero Award goes to the Peachland Fire Department – Station 21. Chief Dennis Craig if you could please come up to the podium so we can present the award.