For the 40th consecutive year, local citizens and employees will be publicly recognized for their contributions to the community by the North Attleboro and Plainville Rotary Club.

The honorees will be recognized during the Rotary Club's 2026 Distinguished Service Awards Banquet, which will take place on Monday, March 23, 2026 at 6 p.m. at Plainridge Park Casino in Plainville.

In keeping with its club motto, "Service Above Self," the Rotary Club seeks five worthy individuals each year by asking members of the community to nominate citizens for recognition.

Individuals are nominated for having demonstrated the "Service Above Self" ideal through service to the community. The nomination categories for each individual are as follows:

► OUTSTANDING CITIZEN
This person must have served the community in a manner above and beyond that expected of all citizens. The individual does not have to reside in North Attleboro or Plainville.

► OUTSTANDING YOUTH
This individual must be under 21 years of age and live in North Attleboro or Plainville.

► OUTSTANDING PUBLIC EMPLOYEE
The recipient of this award must currently serve North Attleboro or Plainville as a paid employee but does not have to reside in either town.

► OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR
This person must be a current professional educator in the North Attleboro or Plainville school systems. He or she does not have to live in either town.

► OUTSTANDING SENIOR CITIZEN
This individual must be 65 years of age or older and reside in North Attleboro or Plainville.

Nomination forms must be completed and returned by February 13, 2026 to the following address: Dr. John W. Barone, 107 North Washington St., North Attleboro, MA 02760, Attn: DSA. Winners will be notified in advance of the awards banquet, which the general public is invited to attend by reservation.

As part of this program, a booklet is prepared for distribution at the banquet. To help raise funds for charities such as “Lenore’s Pantry,” Scholarships, and the Hockomock Area YMCA, as well as sponsoring the North Attleboro High School Senior Class Football Banquet, and the Annual Fishing Derby, advertising space is sold in this booklet. The ad choices are as follows: The “exclusive” outside back cover ($325), the inside front or back cover ($225), full page ($125), half page ($75), quarter page ($60) and a double line ($35). Color ads are available for an additional $25 per ad. Cover ads are sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you would like to place your ad or congratulatory message in this year’s booklet, call Dr. John W. Barone at 508-699-2481, email him at JWBD83@GMAIL.COM or fax your ad to 508-699-0717. Ads must be received by March 1, 2026. Please make checks payable to “Rotary Club of North Attleborough Plainville Charitable Foundation, Inc.” and submit them to the following address: Dr. John W. Barone, 107 North Washington St., North Attleboro, MA, 02760, Attention: DSA.

The North Attleboro/Plainville Rotary Club is registered with the IRS as a 501(c) (3) charity and all donations to the Club are tax deductible. The Rotary Club of North Attleboro Plainville Charitable Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c) (3) charitable foundation TID# 46-5533772.

NORTH ATTLEBORO/PLAINVILLE ROTARY CLUB
2026 Distinguished Service Awards
(northattleboroplainvillerotary.org)

PURPOSE In keeping with Rotary International's motto "Service Above Self", the North Attleboro/Plainville Rotary Club will honor five individuals who have demonstrated this ideal through service to our community.

CATEGORIES

A. **OUTSTANDING CITIZEN**
   1. Have served the community in a manner above and beyond that expected of all citizens.
   2. Does not have to reside in North Attleboro or Plainville.

B. **OUTSTANDING YOUTH**
   1. Be under 21 years of age.
   2. Reside in North Attleboro or Plainville.

C. **OUTSTANDING PUBLIC EMPLOYEE**
   1. Currently serve North Attleboro or Plainville as a paid employee.
   2. Does not have to reside in North Attleboro or Plainville.

D. **OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR**
   1. Currently an active professional educator in the North Attleboro or Plainville school systems.
   2. Does not have to reside in North Attleboro or Plainville.

E. **OUTSTANDING SENIOR**
   1. Be 65 years of age or older.
   2. Reside in North Attleboro or Plainville.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES AND SELECTION

1. Nominations may be made by any citizen.
2. Simply complete the form below and return it by Friday, February 13, 2026 to the address indicated below.
3. All nominations will be reviewed by the DSA Committee with the final approval being made by the Rotary Club Board of Directors.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS BANQUET

All winners will be honored at the annual Distinguished Service Awards banquet on Monday evening, March 23, 2026 at Plainridge Park Casino. Winners will be notified in advance and the general public is invited to attend the banquet.

(Tear and Return)

NOMINATION FORM

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Award Category (Place the letter of the appropriate category)
PLEASE SELECT ONE CATEGORY ONLY

NOMINEE NAME _____ NOMINATOR NAME _____

STREET _____ STREET _____

CITY/TOWN _____ CITY/TOWN _____

TELEPHONE _____ TELEPHONE _____

Nominee Background

Age Category **(Circle one):** under 21 22-64 65+

Using the space below and a separate piece of paper, **if necessary,** explain in detail why you feel the nominee is qualified for the award you have indicated above. For additional information, please call Dr. John W. Barone at 508-699-2481.

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