

Call for Nominations for the Prestigious 2025 “Spirit of Ianelli” Award



Plattsburgh, New York (May 12, 2025) – The Sunrise Rotary Mayor's Cup Regatta & Festival Committee is currently seeking nominations from the community for their prestigious 2025 “Spirit of Ianelli” Award.

What is the “Spirit of Ianelli” Award?

The "Spirit of Ianelli" Award was established in 2010 in honor of the late Mayor John Ianelli, former Mayor of the City of Plattsburgh and co-founder of the Mayor’s Cup Regatta in 1978. This honor is bestowed upon one individual or individuals – sailor or landlubber – who exemplifies the same “community does matter” spirit that inspired Mayor Ianelli over 45 years ago, empowering our lake community to thrive, not only on race day, but every day.

Mike Collin, Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Beartown Ski Area and a long-time volunteer was named the 2024 “Spirit of Ianelli” Award honoree. Kirsten Pope had this to say about Mike in her nomination letter of support, “Mike's selfless gifts of time, heart, brain and brawn have also made this one of the few ski opportunities that is accessible for families, young and old, that could not afford to participate otherwise. Mike is loved and respected by so many, and he inspires so many of us to follow his lead. His giving is viral. For example, he creates community clean up days in the off season inviting us (including the children) to invest a little sweat equity in Beartown, making us feel this is all of ours to share.”

Past Honorees

The past honorees of the "Spirit of Ianelli" Award include:

2024 - Mike Collin

2023 - Mia Taylor

2022- Julia Devine and Amy Guglielmo

2021 - Thom and Betty Loreman

2020 - Local Frontline Essential Workers

2019 - The Plattsburgh Air Park Restoration Group of Volunteers

2018 - Leigh and Stephens Mundy

2017 - Janet Duprey

2016 - Gordie Little

2015 - Local Law Enforcement of Clinton County, NY

2014 - Kit and Sally Booth

2013 - Bob Wallet

2012 - Roger Harwood

2011 - Matt Spiegel

2010 - Bob Pooler

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2025 Nominees

To be considered, please forward your nomination no later than **Tuesday, June 10, 2025**, to joannedahlen@gmail.com. Include your name and phone number, as well as, your nominee's name, address, and phone number, and provide specific examples that illustrate their community spirit and dedication to protect and enhance the wonderful quality of life we enjoy in the North Country. The 2025 honoree will be announced at the Sunrise Rotary Mayor's Cup Regatta Award Ceremony on Saturday, July 12, 2025, at the Plattsburgh City Marina.

About Sunrise Rotary and the Mayor's Cup Regatta & Festival

The Sunrise Rotary Club is proud to host the 48th annual Mayor's Cup Regatta & Festival, Plattsburgh's most time-honored and highly anticipated summer tradition on Lake Champlain, on July 12, 2025. Sunrise Rotary hosts the Mayor's Cup Regatta & Festival as a way for our community to come together and celebrate summer in the North Country and to enjoy the beauty of the Champlain Valley and the majestic Lake Champlain. Sponsor donations and proceeds from the sales of the highly popular Mayor's Cup T-shirts help Sunrise Rotary support community-based projects, such as the Sunrise Rotary Pavilion at Wilcox Dock, the Sunrise Rotary Gazebo at the Samuel D. Champlain monument, the Max Moore Tree House at the SRT Trailhead and providing wheelchair accessibility to areas such as the Plattsburgh City Beach, Camp Tapawingo and the LaPierre Lane Park. Go to www.mayorscup.com for an up-to-date calendar of events for this year's Mayor's Cup Festival and to order Mayor's Cup t-shirts.

To learn more about the Sunrise Rotary Club, the community projects the club has helped to develop, the organizations we support locally and around the world, and how to become a member please visit www.plattsburghsunriserotary.org or contact the club at rotaryclub1982@gmail.com.

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