

Call for Nominations for the Prestigious 2024 “Spirit of Ianelli” Award



Plattsburgh, New York (May 2, 2024) – The Sunrise Rotary Mayor's Cup Regatta & Festival Committee is currently seeking nominations from the community for their prestigious 2024 “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.

Seven-year-old Mia Taylor from Peru, NY, was named the 2023 “Spirit of Ianelli” Award honoree. Mia, with the help of her mother, created “Mia’s Spreading Love Mission” on Facebook. Mia’s missions have spread love in the community in a variety of different ways. Last year Mia personally volunteered at local nursing homes, organized school supply drives, coordinated Christmas and Easter drives, donated hats and gloves to local classrooms, raised money to support local book fairs, and sent birthday cards to nursing home residents, community members facing serious illnesses, and others that needed a reason to smile and know they are not forgotten.

“Mia’s spirit for giving is amazing,” said Sunrise Rotary President Jim Snook. “Her passion and energy for giving to those in need sets an example for all of us in the community – of all ages. Mia truly does embody the ‘community does matter’ spirit.”

Past Honorees

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

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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2024 Nominees

To be considered, please forward your nomination no later than **Thursday, May 30, 2024**, 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 2024 honoree will be announced at the Sunrise Rotary Mayor's Cup Regatta Award Ceremony on Saturday, July 6, 2024, at the Plattsburgh City Marina.

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

The Sunrise Rotary Club is proud to host the 47th annual Mayor's Cup Regatta & Festival, Plattsburgh's most time-honored and highly anticipated summer tradition on Lake Champlain, on July 6, 2024. 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 (when available).

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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