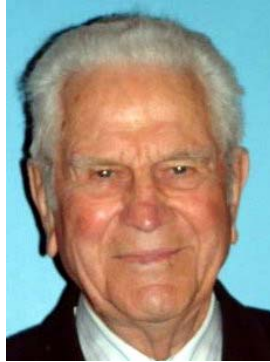


Gardiner Edward (Gardie) Shaw

July 1, 1922 - March 20, 2006

Rotarian: 1964 - 2006



Gardie Shaw was a towering and passionate Rotarian. He passed away on Monday March 20, 2006 after a courageous battle with cancer. Our sincerest condolences go out to Jeanne, Gardie's elegant wife and partner of sixty plus years and their family.

Gardie dedicated half of his life to Rotary. He was a member of our Club for nearly forty-two years. He hit the ground running with infectious enthusiasm and boundless energy. He was the top salesman in the fertilizer fundraiser of 1964. He served as President of our Club in the Rotary Year 1970-1971, and Governor of District 536 (later 5360/5370) in 1984-1985. During his year as DG he admonished Rotarians to nurture the "seeds of Rotary - the Four Avenues of Service." The fertilizer sales campaign must have left a lasting impression.

At our meeting May 5, 2005 with Jeanne at his side Gardie was presented with the "Four Avenues of Service Award" recognizing his outstanding contributions to Rotary at the Club, District and International levels.

Following the tremendously successful Calgary Winter Olympics of 1988, Gardie was a leader of a group of Calgary Rotarians inspired to put Calgary on the Rotary map by hosting an annual Rotary International Convention. A delegation of sixteen Calgary Rotarians led by Gardie, Doug Martin and Mayor Al Duerr presented their plans for holding the Rotary International Convention in Calgary in 1996. The rest is history - the 1996 RI Convention was the largest held to that date in the Western Hemisphere with 25,000 attendees from 126 countries enjoying Gardie Shaw's brand of Western Hospitality and Rotary Fellowship - a resounding success!

One of Gardie's Rotary passions was the Rotary Foundation which he often described as "the heartbeat of Rotary." Gardie and Jeanne were major donors to the Foundation. They were also recognized as "Legendary Heroes" for their support of the Calgary Boys and Girls Club.

Gardie Shaw led by example and he leaves a legacy of contagious enthusiasm, passionate service and generous support for his Community. The "Spirit of Gardie Shaw" will live on in every Rotarian who ever met this great Gentleman.



**Gardie receives Four Avenues of
Service Award May 2005**



**Jeanne and Gardie
Waterton Peace Park 2005**

(written by Mel Gray)