

## ***Remembering Norm & Beverly Owen***

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With the passing of Norm on October 24<sup>th</sup> and Beverly on November 21, 2024, Rotary has lost two very dedicated and passionate advocates. Norm and Bev were inseparable supporters of Rotary since Norm's induction in 1978. As a "Rotary Power Couple", they worked tirelessly in leadership roles at all levels of Rotary. Everyone knew that when Norm accepted a Rotary task they would get twice the energy, commitment and follow-through because Beverly was equally committed to the task. Norm willingly took on leadership assignments including local, state and national levels of support for the employment of people with disabilities. He served as the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa President in 1996-97 and Rotary District 5130 Governor in 2003-04. He also served as the President of the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa Foundation for 3 years beginning in 2016-17. In each and every leadership role Beverly was at his side, not as an observer but an active participant.

Outside of Rotary, Norm was a very successful attorney with Beverly serving as his highly qualified office manager and legal assistant. Their clients always understood and appreciated that when they were accepted as a client they would be getting the services of two highly accomplished professionals. Norm had a strong commitment to his profession as evidenced by his leadership in Phi Alpha Delta International Law Fraternity where he served as the international Justice in 1981.

Norm and Bev did not seek the limelight but were recognized by others for their leadership and service to mankind. Examples of such recognitions include the Harold Bostock Lifetime of Service Award and membership in the Rotary International Bequest Society. Norm's leadership style was "lead by example" and he surrounded himself with people who observed and followed his lead. His many contributions to Rotary continue to pay dividends because of those he inspired to serve.

Funeral services for Norm and Bev are pending however memorial contributions are encouraged to the newly established Norm and Beverly Owen Legal Studies Scholarship which provides financial support for student's pursuing a certificate or degree in the legal field. For the purposes of this scholarship, "legal field" is broadly interpreted to include all post-secondary majors leading to careers in professions ranging from legal assistant to attorney. Contributions may be made online via the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa Foundation website ([www.santarosarotary.com/foundation](http://www.santarosarotary.com/foundation)) or by check mailed to PO Box 1513, Santa Rosa, CA. 95402.