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Clay Ehlers (left) receives the Cadwallader Crystal from Gary Bren, Award Committee chair, Aug. 6 at the Lincoln South Rotary Club meeting. COURTESY PHOTO

Ehlers honored with Rotary district's highest service honor

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Clay Ehlers, a Lincoln South Rotary Club member, has been honored with the Rotary District 5650 Cadwallader Award. This is the highest honor presented for service in the District.

Ehlers was selected for the honor and was to receive his crystal at the 2020 District Conference. However, since that conference was virtual due to the pandemic, the actual presentation of the award was delayed.

The nominations come from the club, and the selection is made by a special committee of past district governors. The nomination includes a description of the candidate and his/her character as well as details of the service he/she has provided to and through Rotary. The specific service areas are Club Service, Community Service, Vocational Service, International Service and Youth Service. In nominating Ehlers, Lincoln South Rotary Club pointed out how heavily he has been involved in all of these service areas.

The 2020 Cadwallader Award Committee chair, Gary Bren – who was district governor in 2016-17, presented the award Aug.

6 at the Lincoln South Rotary Club meeting.

“Clay represents the ultimate in Service Above Self,” Bren said. “His commitment to Rotary, the community and his family is unsurpassed.”

While accepting the award, Ehlers commented that he was humbled and honored to be selected for this recognition.

“As a new father in my 20s, I was looking for ways to be more of an adult, more committed to our future, and was introduced to Lincoln South Rotary Club,” he said. He thanked his mother-in-law Joyce Michaelis for introducing him to Lincoln South Rotary Club.

Ehlers added: “I found everything and more than I could have expected as I became involved in Lincoln South Rotary.”

Rotary International includes 1.2 million members in over 35,000 clubs around the world. Together, Rotary members see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

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