



The Connecticut Trophy

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The Connecticut Trophy was originally designated as the William C Carter Trophy. It resulted from the exchange between Rotarians in District 1130 (formerly 113) and District 7980 (formerly 798) in Connecticut, USA. District 7980 presented the trophy to Past President Bill Carter in the year in which he was President of RIBI (1963/64) for him to present annually at the RIBI Conference to the district of RIBI **having the most outstanding activity in the furtherance of world understanding.**

President Bill Carter agreed that the General Council of RIBI should decide to which district the trophy should be presented upon the advice of the RIBI International Service committee which was asked to draw up appropriate rules.

The Trophy was first presented at the 1964 (Scarborough) annual conference of RIBI by President of RI Carl Miller to District 1130.

In the following year it was decided that the trophy should be presented annually at the RIBI Conference by the RI President, when he is present, to a district recommended by the RIBI International Service committee and approved by the RIBI General Council. It was also given the name of the Connecticut Trophy after the state from which it came because President Bill Carter did not wish it to be known in perpetuity as the William C Carter Trophy.

The General Councils 1964/65 and 1978/79 decided on the following conditions for the award of the Connecticut Trophy:

- The Trophy shall be awarded to the district making the maximum progress in International Service during the preceding Rotary year.
- The trophy should not normally be awarded to the same district two years in succession.
- The RIBI International Service committee in tendering its advice to the President of RIBI should use as a basis for its decision: support for RIBI preferred projects, locally generated projects, degree of international contact with clubs and the effectiveness in the promotion of international service in other areas.

District International Service Chairmen should submit their district reports to the RIBI International Service Chairman by 15th September.

The basis of comparison should not be solely the volume of International Service undertaken as districts comprised mainly of rural areas would be unlikely to have the same opportunities for International Service open to them as districts principally centred on major cities, especially university cities.

Information concerning this award, its purpose and background of annual presentation shall be included in the RIBI Conference programme.

Notification of Award of Connecticut Trophy

The District Governor of District 7980 (the district which gave the Connecticut Trophy) shall be informed each year by the RIBI International Service Committee Chairman of the winning district of the project for which the trophy had been awarded.