

2003 Marion & Matty Penick Outstanding Community Service Award

Name of Nominee: Bill Mercurio and Elaine Mercurio

Name of Nominators: Lee Schatzley

Bill and Elaine Mercurio have lived in Beavercreek for approximately 13 years. They have made many contributions to the betterment of the community as a couple and individually. Their activities are so entwined as a team it is difficult to separate individual activities. They sewed on the Pride Committee for the betterment of Beavercreek City Schools; both have been active in the Family Violence Prevention Center of Greene County, formerly the Greene County Domestic Violence Project; they purchased the former Creek Sports Center and funded plans to remodel it as a community center. Their ultimate goal was to donate it to the city and township (it did not come to fruition because of political difficulties); they are active members of St Luke Catholic Church, contributors to the Beavercreek Community Theatre; contribute toys for the needy in support of the Rotary Club's annual Christmas Project. In 2001 the Beavercreek Chamber of Commerce recognized them with the prestigious E. G. Award for Community Service. They are devoted to their four children and eight grandchildren.

Bill and Elaine Mercurio live by her favorite quote: 'If you are lucky enough to be in a situation in which you can make a contribution, you have the responsibility to do so.'

Elaine has generally involved herself in hands-on people projects: For 10 years she has been the Publicity and Booth Chair of the highly successful Beavercreek Popcorn Festival; three years a member of the Beavercreek Park Board; the past 5 years she has been city liaison for the Community Theatre; Education Chair of the Beavercreek Historical Society; 8 years as FISH group contact person; Greene Community Health Foundation Auxiliary and Co-Chair of the first fund raiser; past three years as Co-Chair of the Uncommon Affair for Family Violence Prevention Center; currently President of the Board of Trustees for Family Violence Prevention Center; past 10 years a member of a quilting group that raises funds for a Children's Medical Center memory park

Bill's activities have been largely directed toward planning, management and fund raising. He was highly active in the Pride Committee, which helped obtain passage of the bond issue levy for the \$42 million school facilities improvement; he helped secure funds for the modular laboratories for Beavercreek Schools. The Beavercreek Schools honored him with the "Friends of Education Award." Bill was instrumental in raising funds and in-kind contributions for the Beavercreek Police Crime Protection Outreach Bus. He sold a van at below cost to the Beavercreek Township Fire Department Auxiliary. As a member and past president of the Beavercreek Chamber of Commerce he is active in many projects, which greatly benefit the community and enhance our quality of life. He is also an active member of several business organizations in other venues of the Miami Valley.

The personal involvement and financial contributions Bill and Elaine Mercurio have made to Beavercreek and Greene County truly exemplify the Rotary Creed "Service above Self."