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LOVELAND ROTARY CLUB

PHIL FARLEY NAMED CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

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Phil Farley is all smiles after being honored as the Loveland Rotary Citizen of the Year by Past Rotary President Mary McCambridge on Tuesday during the club meeting at Mountain View Presbyterian Church in Loveland.

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The Loveland Rotary Club awarded Phil Farley, a former city councilor and a fixture in Loveland community service, with the Citizen of the Year Award on Tuesday, an honor meant to recognize non-Rotarians for significant contributions to the city.

Farley, 84, is a former Rotary member and has devoted significant effort to a number of causes in the community, including programs for alternative sentences for juvenile criminal offenders; fundraising for projects such as the Rialto Bridge, which significantly expanded the size of the Rialto Theater, Art Space and the Loveland Feed and Grain; coaching Little League; and teaching computer classes to students in the Thompson School District.

"He is super smart, but also one of the nicest men I have ever met," said past president of the Loveland Rotary Club Mary McCambridge, who presented Farley with his award, choking up slightly as she did.

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Carol Stark speaks after being named the 2025 Rotarian of the Year on Tuesday.

Farley

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She went on to describe his professional career, coming to Loveland in 1978 to work for Hewlett-Packard and later working as a consultant, eventually retiring from IBM. He was elected to the Loveland City Council in 2011, where he served four years.

"Frankly, we're remiss in not having awarded it to Phil before," McCambridge said after the ceremony. "He's done so much." The award was kept a surprise from Farley prior to Tuesday, and he joked that he was invited to the meeting under false pretenses. A delighted smile on his face, he accepted the award from his wheelchair, surrounded by family members and friends.

"I am so honored and amazed," he said. "I know what it means to be Citizen of the Year, as a past member of Rotary." The award, McCambridge said, is intended to show the collaboration between the club and others throughout the community to accomplish the kinds of things that make the city a better place to live.

"We recognize the spirit of working together and getting things done," she said. "And these are people who can get things done."

At the same meeting Farley was named Citizen of the Year, club member Carol Stark was named Rotarian of the Year, a similar award given to current members of the club. Stark, according to McCambridge, is a crucial member of the Loveland Rotary Club, acting as an organizer for events as well as welcoming new members and guests to the club.

"Our club is richer for having her and her talent for getting things done, and especially making our new members feel welcome," she said.