

## **Andy Chalk**

### **Community Involvement:**

Served on the 2 terms for the Whitko Community School Boards, Indiana. Served on the on the Ontario School Board for 2 terms

United Way of Richland County - Annually participates in United Way's Day of Caring

2024 - assisted with the planting of 75 trees on behalf of 100th anniversary of Alta Greenhouse.

2023 - Completed 20 service projects, most of which Andy served as lead.

Participates in Ohio State Route 13 Roadside Clean-Up project.

Rings bells annually for Salvation Army holidays.

Corporate Pinewood Derby (numerous years chaired and built the car), in support of the local Boy Scouts.

Dog Park Project

Completed several projects at the Ohio Bird Sanctuary, Rehab Center Playground, Domestic Violence remodeling/painting, etc.

### **Rotary Service Activities**

When joined Mansfield Club in 2010 brought 4 members from the disbanded Ontario Club

Chaired the committee to build the 100' walkway at the Ohio Bird Sanctuary.

Chaired the committee for two outbound foreign youth exchange students.

Participated in Ontario Fourth of July Festival.

Instrumental in establishing a Corporate membership to Mansfield Club for Ontario Local Schools

Brought the Poinsettia Project from the Ontario Club and has chaired and been the top seller (and deliverer) annually

Assisted in installation of Mansfield Rotary's 100th Centennial Clock at Carrousel Park, and does annual maintenance on it.

Andy was instrumental in starting the STRIVE program at Ontario School and has headed it up since 2005

Andy is a PHF+1

He has had 100% attendance since at least 2010

### **How Andy Embodies Service Above Self**

Andy truly embodies the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self," through his unwavering commitment and selfless actions that have left a lasting mark on our community. His hands-on leadership during United Way's Day of Caring, coordination of planting 75 trees for the Alta Greenhouse centennial to promote environmental sustainability, and dedicated efforts at the Ohio Bird Sanctuary, the Rehab Center Playground, and the Domestic Violence Center highlight the breadth and depth of his impact. Andy consistently takes on challenging projects, creating safe and welcoming spaces for children and families in need. His compassion, perseverance, and belief that everyone deserves support and opportunity shine through in all he does.

Education is at the heart of Andy's service. Serving two terms on both the Ontario and Whitko Community School Boards, he has demonstrated a deep commitment to strengthening schools and empowering students. He was instrumental in securing a corporate membership to Mansfield's Club for Ontario Local Schools, and his long-standing leadership of the Rotary's STRIVE program since 2004 exemplifies his dedication to youth development and academic achievement.

Andy's leadership within Rotary is equally impressive. Having served as club president at least twice, he has guided important committees, advanced key initiatives, mentored fellow Rotarians, and fostered collaboration throughout the organization. His influence extends to building community spirit, especially through chairing the Corporate Pinewood Derby for years—mentoring young people and supporting local Boy Scouts—as well as strengthening connections through the Ontario Fourth of July Festival and Rotary's outbound youth exchange programs.

When the Ontario club disbanded, Andy's steadfast dedication ensured the tradition of service continued by facilitating the transition of four Ontario Rotary members to the Mansfield club. This not only strengthened the club but also upheld the spirit of service for future generations.

What truly sets Andy apart is his humility, integrity, and tireless energy. He brings people together, motivates volunteers, and creates lasting improvements through collaboration

and a shared vision. Whether building walkways, painting playgrounds, or nurturing future leaders, Andy's actions consistently reflect a profound sense of responsibility and compassion.

Andy does not seek recognition, but his example inspires everyone around him to serve. His legacy is one of positive change, compassionate leadership, and unwavering dedication. We believe Andy should be honored with this award because he exemplifies the very best of "Service Above Self"—leading with heart, vision, and a genuine commitment to making a difference in the lives of others.

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