

Distinguished Achievement Citation

Clifford L. Dochterman

Class of 1947

Clifford Dochterman is an illustrious example of the historic commitment among Ohio Wesleyan alumni to lives of service. A friend describes him as “a true humanitarian who believes that service is simply a part of living.”

To a distinguished career in several segments of higher education, Dr. Dochterman has added an awesome array of volunteer involvements.

Though significant leadership roles in Rotary International, he has worked energetically and selflessly on projects to improve the health of children of the world and to alleviate global hunger and other disastrous conditions.

In 1978, he was named one of three co-chairpersons of Rotary’s Health, Hunger and Humanity Committee and as such, is described as an architect of the worldwide program of humanitarian service. He also has served as chair person of Rotary’s New horizons Committee which created a goal to immunize all children in the world against polio and other childhood diseases. The “PolioPlus” program has immunized or approved plans to immunize 240 million children in 42 countries. A fundraising project of ambitious proportions is now underway to finance worldwide immunization against polio by the year 1900.

For his part in these endeavors, Dr. Dochterman has received Rotary International’s Distinguished Service Award. For service roles over a period of more than forty years in the Boy Scouts of America, the organization has recognized him with two of its highest honors, the Silver Beaver and Sliver Antelope awards.

Also benefiting from his generous and spirited expenditure of time and energy have been the Stockton (California) Chamber of Commerce and the California Council for the Humanities in Public Policy.

Currently Vice President at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, California, Dr. Dochterman previously held administrative positions with the Education Commission of the States in Colorado and at the University of California in Berkeley. He has published a number of articles on higher education.

For consistent attention to the needs of humankind, Ohio Wesleyan is proud to bestow upon Clifford Dochterman the Distinguished Achievement Citation.

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