Suffolk First Citizen Award

## What is It?

Award given each year since 1956, except for a hiatus from 1999-2002, to an outstanding individual who best exemplifies the spirit of citizen ship and who has shown significant leadership through his or her time, talents and efforts to make Suffolk a better place to live. The Suffolk Rotary Club took over the award in 2003 and the North Suffolk Rotary Club joined in the recognition of the award in 2010.

## Recent Recipients

2018: Karla Jean Smith (author, NRPA, environmentalist, historian, educator)

2017: John Harrell

2016: Lydia Duke (car dealership)

2015: Billy Chorey (real estate agent)

2014: Robert Harrell

***Caroline Martin***

Senator Fred Quayle

Dr. Doug Naismity

Delegate Chris Jones

Betsy Brothers (Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts)

Ross Boone

Attorney Whitney Saunders

City Councilman Curtis Milteer

Sue Woodward (historian)

Mayor Dana Dickens

George Birdsong

General Assembly Member Sam Glasscock

Dr. George Barnett (dentist)

Mayor Andy Damiani

Governor Mills Godwin

## Nominations

Nominations for Suffolk’s First Citizen must be postmarked by Friday, July 26, 2019. Nominees must be a citizen of Suffolk. Need letters of endorsement. Mail all nominations to:

Suffolk Rotary Club

c/o First Citizen

P.O. Box 1972

Suffolk, VA 23439-1972

I would like to have at least one nomination from the membership of our North Suffolk Rotary Club. We have some members that are truly deserving.

## Reception Honoring the Recipient

Tuesday, September 26 at 6:00 PM at the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts.

Please plan to attend the reception. It is a good event, and an opportunity to meet lots of great people and to show your appreciation for the winner. Tickets are $35 a person if purchased before September 4 and $50 a person after that. If you do plan to go, consider being a bronze sponsor. That includes 2 reservations.

## Sponsors

Seeking sponsors for the event.

1. Presenting Sponsor $3000 8 reservations plus website link
2. Platinum $2000 6 reservations plus website link
3. Diamond $1000 4 reservations plus website link
4. Gold $ 500 3 reservations
5. Silver $ 250 2 reservations
6. Bronze $ 150 2 reservations
7. Additional Tickets $ 35 before Sept 4, $50 after Sept 4.

The lead for acquiring sponsors is Patrick Belcher of the downtown Suffolk Rotary Club. His contact information follows: Patrick Belcher, 757-373-5195 or email [belcherpl@gmail.com](mailto:belcherpl@gmail.com).

If you would like to be a sponsor or if you know someone or an organization that would be a good candidate for being a sponsor, call Pat or me to let us know. My contact information is

Russell Richards, 757-763-8941, [russrichards@live.com](mailto:russrichards@live.com)