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### **ROTARY HONORS LAKE OSWEGO MAYOR**

LAKE OSWEGO – Mayor Judie Hammerstad was presented with the Vocational Service Award yesterday for her “outstanding and exceptional service to the Lake Oswego community.” The award is given annually by the Lake Oswego Rotary Club and was presented last night at the club’s annual holiday party.

Bill Peterson, Chair of Rotary, said “As business leaders, Rotarians share their skill and expertise through vocational service. These efforts play a vital role in improving the quality of life for members of the community and this year’s recipient has done just that.”

Before she was elected in 2002 to serve as Mayor, Hammerstad had a long record of involvement, including elected office with the Lake Oswego School Board (1980-88), in the Oregon State Legislature (1987-88), and the Clackamas County Commission (1990-99). Her government experience includes service on the Metropolitan Policy Advisory Committee, member of the Board of Directors for Portland State Institute and Portland Streetcar, Inc. She currently chairs the national Community Streetcar Coalition and is a member of the “Big Look” bipartisan Oregon Task Force on Land Use Planning, which was appointed by Governor Kulongoski.

Don Burdick, the Rotarian who nominated Hammerstad, said, “With every position she has undertaken she has motivated the governing entity beyond rhetoric, to action. In Lake Oswego thirty years of planning came to fruition in real downtown development projects we now enjoy such as Lakeview Village and Millennium Plaza Park. The passage of park and open space bond measures have brought playing fields and open space acquisitions such as Foothills Park, Stevens Meadows, Lily Bay and the redevelopment of George Rogers Park. In Lake Oswego the streetcar may become a reality due to her leadership. She possesses leadership courage and it takes a goodly amount of leadership courage to implement ideas. She is a huge contributor to and vital ingredient of the fabric of Lake Oswego. She is truly representative of Rotary’s “service above self” motto.”

Surprised and appreciative, Mayor Hammerstad expressed her gratitude to members of the community for making these accomplishments possible.

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