



RESOLUTION – RONALD K. JACOBSON

PREAMBLE

Fellow Rotarian and Past President Ronald Keith Jacobson, a prominent social services executive who led major organizations in Everett, passed away on August 2, 2021, after six years of declining health.

During his last months, a consistent stream of family and friends visited, and Ron always knew how to make people feel special. Plenty of fellow Rotarians will confirm that one came away feeling like a million dollars after a chat with Ron Jacobson.

Ron, a Paul Harris Fellow, joined our club, his first and only Rotary affiliation, on January 1, 1968. He was our president for the 1980-81 Rotary Year and was with the club until March 26, 2015.

Ron earned a master's degree in social work and thereafter came to Everett in 1967 to undertake the leadership of Luther Child Center. His ability to think creatively and strategically led Luther Child Center to adapt very successfully to changing times.

He served on a variety of community and professional boards and was a congregational leader of Everett's Central Lutheran Church and the Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

Later in his career, he oversaw the merger of several mental health agencies to become Compass Health, with Ron as its first president and CEO.

After retiring Ron took up his ambition to fly small airplanes, which ambition indeed landed him in the pilot's seat of a plane, in addition to a seat on the Board of Directors of the Arlington Fly-In.

Ron enjoyed ice hockey, the mountains, flying, writing, and telling stories. His love of people and respect for those in need grew out of his deep religious beliefs and values, which led to his life of service.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ronald Jacobson was a dedicated social service, spiritual, and community leader whose intellect and vision enabled him to accomplish a wide variety of important goals that benefited our region, and

WHEREAS, Ronald Jacobson exhibited a genuine and abiding interest in the health and well-being of others, and

WHEREAS, Ronald Jacobson believed in, acted in accordance with, and was a firm proponent of Rotary's principled motto: Service Above Self, and

WHEREAS, we have each of us been blessed by the presence of Ronald Jacobson in our lives and in the Rotary Club of Everett.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Rotary President Gregory M. Lineberry be charged with the duty of placing a copy of this Resolution in the hands of Ron's family so that they may know of both the high esteem in which we hold Ron and the great fondness in our hearts for his memory.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the membership of the Rotary Club of Everett, united here together, observe a moment of silence in honor of our departed friend Ronald Keith Jacobson.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, I affix my hand and seal this Thirty-First Day of August 2021:

Robert Bavasi
Chair - Resolutions Committee
Rotary Club of Everett

ATTEST:

Gregory M. Lineberry
President
Rotary Club of Everett

ATTEST:

Neil Angst
Secretary
Rotary Club of Everett