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Bert South Award Presented To Herb Moller

Bradenton Kiwanis Foundation presented Mr. Herb Moller, retired executive with Gillette Corporation and local philanthropist, with the Bradenton Kiwanis Foundation Bert South Philanthropic Award at the May 8th Kiwanis Club luncheon. The award is presented by the Bradenton Kiwanis Foundation to honor an individual, family or group who best reflect the Foundation's philanthropic values.



Mark Nelson, Foundation Vice President, welcomed Mr. Moller, his guests and the attendees to the Second Annual Bert South Philanthropic Award. Mark thanked Kiwanis Club Vice President and Armstrong Brothers Plumbing owner Bill Edwards for being the presenting sponsor.

Foundation Board member and 2018 Bert South Award Chair, Betsy Benac recognized the Bert South Award Committee that includes Cliff Walters, Jerry Neff and last years Bert South Award recipient Ms. Rae Dowling.

Betsy stated, "Bert South represented and practiced the remarkable qualities of leadership, service, philanthropy and kindness. Herb Moller displays the same values and qualities appreciated and demonstrated by our Foundation and our members."

Mr. Moller was abandoned and homeless as a child in Europe during WWII and he was a homeless immigrant teen living on the streets of Philadelphia. His life has been a remarkable combination of leadership, service and philanthropy.

Mr. Moller has been guided by mentors that have helped him attain a BA from the University of Penn and an MBA from the Wharton Graduate School of Finance and Commerce. He served our country by joining the US Army and completing a tour of duty in Vietnam's most heavily fought area. He was the Chief Information Technology Officer, VP of Finance & Strategic Planning and Corp VP for the Gillette Corporation. Mr. Moller has served on numerous non-profit boards providing leadership and financial advice. He co-founded a nonprofit who's mission it was to employ the homeless. He is a Big Brother, a mentor with Take Stock in Children, a server at Our Daily Bread and volunteer with Kiwanis's Christmas in August (homeless student program). He is a widower, he has two sons and 3 grandchildren and is a disciple of Jesus Christ.

"Herb took early retirement, following a calling to serve Jesus; he now gives his time and experiences as a mentor and volunteer to several area nonprofit organizations. He draws on his own experience to inspire others to succeed and uses humility and strategic insights to help his mentees, who include teens and their families, to older adults struggling with decisions. He knows full well the value of a compassionate but objective listener."

Karen Carpenter, Bert South Award Nominator

Bert South was a forty-year Bradenton Kiwanis Club member and a community leader who effectively directed and managed the Bradenton Trailer Park, was the Executive Director for the Bradenton Boys Club and was the first individual to leave a legacy gift to the Bradenton Kiwanis Foundation.

Photo courtesy of Johnson Photolmaging. Betsy Benac presenting award to Herb Moller.

Giving Challenge Donors Provide Great Support

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The Bradenton Kiwanis Foundation is deeply appreciative of the many donors who took the time to make a gift during the 24-hour Giving Challenge. Thirty six people contributed \$2,675 with an additional \$2,525 of matching funds from the Patterson Foundation for a total of \$5,200. Our Bradenton Kiwanis Foundation leadership extends a heartfelt thank you to all who provided support to continue the Kiwanis mission.



A special thank you to Charles Clapsaddle and the METV team for their outstanding production of the Foundation's "Be The One" video.

The 2018 Giving Challenge was presented by the Community Foundation of Sarasota with giving strengthened by the Patterson Foundation.

Kiwanis Readers Reach Over 2,000 Students

Bradenton Kiwanis's Young Children Priority One program focuses on children from birth to five years old. One of the program's annual projects is **Every Child a Reader**. Kiwanis provides funding to purchase books for the children. The Early Learning Coalition, through the leadership of Kiwanis Club member Lisa Morrison, connects Kiwanis and community volunteers with early learning facilities that reach over local



2,000 children. Participants taking the time to make a difference were:

Mac Aldrich, Sharon Barhorst, Hon. Betsy Benac, Susie Bowie, Edie Bustle, Larry Bustle, Brian Chambers, Ed Cleveland, Diana Davis, Heather Doyle, Angie Edwards, Bill Edwards, Roland Emerton, David Finkelstein, Dr. Diana Greene, Joanne Hibbs, Stephanie Larreinaga, Judge Ed Nicholas, Lisa Morrison, Thomas Moseley, Brenda Osborne, Brett Pollock, Dr. Carol Probstfeld, Jim Reschenberg, Steve Riley, Brenda Rogers, Paul Scharff, Dawn Stanhope, Dr. Steven Tinsworth, John Vita and Chris Whittaker.

Photo Courtesy of Dr. Tinsworth. Dr. Steven Tinsworth, Foundation President, entertaining and reading to VPK students.

44,064 Meals Packed During Kids Against Hunger

Bradenton Kiwanis Club members along with several community organizations recently supported the the Manatee Sunrise Kiwanis Club with the annual Kids Against Hunger project. Kids Against Hunger has a mission to feed undernourished children throughout the community and starving families around the world.



Over 98 Kiwanis and community volunteers **packed 44,064 meals** comprised of rice, soy, spices and beans. Mark Hildebrandt, Executive Director for Kids Against Hunger-Manatee and a Manatee Sunrise Kiwanis Club leader states, "There is a continuing need in our community to provide nutritious meals to the homeless and the hungry, specifically school children who find it difficult to concentrate on empty stomachs."

Local groups supporting the effort were Bradenton Kiwanis Club, Bayshore High School Key Club, Best Buy, Cub Scout Pack 125 and Pack 22, Feeding Empty Little Tummys, Lakewood Ranch K-Kids, Manatee High School Key Club, Rowlett Elementary K-Kids, Southeast High School Key Club and St. Joseph's Elementary K-Kids.

Photo Courtesy of Linda Agresta. Christmas in August Co-Chairs, Brett Pollock and Linda Agresta take time to volunteer and pack meals for Kiwanis's Kids Against Hunger project.

Bank of America Sponsors



Bank of America is sponsoring the 2018 Christmas in August program at the "Supporter" \$1,000 level. In addition to their financial support, Bank of America branches in Sarasota and Manatee Counties will conduct a school supply drive to augment Kiwanis's Christmas in August supply needs. The Bank of America Community Relations team will also provide much needed volunteer support to prepare for the program day.

"All of us at Kiwanis are deeply grateful for the outstanding and continued ongoing support provided by Bank of America and the Bank's kind and generous employees. Our Christmas in August program works because of strong and dedicated community involvement."

Linda Agresta, Co-Chair
Christmas in August

Remember Mom on Mother's Day this Sunday.

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