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Splash Awards
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Accelerator Award—Terry Kalil

This award recognizes an individual who motivates their friends, colleagues, family and/or community to get involved. This person is a team-builder and a community collaborator who inspires us to rev up!

Terry Kalil has vision, enthusiasm and the ability to bring people together and unite for a common cause. She has been instrumental in supporting current and future DL Public Library endeavors and garnering the support of the library friends and community members.

She is also very involved in the League of Women Voters and in an election year a much needed voice in support and encouragement of voter engagement.

Runner-up Nominees:

~ **Jim Sinclair** is retired member of the DL Fire Department, active with Essentia Health St. Mary’s Foundation, Friends of Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge and DL Rotary. Jim loves this community and is happy to volunteer where needed.

~ **Kathy Michaelson** is a tireless supporter of the Detroit Lakes area. She is active in many boards, committees and volunteer opportunities. Her enthusiasm in the DL Breakfast Rotary Club encourages others to be involved. Kathy is constantly positive and full of energy.
Congratulations on your Accelerator Award Terry Kalil!

Thank you for your local and state leadership.
2020 required flexibility!
You led us through groundbreaking ways to provide voters with candidate information, interviews and forums.

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Congratulations to the Library and Terry Kalil, Friends of the Library Board member!
Well deserved!

~Friends of the Library

Celebrating the heart of gold in Jim Sinclair!

Inspiring the next generation, naturally.

Congratulations!

Detroit Lakes Breakfast Rotary is proud of Kathy Michaelson and her Splash Accelerator Award Nomination!

Rising Early, Having Fun, Doing Good!
Congratulations to all the nominees who make a SPLASH in the community!
Ripple Award—DL Public Library/Greta Guck
This award recognizes a club, group or non-profit that motivates the people around them to be engaged and contributing members of the community through an event, volunteer project or service. They make a ripple in our region.

The Detroit Lakes Public Library, their staff and Director Greta Guck are to be commended. They have continued the great programming and services of the library and brought innovation and positivity during the COVID-19 pandemic. The entire team has been busy working together to improve library systems, offer curbside service, book delivery and has implemented new measures to ensure safety and sanitization. Greta brought to life, the idea of a Book Bike and empowered volunteers to donate. This mobile library will bring internet access, library cards and reading materials to many creative events and spaces in our community.

Runner-up Nominees:

~ BTD Charitable Council is made up of a group of employees that motivate their coworkers to be engaged in the community. They can be seen packing bags for the United Way Backpack Program, helping at the Becker County Food Shelf, or giving to the schools!

~ Detroit Lakes Jaycees are known for the Water Carnival, generosity and lots of fun. In 2020, they were still able to get involved, host a family day, run several blood drives and keep sparking passions to help the community!
Proudly serving our community since 1975

Congratulations, Jim Sinclair

Runner up: Accelerator Award

We see you helping people rise to new challenges, grow their businesses and strengthen their communities.

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Lighthouse Award—SJE
This Award is fitting for a business that consistently shows their enduring commitment and long standing service to our region. Their light shows us the way!

SJE has a 45+ year tradition of supporting the Detroit Lakes region. They have recently donated to local projects like the Becker County Museum, Essentia Health Helipad, Boys & Girls Club, and numerous educational and community projects. SJE employees can also be seen giving their time at the Day of Caring, Ice Palace, Heart Walk and more.

At the onset of the pandemic they implemented a “100 Day Plan” which included buying meals, supplies and employee thank you gifts from local restaurants, retailers and suppliers. SJE is proud to support the community through economic stimulation and charitable giving.

Runner-up Nominees:

~ Becker County Museum has been working hard toward its goal of new building construction coming soon. In 2020, they also served the families of area by creating take-home STEAM kits, developing youth summer day camps and working with fellow non-profits to create meaningful and educational experiences.

~ BTD Manufacturing has been an active contributor to Detroit Lakes community projects. They are always willing to give of their time, talent and resources. From COVID-19 ear protectors to donations to countless causes and projects, BTD is committed to building community pride and involvement.
Wave Award—La Barista

This award recognizes a current DL Chamber Member that sets the example for promoting and investing in the tourism and hospitality industry in our region.

La Barista has been busy creating a tourism culture by bringing two food trucks to the community, making our local events fun and festive and by creating local flavors. Brooke, Courtney and their staff are always willing to participate and donate to the community!

Runner-up Nominee:

~ Maplelag Resort & Conference Center is not only the gold-standard for ski resorts, they bring tourists from around the world to ski, bike, learn and to celebrate special occasions. The Richards family offers great customer service and a destination our region is proud of.
Skipper Award—Kristin Bausman
This award acknowledges an individual’s commitment and service in the past year to our region.

Kristin Bausman is the Public Health Supervisor for Becker County Public Health. Her qualities of always being calm, prepared and collaborative have been a big asset to our community as we have faced the challenges of 2020. She has a willingness to serve and make a difference for the people of our community.

Runner-up Nominees:

~ Kelcey Klemm has shown tremendous strength in 2020 as a city leader, communicator, collaborator and volunteer. He makes our town a better place to live, work and play.

~ Matthew Carrier has always “gone to bat” for our community. He is a leader in youth sports and active in Laker Boosters. He brought a lot of positivity to a challenging 2020 sports season. We are thankful for his commitment to the youth and sports in our community.
Launch Award—Amy Erickson
This award recognizes a rising star in our community whose leadership, energy and willingness to serve propels projects, organizations and our community forward.

Amy Erickson works tirelessly to help our schools and education programs succeed. From Imagination Library to DL School Board and all points in between, Amy helps move projects forward and collaborates with fellow volunteers to be sure our children and community are able to reach their goals.

Runner-up Nominees:

~ April Thomas brings positivity and energy to many community organizations. She volunteers for the DL Schools, Becker County Museum, DLCCC and many youth activities. She inspires others with her positive outlook, talents and her dedication.

~ Zeke Fuhrman is a big cheerleader for Detroit Lakes and the region. Whether he is on the radio or out in the community, he is looking for ways to spread a little joy. He inspires kids to make valentines for 1st responders, donate to the food pantry or to use their talents to benefit our region. Zeke is a great voice for our community.
**Beacon Award—Bruce Imholte**

This award recognizes a regional advocate who is a long standing, repeat performer for their willingness to always step up, participate and lead. They are a steady beacon of light.

Bruce Imholte has dedicated over 38 years to the betterment of Detroit Lakes. He has served on the DL City Council and committees too numerous to mention. He is a consistent advocate for long-range planning and making sure the future dreams can be supported by financial planning. Bruce is always making sure Detroit Lakes has a bright future!

**Runner-up Nominees:**

~ **Karen Skoyles** is a leader and mentor for our community. She has dedicated her time and talents to inspiring our youth through sports, scouts and scholarships. Karen works hard to be sure our community is a better place for every citizen.

~ **Beth Pridday** is both a highly-visible volunteer and a behind-the-scenes caring individual. She can be found fundraising, planning events, supporting a local cause and inspiring new entrepreneurs. She donates time, talents and treasures to so many community efforts!
Splash Award Honorable Mentions

We received so many amazing nominations it was so hard to choose this year’s recipients. We want to also recognize these Honorable Mentions:

Crystal Piekarshi
Hans & Mary Beth Giltsdorf
Jill Brandt
InLine Motion
Matt Davis
Paul Gintner
Starboard Point Condo

Thank you for all you do for our community!

Congratulations
to all nominees and winners!
Thanks for being awesome!

Meadowland Surveying congratulates and thanks the nominees for their contributions!

Splash Awards are brought to you by the Detroit Lakes Regional Chamber of Commerce. Thank you to everyone who took the time to submit a nomination. We hope you will consider nominating someone for the 2021 awards.