

## Donald Mike Waters Memorial Citizen of the Year Award Winners

*Donald "Mike" Waters was a leader in our community until his death in 1999. In 2000, Town Council joined with other citizens on a volunteer Committee to honor Mr. Waters' memory. That Committee is responsible for gathering nominations for this annual award named in his honor.*



*The Committee uses the following criteria: service provided must be voluntary, and not the result of a paid position; individuals or groups do not have to be a resident of the borough, but their service must benefit the borough in some significant way; the service rendered must have been accomplished in the past 12 months or so, or it may also be for a lifetime of service. The Committee typically announces the recipient at a Town Council meeting in the fall of each year.*

In 2024, the Chambersburg/Mike Waters Citizen of the Year Award has selected Mr. Kenneth Ditzler as our honoree. Listed are areas of Ken's exemplary volunteer work that has benefited the Borough of Chambersburg and its youth and citizens:

Building Our Pride in Chambersburg- Board of Directors since 1993; Treasurer 2018-present  
Rotary Club of Chambersburg - member from 2004-present; Past Club President 2006-7;  
Rotarian of the Year 2008;

Occupational Services Inc (OSI)-Board of Directors since 2010; Board President 2015-present  
United Way of Franklin County-Board of Directors since 2018; Board President 2021-present  
Penn State University Alumni Association-Lifetime member since 1983

Franklin County Beekeepers Association -Lifetime member since 2018

Volunteer youth basketball coach (Adams/Franklin County CYO; Harrisburg Area CYO) - 2005-2015

Volunteer youth soccer coach (CYSA)-2006-2016

USSF Grass Roots Soccer Official - 2015-present PIAA High School Soccer Official - 2022-present

Volunteered on various non-profit committees

Ken is known as a humble, diligent, dedicated type of guy who loves his community, especially the youth.

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Former recipients include:

2000 Ray Depuy  
2001 Yvonne Butts-Mitchell  
2002 Levester Taylor  
2003 Wayne Mowrey  
2004 Yvonne Tomi Jones  
2005 Will Pananes  
2006 Clint Bolte  
2007 Jack Jones  
2008 John Shearer  
2009 Sam Gillespie  
2010 Esther Wagner  
2011  
2012 Louisa C. Cowles  
2013 Rev. Jeff Diller  
2014 Robert L. Hewitt  
2015 Samuel King  
2016 Ruth Ann Bigler  
2017 Paul Cullinane  
2018 John Massa  
2019 Donna Snyder  
2020 Craig Cordell  
2021 Dara Taylor  
2022 Lance Walker  
2023 Joanne Cochran

Please contact Jamia Wright, Borough Secretary, at 717-251-2437 or [jwright@chambersburgpa.gov](mailto:jwright@chambersburgpa.gov) if you have questions or if you would like to receive information about how to nominate someone for this award.