

Bert Shoemaker Award

Herbert O. (Bert) Shoemaker, Sr., was a Charter Member of the Kiwanis Club of Golden Gate/Pacific (Division 17). He was one of those exceptional individuals for whom Kiwanis was a way of life, and he was quick to extol the virtues of being a Kiwanian to anyone with whom he came in contact.

He had a record of perfect attendance for more than 55 years; participated in building four new clubs in Division 17; was active in club projects of every kind; brought innumerable new members into Kiwanis; and avidly supported interclubbing, mid-year conferences, and District and International conventions. He participated in chartering in Europe the first club chartered outside North America!

He had the kind of enthusiasm that gave inspiration, encouragement, and direction to officers and members of his club and division. He had a fun-loving spirit that gave life to club and board meetings, but he never let fun interfere with the work to be done. Bert's enthusiasm for Kiwanis was such that, wherever he went in Division 17, he was known as *Mr. Kiwanis*.

The Bert Shoemaker Award, established by the Golden Gate/Pacific Club in memory of its exceptional member, is **presented annually at the Cal-Nev-Ha District Convention** to a Kiwanian who has best exemplified the spirit of Kiwanis. Such a Kiwanian is found in every successful club . . . this is your opportunity to let the Cal-Nev-Ha District know about your special Kiwanian! The recipient of the award is presented with an attractive plaque. In addition, their name is added to the perpetual trophy, which is kept on display in the District Office.

Kiwanis clubs are encouraged to submit candidates who have earned the love and respect of their fellow members by virtue of exceptional contribution to their clubs and their communities. This award gives clubs a unique opportunity to give recognition to a Kiwanian who has given much to Kiwanis without ever asking anything in return.

Please note, this award is not to be confused with the Kiwanian of the Year Award. To assist clubs in submitting letters of nomination, we have included guidelines below. Further, because the recipient will be selected on the strength of the letter of nomination, it is to your candidate's advantage that the guidelines be carefully followed. Therefore, your letter should be as comprehensive as possible.

Guidelines for Nomination of Candidates for the Bert Shoemaker Award

In nominating your candidate, please give us information along the following lines:

Does your candidate . . .

- . . . have a significant record of perfect attendance?
- . . . contribute to the fun-level of your club meetings?
- . . . have the ability to give encouragement, direction and inspiration to newly elected officers and newly inducted members?

Has your candidate . . .

- . . . participated in building new clubs? Been active in bringing new members into Kiwanis?
- . . . supported interclubbing in your division?
- . . . supported mid-year conferences, District and International conventions?
- . . . supported club projects? Youth activities? Major emphasis programs?
- . . . held office beyond club level?

Do you feel your candidate is an exceptional Kiwanian? Provide an example.

Among the members of your club, does he/she really make a difference? Explain.

Letters of nomination must be signed and submitted by the current club president and forwarded with the endorsement of the nominee's Lieutenant Governor. Please be sure to include contact information for the club president and Lt. Governor, i.e., address, phone number, email, etc. Letters of nomination must be received at the Foundation Office by **May 1, 2008**. Please send to:

Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation, 550 Fesler Street, Suite G-3, El Cajon, CA 92020-1959

Questions may be directed to Foundation Awards Chairman, John T. Howe, at (650) 941-7783;
2gnca@sbcglobal.net.

*** If your club has previously nominated a candidate whom you feel is worthy of being nominated again, please feel free to repeat your nomination. Perhaps this year, yours will be the letter of nomination that decides who the recipient of the award will be.***

