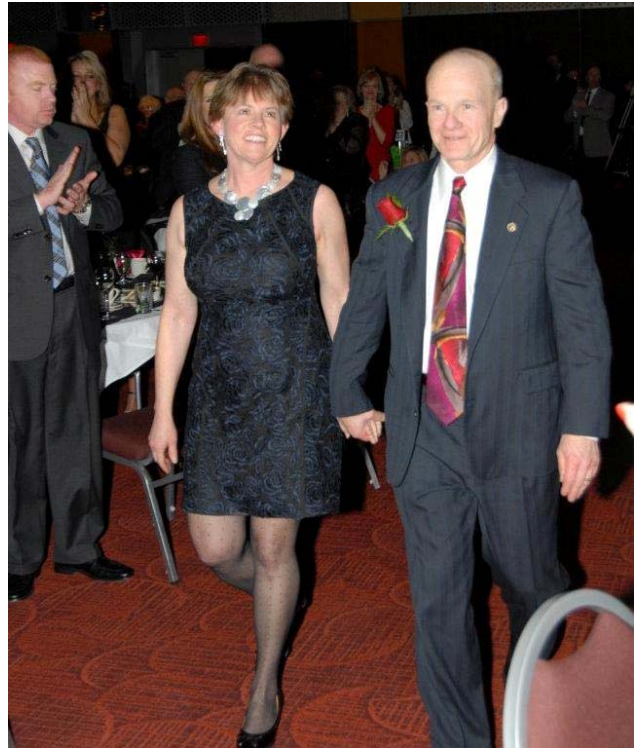


Ron and Kathy Receive Distinguished Service Award

At a banquet of over 400 guests, Ron and Kathy Kelemen were honored as Distinguished Service Award recipients by the Salem Area Chamber of Commerce at the 62nd Annual Salem First Citizen's Banquet on March 2.

"It is quite a humbling experience and an honor, because so many other people in this community deserve it more than we do," commented Ron. "We are so fortunate to live and work in this community, and to be in this space in life where this kind of volunteer service is possible."

In the words of the Chamber, "Ron is very involved in the Rotary Club of Salem and works on both local and international projects. He is also a founding board member and past president of the Medical Foundation of Marion-Polk Counties and served as Chair of the Willamette Academy Advisory Board. Over the years he has on the Marion-Polk Food Share board, the Salem Public Library Advisory board, the Oregon Symphony Association in Salem board, and the bond oversight committee for the 24-J school district.



"Kathy volunteers nearly full time with the Assistance League of Salem to keep the organization fiscally sound, as well as chairing committees and fundraisers, and actively serving the National Assistance League Finance Committee. She was also involved in launching the Salem Film Festival.

Together, they have served in the Peace Corps in Malaysia, hosted international exchange students, mentored at risk youth, and auctioned off Asian dinners for fundraisers."