

Bailey's Crossroads Rotary Club Honors Calvin M. Vos, 99



On Dec 15th, Bailey's Crossroads Rotary Club recognized a prominent local attorney and longtime Rotarian, Col. Calvin M. Vos, USAF Ret., for his Rotary service.

Vos, 99, has been a member of the Rotary Club of Bailey's Crossroads since Jun 1, 1987. During his 23 years of Rotary service he has served the club and his community in many different ways, from ringing the bell for the Salvation Army kettle at Christmas time, to delivering food baskets and clothing to families in need, according to Ben Hester, a past president of the club.

"The main objective of Rotary is service, in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world," said Hester. "Cal, as a Rotarian, has worked selflessly to accomplish that goal. Cal is a true gentleman, an honor to his profession, an unselfish man who has worked diligently to build goodwill and peace in our community and the world," he said. Cal is also a Paul Harris Fellow. This prestigious award is presented by the Rotary International Foundation "in appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations among peoples of the world."

Vos was recognized at a special club luncheon hosted by The Fountains at Washington House, 5100 Filmore Avenue, Alexandria, where Vos resides. The luncheon was attended by many club members, Vos' wife Jean and a dozen family members and friends.

"It is an honor to have such a distinguished veteran, Rotarian and civil servant as Colonel Vos reside at The Fountains at Washington House," said Jeff Branch, Executive Director. "His life work and experience will be wonderful to share with his new neighbors. We are looking forward to creating new experiences with Colonel Vos in the future."

Born in Cincinnati in 1911, Col. Vos attended University of Colorado where he was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. He earned his law degree from University of Cincinnati in 1935.

Called into active duty in 1941, the young attorney served for 23 years in the US Army Air Corps, Army and Air Force, where, in 1960, he established the first computerized information retrieval system in the U.S. Government, called LITE (Legal Information Through Electronics). He retired from the military in 1964 with rank of colonel.

As a civilian, Col. Vos continued his distinguished career in fiscal and international law, including assignments with NASA and Department of Defense, where he worked directly for David O. Cooke. He was awarded a Secretary of Defense Meritorious Civil Service Medal in 1978.

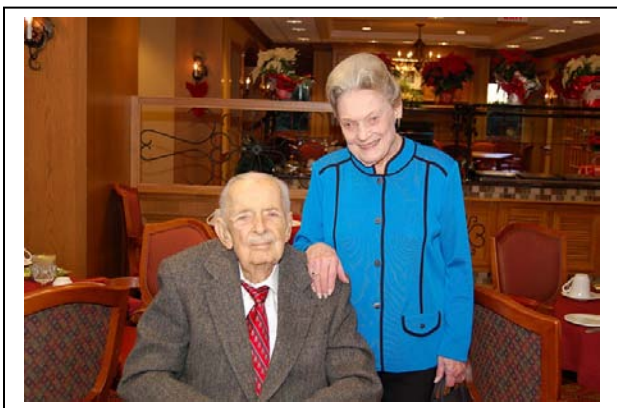
Vos has five children, 18 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. In addition to family, country, community and career, he has had lifelong interests in playing tennis, classical piano and bridge.



Past President Ben Hester and President Karey Starnes present Cal Vos with a lifetime Rotary honorary membership; Wife Jean Vos is on the left.



Rotarian David Feld and Club Service Director MC Kulick present Cal with a set of Rotary glasses and a bottle of 12year old scotch.



Cal and Jean Vos



Cal Vos and Club President Karey Starnes