



PRESS RELEASE

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## KIWANIS RECOGNIZES LOCAL CLUB MEMBERS

At the recent installation dinner for the local Kiwanis Club of Vero-Treasure Coast, club President Doug Vitunac reviewed many highlights during the 2021-2022 year. Vitunac said, "It has been an amazing year with many club successes." Included were installation of many new members, creation of a club video production, repeated and numerous assistances to local organizations and families and children in need through Kiwanis Youth in Action, establishment of K-Kids and Builders Clubs in the Indian River County Schools, and continuing support through Kiwanis Aktion Club for the Arc of Indian River County. Each year the club also awards several college scholarships to local high school graduates through the Kiwanis Scholarship Golf tournament headed by Matt Hamilton. This year the club also hosted a highly successful jazz concert fundraiser performed by Indian River Charter High School. Vitunac thanked all Kiwanis members for their important role in achieving the Kiwanis

Mission: **Dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.**

Receiving special thanks at the awards program were the following members.

Kevin Brown for his many years as Club Treasurer  
Bill Cala for volunteering to head the Service Leadership Program in the local schools  
Richard Schlitt for always being there to help the kids in our community  
Jim Wolfe for chairing the annual Take a Kid Fishing Tournament  
Tom Peterson as a new member and willingness to be highly involved  
Bob Marshbanks for his 45 years of service as Club Secretary, and Gene Cravens for being a Kiwanis member for 61 years.

Members receiving Key Member Awards for the 2021-2022 year included: Al Sammartino for his dedicated role with Kiwanis Youth in Action and serving as Lt. Governor and

Tom Maher for his work with the website, video, program design, and weekly meeting programming.

The highest award for the **Kiwanian of the Year** went to Mara Wicklund. Mara serves as Foundation Treasurer and has led the club in new goals for fundraising. Mara brings to the club many years of Kiwanis experience and leadership.



Mara Wicklund receives Kiwanian of the Year Award from Club President Doug Vitunac.

At the event, Kiwanis member George Fetterolf praised and thanked Vitunac on his leadership role as Kiwanis President the past two years. Vitunac has increased membership and successfully guided the club to serve our community through volunteerism.

Also thanked were Al and Betty Sammartino for hosting the event and Cheryl Warriner for dinner arrangements.

New Officers and Directors for 2022-2023 were installed by Lt. Governor Al Sammartino.

President	Doug Vitunac
Vice President	Kevin Strunk
Administrative Treasurer	Kevin Brown
Foundation Treasurer	Mara Wicklund
Secretary	Bob Marshbanks
Directors	Matt Hamilton, Tom McCauley, Jeff Meyer, Richard Schlitt, Al Sammartino Cheryl Warriner

For more information about Kiwanis visit [www.verokiwanis.com](http://www.verokiwanis.com) The club meets every Wednesday for lunch at noon at the Vero Beach Yacht Club.