

*Arlington County Civic Federation*  
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## **SUN GAZETTE TROPHY**

**ROYE L. LOWRY**

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No introduction is necessary since you all know this person, one who has been a fixture of this community's life for more than 50 years.

Our honoree came to Arlington in 1957 and has volunteered tirelessly (some might say relentlessly) in neighborhood schools and PTAs ever since. He was a PTA member and officer at Glencarlyn Elementary School (now called Campbell Elementary School) Kenmore Middle School and Wakefield High School. He was a delegate to the County Council of PTAs and he has been a tutor at Glencarlyn and Carlin Springs Elementary School for more than 15 years.

This gentleman has no fear of numbers or budgets: he was Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Arlington County Employees' Retirement System and of the Arlington County School Employees Supplemental Retirement System. He has served unswervingly (and unsparingly), both as Chairman and member, on the Civic Federation's Revenue and Expenditures Committee and its Schools Committee, where he has annually examined the County and school system's budgets and bond proposals, always with an eye toward promoting the best of Arlington values within the constraints of numbers that must "add up." He also served as a member of the George Mason College Board of Control.

In 1961 he was elected for a term on the Arlington County Board where he served as Board Chairman in 1964. His leadership continued as President of the Metropolitan Council of Governments, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Metropolitan Council of Governments, Treasurer of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission and Chairman of the Arlington County Industrial Development Authority, where just last month he concluded his final term.

He has held various leadership positions in the Forest Glen Civic Association since 1961. With few interruptions, he has been one of its delegates to the Arlington County Civic Federation for over 40 years. He has served the Federation not only on the Revenues and Expenditures Committee and the Schools Committee as we mentioned, as well as, Chairman of the Special Committee on Housing, Chairman of the Housing Committee, and member of the Executive Committee. He has been the Civic Federation's representative to the School Board Budget Advisory Council and a citizen member of the school system's Social Studies Advisory Committee.

His other volunteer activities include the Arlington United Way, American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, Washington Statistical Society, George Washington University Alumni Association, Meals on Wheels, AMEN, the Columbia Pike Thrift Shop, Emergency Food Committee, and the Arlington Parish Council.

He has notified us that he will be moving out of Arlington soon. However, we don't want to believe it and are trying to organize people to picket his house when the movers show up. Arlington could not possibly be the same without him.

Ladies and Gentlemen, it is with great pleasure that we present the Sun Gazette Trophy to Roye L. Lowry.

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