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ROONEY NAMED GUEST SERVICES VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

WAKE FOREST, NC – April 23, 2012 – Rob Rooney is the Town of Wake Forest’s 2012 Michealle Bozman-Barton Guest Services Volunteer of the Year.

Finance Director Aileen Staples made the announcement Thursday, April 19, during the Town’s Second Annual Guest Services Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at the Wake Forest Community House.

Prior to recognizing Rooney, Staples announced the Volunteer of the Year award would be renamed in honor of Bozman-Barton who has coordinated the Town’s guest services volunteer program since its inception in November 2010.



“When we started the program, Michealle said the program would run on auto-pilot,” said Staples. “I didn’t realize it at the time, but she is the auto-pilot.”

In presenting the award to Rooney, Staples recognized his contribution of over 200 volunteer hours from February 2011 through March 2012. A native of New York, Rooney retired from IBM in 2007 and moved to Wake Forest in 2008 with his wife, Susan.

“Rob is a tremendous volunteer,” said Office Assistant Jannie Chaffin. “He is always willing to offer assistance, and he has such a great attitude. He’s not afraid to take on a challenge, and if he doesn’t know the answer he quickly asks or looks for the answers on his own. We’re lucky to have him and all the volunteers in our guest services program.”

Approximately 20 volunteers, as well as Wake Forest elected officials and Town staff attended Thursday’s luncheon that also included remarks by Mayor Vivian Jones and certificate presentations to all the guest services volunteers.

For more information about the Town Hall Guest Services Volunteer Program, visit www.wakeforestnc.gov/volunteer.aspx.

Photo (Left to Right): Rob Rooney, Mayor Vivian Jones, Michealle Bozman-Barton

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