



Rotarian Profile: Evon Walters

After one year in the Rotary Club, Evon Walters remains thankful that Rotarian Dean Newsome graciously extended an invitation to attend a Rotary meeting. “I had just relocated from Long Island, New York where I was the Executive Dean at Suffolk County Community College. I was immediately impressed by the strong sense of community pride, mutual interest and commitment to community service

that was espoused by the members. Given my relative newness to the Battle Creek area and my desire to learn more about the community, it was another great learning avenue for me.”

Almost immediately, Evon realized the benefits of membership. “Personally, it provides me with a gentle reminder and perspective about the greater good associated with servant leadership and the importance of embracing the strength of our community.

Professionally, you can't take for granted the opportunity one is afforded with learning more about its community and its assets. It is a wealth of knowledge when it comes to learning and networking, as well as informally and formally speaking about your own organization.”

Serving as President at Miller College, Dr. Walters expressed, “I cannot mask my bias in highlighting and appreciating the young talents from the high schools who are showcased for their academic and community service achievements. These are not only impressive stories of young people preparing to do great things, but it also reminds me of the power that a community has on empowering and encouraging our young people.” Each month, the Rotary Club of Battle Creek honors local high school students through its Student of the Month Program. Once a year, the club honors high school students for their volunteerism through its Red Rose Award.

“Service Above Self” is the core value for Rotarians. The Rotary Club is the oldest service club in Battle Creek. “The greatest reaffirming message for me is the power of a collective group of people functioning as one under an over arching vision of service. In witnessing the collective passion and pride, it is an unavoidably infectious feeling to not only be impressed, but embrace with the organization the good work that they do locally and globally.”

Evon encourages others to consider membership in Rotary. “It is a great opportunity to learn more about our community and its assets, as well as networking with people who collectively share a similar passion for Battle Creek.”