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The Ted Robertson Community Service Award was established twenty three years ago by the GYCC Past Presidents and Chairs to honor an individual each year that has made major contributions to the betterment of the greater Yakima area. Ted Robertson, former publisher of the Yakima-Herald Republic, held a strong belief that good fortune earned in a community should be shared with that community. Ted also believed that we, as a community, ought to find more ways to honor people who distinguish themselves through their community service.

This year's honoree was selected by the Past Presidents for his inspiring leadership, achievements, and commitment to the improvement of our community as a businessman and citizen of the Yakima Valley.

This year's recipient, over the last 46 years in business, has supported numerous local organizations through funding awards and donating catered events for auctions.

Allied Arts, Capitol Theatre, Children's Village, Downtown Rotary, Heritage University, KYVE, Lark'n'Spree-La Salle Foundation, Larson Gallery, Memorial Foundation, Planned Parenthood, Red Cross, The Season's, United Way, Warehouse Theatre, Yakima Regional Medical Center, Yakima Symphony, and Yakima Valley Museum have all benefitted from his generosity.

He has provided his talents and leadership in serving on numerous committees and events that include:

Co-founder of SHARE, in the early 1980's, a fund to benefit people with AIDS in the Yakima Valley
Memorial Foundation, Follies Committee and performer
Planned Parenthood of Central WA, Capital Campaign
Providence Medical Center, Escapades performer
The Seasons, MC of Yakima's Got Talent

He has been the recipient of the:

Larson Gallery Arts Award, Artist Appreciation Theo Award, and the Kiwanis "The Everyday Hero Award"

We are proud to announce the 2012 recipient of the Ted Robertson
Community Service Award;

John Gasperetti, of Gasperetti's, Inc.

The Award will be presented at the Annual
Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce Awards
Black and White Night Gala

Friday September 14th, 2012

Yakima Convention Center Ballroom