

Richard "August" Loga (Dick) was born 12/17/15 in the town of Sumner in Jefferson County. He lived on Loga road while he was growing up as a child. He is married to Wilma. His first wife Clara died in 1995. They were married for 49 years. They had no children. He was the youngest of seven children- 2 brothers and 4 sisters. He is the sole survivor. Dick joined Rotary in 1971 and was sponsored by Robert Stonecliff. He was also named a Paul Harris fellow later on. Many of us know Dick as that opinionated burly looking guy. Dick has never had a problem letting a speaker know how he felt about his subject matter. Underneath that rough exterior is a man with "A heart of Gold" says his wife Wilma. " He is a giving and caring man," she said. Dick is an avid hunter and fisherman. One Rotarian told me that Dick would talk for hours about that if you will let him

Dick went to Lakeview Grammar School until the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and then attended Lutheran Parochial; to the 8th grade. He went to Lutheran Prep High School in Watertown. He graduated and attended Valparaiso University. He went there for 2 years and had to leave due to lack of money. This was about the middle of the Depression.

His first job after that was working as a painter for his brother for 15 cents an hour

He moved to Janesville in 1936. In the fall of that year he attended the Janesville Business School which was located on the second floor of the Myers movie theater. The movie theater was located on Milwaukee Street across from where the Bliss Communication building stands today.

In 1937 Dick worked for the Janesville Gazette selling classified advertising for \$20/week

In 1938 Dick went to work for Earl Boughton Painting as a Painter.

In 1940 he went to work for Ridge Auto. They were located on North Parker Drive right across from Siker Furniture at that time.

He enlisted in the Army in July of 1942 with the 95<sup>th</sup> Artillery Division stationed out of Camp Swift in Austin Texas. He ultimately was appointed a captain in 1946. During the war he served as a Forward Observer during the Battle of the Bulge.

After the War he went back to work at Ridge Auto. In November of 1946 he married Clara.

He worked at GM for a while after that. For a brief period of time he owned, with a partner, the Dinner Bell Inn located on Highway 14 just pass the river across from the motel that sits today.

Dick briefly built homes in the early 50's. It was in the mid 50's where Dick became a Realtor. He was a very successful Realtor into the late 70's and early 80's. He remembers working with the then president of the Merchants and savings Bank- Rollie McClellan (Current Rotary member) to obtain loans for his clients. He served as Board President of the Rock County Realtors in 1962. He was named as Realtor of the Year in 1966. He served on the state Board of Realtors for over 20 years. Today he is still a Director Emeritus. Dick also served as a county supervisor for 6 years. He told me a story how he was running for reelection and lost to a Funeral director who offered a 15% discount on funerals if people voted for him. He didn't recall the name.

Dick has always been proud to be a Rotarian. "I love helping people" he said. He was glad when the Horse Show was done. Ever since the Corn Roast came into existence Dick has been selling tickets down at Traxler Park. He sold beer tickets back in the early days of the Corn Roast. Today Dick is one of the top Rotarians in selling sponsorships and raffle tickets. He said he normally calls on over 60 individuals and small business owners. "I will take anything they will give me". He accounted for over \$2,000 last year.

Dick and his wife Wilma spend the summers in Fort Meyers, Florida. While there he regularly attends the downtown Rotary club meetings. He told me that that clubs biggest fundraiser is

helping to park cars at the Twins and Red Sox baseball games during the exhibition season. I was amazed to learn that they raised almost \$50,000/year doing that. He so very proud of the fact that he maintained perfect attendance ever since he was a Rotarian until recently when he fractured his hip in an accident during a fall

Ladies and gentlemen please join me by standing and recognizing one of oldest and proudest Rotarians with a Round of applause