

Larry & Vickie Roop Hank Nathan Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients

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This year the Hank Nathan Lifetime Achievement Award is being given to a family who fits the criteria very well, Larry & Vickie Roop.

- This family has been a member of Family Camper since 1971
- These people are active in their local chapter.
- They were Indiana State Director from 1989 to 1994 when Larry was elected 2nd Vice President. At that time Vickie assumed the responsibilities of Indiana State Director. She held that position until 1997 when appointed Midwest Regional Director, a position she currently holds. The name of the region was changed to the Great Lakes Region since all of the region's states touch at least one of the Great Lakes.
- Larry was elected 2nd Vice President in 1994. He was elected 1st Vice President in 1996 and re-elected in 1998. He was elected our 21st President in 2000 and re-elected in 2002. He became Immediate Past President in 2004 and remained so until 2008. Larry was a Trustee for 16 years.
- Vickie served as Campvention chairman in 2004 and again in 2010. She directed her GLAD team both years and held fun filled campventions both years. Vickie helped develop the team structure for campventions and has helped other regions work toward that type of planning method.
- Vickie is a great educator and has trained many new state directors even while putting on campventions. The current Great Lakes state directors were all appointed by Vickie and under her direction do a great job of managing their states.
- Vickie has also trained the Executive Board in computer usage. This includes using the internet and email. She has also conducted classes on Microsoft Word and Excel to help understand these tools for use in managing monthly reports.

- Vickie also currently serves the organization as our website editor and has made many innovations to the website. She keeps us up to date electronically.
- Additionally Vickie is the editor for our online “Camping Today” which is posted in the months that “Camping Today” does not come out in print. Vickie has created a truly impressive on line magazine.
- Larry was appointed chairman of the President’s Advisory Committee on Change in 2010
- Larry & Vickie began serving on the Executive Board in 1989 and still 21 years later continue to serve.
- The Roops have received several awards including a citation in 1986, Director of the Year in 1993, Plaque in 1996 and Vickie received the Award of Merit in 2005.

Larry & Vickie contribute many hours of time and energy to Family Campers. It is very apparent they love camping and our great organization. They are the kind of people that have helped build Family Campers.

Congratulations to Larry & Vickie Roop!