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Portage County Board of Health seeks “Friend of Public Health” award nominations

The Portage County Board of Health is inviting nominations for the annual “Friend of Public Health” award. Eligible individuals will have demonstrated their genuine commitment to the health of Portage County residents and communities, through actions such as:

- Proven leadership or advocacy regarding issues that impact the health and safety of Portage County residents;
- Applied creative and innovative solutions to local public health problems;
- Developed nontraditional partnerships between disciplines or agencies to address public health issues;
- Increased awareness of public health issues through education and outreach activities.

In addition, candidates must either reside or work in Portage County. Health Department employees, past employees, and their immediate family members are not eligible to receive this award. Nominations may be submitted as a brief (500 word maximum) summary describing the individual’s contributions to local public health. Self-nominations are acceptable. Nominations must be received by **Friday, February 20** and sent to:

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Awardees will be notified February 27 and will be recognized at the annual Portage County Health Department Advisory Council meeting Thursday, March 19, 2015 at the Ravenna Elks Lodge.

Last year’s recipient was Ralph Kletzien. Mr. Kletzien spent over 31 years in health care administration and 14 years in non-profit leadership and serviced on numerous boards and foundations. He was recognized as a Friend of Public Health due to his tireless demonstration of leadership and advocacy to the health of Portage County residents as well as his innovative solutions to local public health problems.

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