

## HONORED RUTH GORDON AWARDEES

1986 Harold McCarty	1987 Helen Scheve
1988 Dale F. Bruhn	1989 Carol Genin
1990 Peg Ledford	1991 LeRoy Dalton
1992 Betty Walker Smith	1993 Richard Ledford
1994 Alun Thomas	1995 Nancy Abraham
1996 David Gill	1997 Ted Iltis
1998 Rick Daluge	1999 Harlan Nicholls
2000 Carroll and Robert Heideman	2001 Susan Titus
2002 John Kanvik	2003 Kevin Conklin
2004 Roland Krogstad	2005 Joachim (Joe) von Elbe
2006 Carol Wiskowski	2007 Virginia Henderson
2008 Cora White	2009 JoAnn Gruber-Hagen

### WHY WE REMEMBER AND HONOR RUTH GORDON

Ruth Gordon was an active member of Altrusa, an international service organization specializing in community needs, as well as literacy, the environment and AIDS/HIV.

Ruth was a long-time representative on the Madison Area Service Clubs Council.

Ms. Gordon was a lively, caring and concerned member of our community until December 23, 1985, when a snowmobile accident cut short her life at age 64.

Ms. Gordon's professional life centered on her career with Nicolet Instrument Corporation, where she was executive secretary to the president and also manager of investor communications. She was a dynamic speaker and consultant, conducting seminars on professionalism, motivation and self-development. In 1975, she won national acclaim by being named International Secretary of the Year.

Ruth was a member of the Governor's Board of Advisory Council for the Vocational Technical Institute.

Ruth was also active in Access to Independence, an organization helping disabled persons find work and live independently.

In 1986, the Madison Area Service Clubs Council (MASCC) established the Ruth Gordon Award to annually honor Ruth and award a current or past member of a Madison-area service club who has, over time, exemplified the concept of volunteer service for the betterment of the community, either individually or through their service club.