



Ernie Nordquist Receives the National SCORE Platinum Leadership Award

Ernie Nordquist of the Greater Cincinnati, Northern KY & SE IN SCORE Chapter was awarded National's Platinum Leadership Award at the chapter's recent Client of the Year Luncheon. This award is recognition of Ernie's thirty years of meritorious service to SCORE, our local chapter and to our community.

Ernie joined SCORE on June 15, 1987 and immediately became actively involved in the organization, serving in leadership roles and making significant contributions. Ernie was elected Cincinnati Chapter Vice-Chair in 1988 and then served as Chapter Chair in 1989 and 1990. Since that time, he has remained active, serving the organization in many ways.

In his time as Chapter Chair he oversaw a program that sponsored annual business plan competitions at two universities, and that sponsored an event called "High School Entrepreneurship Day" in Cincinnati.

Ernie has been a principal presenter for what was is now called our "Education Committee". Among other topics, he taught business planning, business Financials, and the SBA guaranteed loan program. He served on and has been Chair for the Publications Committee which over the years has generated a local library of 100 "Business Briefs" on topics relevant to small businesses in our region.

Ernie served as Chair of the Membership Committee and about ten years ago he initiated and implemented a training program for new recruits. It has become a vital core competency for the chapter. Prior to creation of the training program Ernie took assignments with new mentors to co-mentor with them as a way to teach them the ropes of mentoring. Since that time, he has acted as New Member Training Director and continues to do so. Ernie sends out announcements of new members, shepherds each person through the training program, tracks their progress and provides status updates like clockwork. To this day Ernie sends out more reports on a routine basis than any other leader in the chapter, and he has been this organized and active in this chapter for an incredible thirty years!

Over the years Ernie has done many public outreach events. One of the most heartwarming and humbling was a business planning seminar that he did for the “Home for the Blind” where he used handouts in braille.

Congratulations to Ernie for receiving this award. And, a big Thank You for thirty years of impressive service to SCORE.