

Salvation Army honors late "Mr. Kiwanis"

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A ceremony to remember Leslie H. Garner and his contributions to the community was held Thursday at the Pitt County Shrine Club.

The Salvation Army presented its national "Others Award" to Garner posthumously. The award is one of the highest it gives to someone who is not an employee of the organization.

Garner, who died Feb. 23, was a member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board for 45 years and served as a chairman.

Following the award presentation to his family, a documentary about the first Golden K Club in the world was shown. Garner began the effort that now has about 500 clubs worldwide.

The 15-minute video shows Garner talking about the initial start of the club and features activities performed by current club members.

Garner also was active in the Masons and Shriners.



Captain Jim Rickard of the Salvation Army, right, presents the "Others Award" to Griff Garner in honor of his father, Les Garner, Thursday evening at the Pitt County Shrine Club.

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A crowd came out to honor the energy and passion of former Greenville Mayor Les Garner who passed away this year.

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