



The Robert P. Connelly Medal of Heroism

*In honor of the courageous assumption of individual responsibility
by a person who might as well have passed along his way.*

Robert P. Connelly, 34, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Lisle, Illinois, lost his life on September 23, 1966, in an attempt to rescue a woman who had fallen in the path of a passenger train. Both were killed. When the Robert P. Connelly Medal of Heroism was announced during the 52nd annual Kiwanis International Convention in Houston, Texas (1967), the statement was made, "...by his unselfish action he put tremendous and dramatic meaning into the phrase 'personal involvement.' This man was the epitome of all that Kiwanis strives to be."

The Robert P. Connelly Medal of Heroism is awarded to a person who risks his or her own life by accepting personal responsibility when he or she might just have passed along the way. The nomination should be made by a Kiwanis club within five years of the incident. It is the discretion of the Kiwanis International Foundation Board of Trustees to decide what characteristics qualify an individual for the Robert P. Connelly Medal. The Board of Trustees has the final authority to accept nominations.

To qualify for the Robert P. Connelly Medal, a person must:

1. Actually risk his/her own life by accepting self-imposed personal responsibility in the effort to save the life of another human being. The nominee need not be a Kiwanian.
2. Perform the act of heroism outside of his/her normal employment duties and/or hours.
3. Have no official responsibility for the rescue effort.
4. Not be closely related to the person involved in the rescue effort.

Please include newspaper clippings, police reports, witness statements, pictures, etc. in your nomination packet. Please send nomination packets to:

Program Services Manager
Kiwaniis International Foundation
3636 Woodview Trace
Indianapolis, IN 46268

Robert P. Connelly Medal of Heroism Nomination

Nominating Kiwanis Club information

Kiwanis club: _____

Kiwanis district: _____

Club number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/province: _____

Postal code: _____ Country: _____

Nominating Kiwanian name: _____

Telephone with area code: _____

Email: _____

Nominating Kiwanian's signature

Date

Nominee information

Name: _____

City: _____ State/province: _____

Gender: _____ Age (at time of incident): _____

Date, time and location of act of heroism:

Describe the act of heroism for which the nomination is made.

Please describe any other people involved and their role. (If none, please indicate)

Why should the nominee qualify for the Robert P. Connelly Medal of Heroism?