

DREWERY N. BEALE

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

- Born in 1934.
- Grew up in the City's mill village thus the reason why he has such a heart to see the area returned to the way it used to be.
- In 1954, served our country in the Air Force.
- In 1958, came out of the service and immediately went to work at the Roanoke Rapids Police Department where he stayed for 38 years.
- Became Police Chief in 1968 at the age of 32.
- From motorcycle cop to Police Chief, saw many changes including relocation of the Police Department to its present location in uptown Roanoke Rapids.
- While Chief, attended the FBI Academy and graduated in 1972.
- Retired as Chief from the Roanoke Rapids Police Department on December 31, 1997 but service to City did not end as he served four years on the City Council and on December 1, 2005 began his second four-year term as Mayor.
- Lengthy list of accomplishments (but most proud of work with The Randy Parton Theater and Carolina Crossroads):
 - (a) In 1968, was named "Young Man of the Year" by the Roanoke Rapids Jaycees.
 - (b) In 1972, was named "Police Officer of the Year" by the National Exchange Club - Roanoke Rapids Chapter.
 - (c) In 1974, received the Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate from the State of North Carolina Criminal Justice Training and Standards Commission.
 - (d) In 2004, was honored by the Roanoke Valley Rescue Squad for loyal and dedicated service.
 - (e) On April 20, 2006, was honored with the Boy Scouts Distinguished Citizen Award for his dedicated service to the citizens of Roanoke Rapids.
 - (f) Served the community as a member of the following boards and committees:
 - (1) Currently serving on the Hospital Board for Halifax Regional Medical Center;
 - (2) Served as Chairman of the Halifax County Mental Health Board from July 1, 1973 to June 30, 1996;
 - (3) Served as a member of the Roanoke Rapids Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee;

- (4) Served the past three years on the Northeast Partnership Board, and is presently serving as Chairman of the CEO Search Committee; Chairman of the Contract Committee and serving on the Reorganization Committee for the Northeast Partnership and Commission;
 - (5) Currently serving on The NC Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission;
 - (6) Currently serving on the Roanoke Valley Chamber of Commerce Board.
- Family man: married to Gail Beale; one daughter; two stepsons; five step grandchildren and one great grandson.

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And now for the highlight of our evening's dinner program, every community seems to have a few people who go beyond the ordinary to serve their community and fellow man. Drewery Beale is one of those special people.

When I first came to the Roanoke Valley 14 years ago - he was known as Chief. I would call him up every morning to find out the latest news of the day. Our relationship has grown - from Chief to councilman to now Mayor. When you say - Mayor - everyone knows you're talking about the one man who loves his city more than I think any Mayor I've ever known.

D-N Beale loves to tell the stories of growing up in the city's mill village. He was born in 1934 and spent his early years in the downtown areas of Roanoke Rapids...which is one reason why he has

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such a heart to see this area return to the way it used to be.

In 1954 He served our country in the Air Force... came out in 1958 and immediately went to work at the Roanoke Rapids Police Department....a place he stayed for 38 years. From motorcycle cop to chief Drewey saw many changes including the relocation of the police department to its present location in uptown Roanoke Rapids. BECAME CHIEF IN 1968 (32 yrs old)

While chief he also attended the F-B-I Academy and graduated in 1972. Retired AS CHIEF - Dec 31, 1997

But his service to the city didn't stop in 1997 when he retired. He later served four years on city council and is NOW in his second term as mayor. SECOND TERM BEGAN DECEMBER 1, 2005 (4 YEAR TERM)

His list of accomplishments is also quite lengthy: IN 1968 he was named Young Man of the Year by the Roanoke Rapids Jaycees.

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In 2004 he was honored by the Roanoke Valley Rescue Squad for loyal and dedicated service

AND IS PRESENTLY SERVING

He has also served the community as a member of the hospital board, the mental health board, the parks and rec. advisory committee, the Northeast Partnership, The state Criminal Justice Training and Standards council and the Roanoke Valley Chamber.

On April 20, 2006, Mayor Beale was honored with the Boy Scouts Distinguished Citizen Award for his dedicated service to the citizens of Roanoke Rapids AND - last but certainly not least - Drewey Beale is also a family man. - He is married to Gail Beale. He has one daughter, two stepsons, five step grandchildren and one great grandson.

When we contacted his wife to get some help for tonight - Gayle said her husband was most proud of his work with the Randy Parton Theater and Carolina Crossroads.

I remember interviewing him on election night and he said he felt like an astronaut - just before the blast off - going into the unknown but being excited about how the city was about to grow.

And of course we'll NEVER forget Randy, Dolly Parton, and the Grand Ole Opry stars wishing him a happy birthday in November at the Groundbreaking.

I would have to say his most nervous moment was

when he got down to the heart of the matter and pinned the Roanoke Rapids City pin on Dolly's dress.

If there is one person who has worked to make Roanoke Rapids a better place to live, work and raise a family - it is Chief - Councilman - Mayor - D-N Beale. Tonight we honor you as the Boy Scouts Distinguished Citizen.

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Northeast Partnership Board (HAS SERVED FOR 3 YEARS)
* *IS PRESENTLY SERVING AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CEO SEARCH COMMITTEE, ALSO SERVES AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CONTRACT COMMITTEE AND ALSO SERVES ON THE RE-ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE FOR THE NORTH EAST PARTNERSHIP AND COMMISSION.*

IN 1974 RECEIVED THE ADVANCED LAW ENFORCEMENT CERTIFICATE FROM THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING AND STANDARDS COUNCIL.

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