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Despite low-profile ways, Jeff attorney named Humanitarian of the Year

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Bob Lanum has been a proven leader and tireless contributor to community projects for decades — touching countless Hoosier lives in the process — but many people may be unaware of these accomplishments.

The reason? He simply does not seek publicity or awards and prefers to serve in a quiet, low-profile manner in providing a helping hand for numerous worthy causes.

However, the spotlight has finally caught up with Jeffersonville attorney Robert William Lanum, who has been selected by a blue-ribbon panel to be the recipient of the 2002 Bales Humanitarian of the Year Award presented annually by the Clark County Red Cross Chapter.

He joins six distinguished Clark County residents as winners of the coveted honor.

Lanum, whose resume speaks volumes of his community involvement, is perhaps best known as director/chairman of the Paul Oggle Foundation Inc., established in 1979 by Paul Oggle, founder of Silgas Inc.

Over the years, the foundation has awarded millions of dollars to charitable causes, capital improvements projects and scholarships for youth in southern Indiana.

Lanum will be honored at the 2002 Gala Saturday, July 20, at Kyle's II in Jeffersonville.

Previous winners of the honor are Walt and Hazel Bales, for whom succeeding awards were named (1998); Margaret Read (1999); Dale Orem (2000) and Jack

Leunhart (2001).

Red Cross Chapter Executive Director Phyllis Wilkins said, "The

Bales Humanitarian Award goes to recipients who exemplify the six Red Cross values: a voluntary spirit, a sense of unity, stewardship, humanitarianism, a desire to help others and a continuous desire to learn.

"This is the stuff the Red Cross and its people are made of."

Lanum obviously fits the mold perfectly, as evidenced by the observations of the initial award recipients and two members of the nominating committee.

Walt Bales, also speaking for his wife: "Bob is just a great guy who has done so very much for our community, not only through the Oggle Foundation but with his many other contributions. Bob's a good attorney and we think he possesses

all the ideals that are the basis for this honor. Hazel and I congratulate Bob and feel he's very deserving of this award."

Les Albro: "Bob has done as much for southern Indiana in the past 10 years as anybody I know. He's very active in all areas of our community and due to his leadership, the Oggle Foundation has exceeded all possible expectations. Paul Oggle could never even begin to envision what the foundation has accomplished."

John Montgomery: "Bob is probably as deserving of the award as any who have been selected for this honor, not only for his untiring work with the foundation but also with his involvement in a lot of community projects.

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Jeffersonville attorney Bob Lanum has been named the 2002 recipient of the Bales Humanitarian of the Year Award.

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"Over the 30-plus years of our association — going back to when he was a young lawyer in practice with Ron Fifer in the old bank building where I had my law office — he has been consistent in his thoughts and never turned his back on a challenge. He has given so much to his community and is a true gentleman."

Members of the nominating committee, in addition to Albro and Montgomery, include Clementine "Tiny" Barthold, Ellen Gates, Allen Morris, Edith Tanner, Norma Balentine and Sharon Everitt.

Also, Chris Grimm, Barbara Wilson, Margie Jenkins, Lou Johnson,

Sandra Clark, Ray Everitt, Margaret Read, Jim Lang, Carolyn Makowsky, Emilie Benebig, Al Everitt and Joanna Grimm.

While he never sought them, Lanum seemed to be a magnet for a variety of awards because of his community commitment.

To name a few:

Sagamore of the Wabash (1988), Kentucky Colonel (1971), Who's Who in American Law (1994), Southern Indiana Professional of the Year (1993) and United Way Outstanding Service Award for his years of service to the campaign.

A senior member of the Stites & Harbison law firm in Jeffersonville, Lanum received a bachelor of science degree in accounting at Indiana University in 1959, a law degree from the University of Louisville School of Law in 1968 and a honorary doctor of law degree from Cumberland College in 2001.

Lanum's resume is voluminous and here are some of the entries:

- * Former director of PNC Bank Indiana (17 years)
- * Director of Indiana University Foundation
- * Former member and vice chairman of Indiana Probate Code Study Commission
- * Member of Indiana Bankers Association
- * Co-chairman of the Capital Campaign at Indiana University Southeast.
- * Legal counsel to the Univer-

sity of Louisville Foundation

* Member and former president of Clark County Bar Association and member of the American and Indiana Bar Associations.

* Former chairman of the Southern Indiana Economic Development Council.

* Organizer and legal counsel for 10 years of the Community Foundation of Southern Indiana

* Director of the Center for Nonprofit Excellence

* Director of Greater Louisville Partnership

* Vice chairman of the Regional Leadership Coalition

* Member and former president of the Southern Indiana Estate Planning Council

* Former director and vice-president of the Southern Indiana Chamber of Commerce

* Former president of Jeff Youth Football Inc.

* Life member of the Indiana University Alumni Association

* Member of the University of Louisville Alumni Association

Lanum and his wife, Carol, are the parents of a son, Kent, and a daughter, Sarah, and they have two grandchildren.