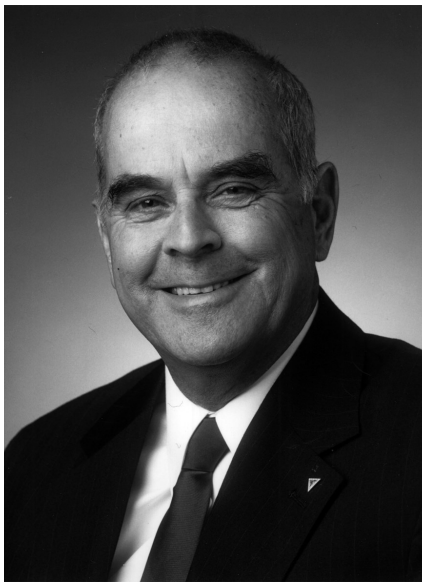

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2022
Shawn Carlson, David Pollard, & Mike Krzewinski
Mile Markers

2021
Darrin & Michelle Keiper
Race Packet Pickup

2020
N/A

2019
Mike Tipple
Adaptive Athletes Coordinator

2018
Peggy & Doug Simensen
Finish Line Water

2017
Geri Peterson
Hospitality Committee

2016
Ellen & Wally Johnson
Start Line Crew

2015
Cheryl Fosdick
Finish Line Security

2014
Marge Swor & Family
Race Packet Pickup

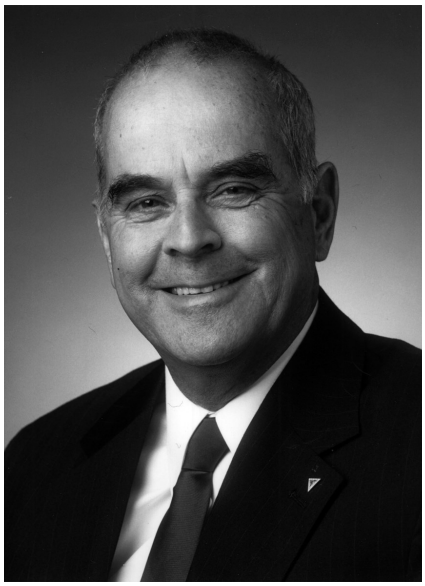
2013
Al & Jan Swanson
Racecourse Timing

2012
College of Saint Scholastica
Course Marshals

2011
Jack Glendenning
Racecourse Entertainer

2010
John Herbertz
Racecourse Entertainer

2009
Woodland Hills



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2008
Brock Pelzel
Water Station Volunteer Recruiter

2007
Steve & Joyce Lent
Finish Line

2006
Lyle Johnson
Racecourse Traffic Control

2005
Barb & Terry Davis
Finish Line Information Tent Captains

2004
Carol Gallinger
Hospitality Committee

2003
Sue Bussa
Medical Team Captain

2002
David & Jill Hisdahl
Racecourse Traffic Control

2001
Buck McDonald
Racecourse Traffic Control

2000
Chelly Ferguson
Chute & Chip Recovery Captain

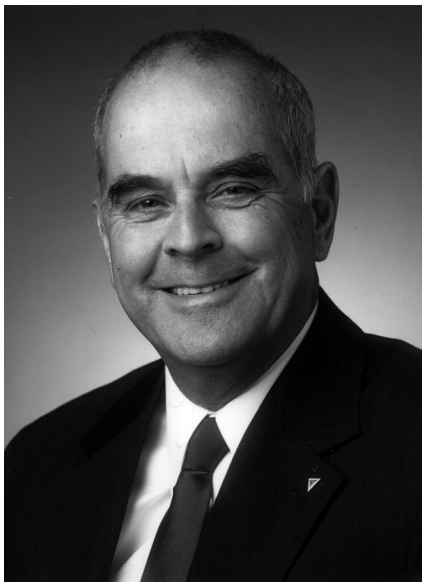
1999
Durbin Keeney
Gear Bag Pickup Coordinator

1998
Proctor Community Band & Mr. Moody's Marching Band
Racecourse Entertainment

1997
Don & Ella Fennessy
Board Members & Volunteers

1996
Bruce & Colleen Hasforth
Volunteers

1995
Jan DeRoche
Hospitality Committee



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1994
Arrowhead Radio Amateur Radio
Race Day Communications

1993
Ken & Mona Rae Cich
Water Station Captains

1992
Herb Dillon
Medical Team Captain

1991
Ken Docteur
Mile 3 Water Station Captain

1990
Seitz Family
Mile 8 Water Station Co-Captains

1989
Eric & Amy Kaiser
Finish Line First Aid Team

1988
Candy Furo
Packet Pickup & Finish Line

1987
Taire Lind
Mile 23 Water Station Captain

1986
John Leppi
Founding Father, Mile 5 Water Station Captain

1985
Ray Paavola
Mile 17 Water Station Captain