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Selection Committee
Sages Over 70
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Dear Members of the Selection Committee:

It is my privilege to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Dr. Owen Newlin for the recognition as a Sage Over 70. I have known Dr. Newlin for almost 40 years and he truly is a remarkable individual.

He was President of the Rotary Club of Des Moines when Rotary International changed its bylaws to allow women to join Rotary Clubs. Owen was extremely supportive of this move and since I was chair of the Membership Development Committee, he and I decided that we wanted to champion the cause of women bringing in 20 women members concurrently. It was Owen who truly led the charge and we made history. Today, that Rotary Club enjoys significant leadership from women on its Executive Committee.

Owen has a history of being on the right side of things. When Iowa State University wanted to launch a Capital Campaign the first time, who led the charge? Owen, of course. The campaign was a resounding success.

Owen has always been known as a person who cares about others and he always ensures the outcome is always fair to everyone.

Owen is a man of high integrity and he also has a heart. Where I am going with this is simple—there are people who have led at his capacity and have not demonstrated any degree of compassion. Owen, on the other hand, is a wonderfully compassionate individual who genuinely cares about others.

Owen also was privileged enough to serve on the Iowa Board of Regents. During that time, there were some significant issues being faced in higher education. It was Owen, who again, led the fight so that education was not compromised and tuitions were not raised. He has wonderful critical thinking skills and I cannot believe you will find anybody more worthy of recognition than this fine man.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Suku Radia", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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