

Roosevelt Hall of Fame

St. Olaf College B.A. 1961

Northern Illinois University, M.P.A. 1964



Robert J. Hoyle

Class of June 1957

- Assigned to the Philippines 1961-63 as one of Minnesota's first Peace Corps volunteers
- Served immigrants, refugees and displaced persons during a forty-four year career on four continents
- Worked for Lutheran World Federation in Jerusalem and Jordan distributing US Public Law 480 surplus food to thousands of displaced people and helping villagers develop local infrastructure projects for three years
- Employed as Executive Director of Zambia Christian Refugee Services for two years
- Served as Executive Director of the International Institute of Minnesota, resettling over 20,000 refugees in Minnesota for 35 years
- Directed the Festival of Nations in downtown St. Paul, 1973-2005
- Participated in St. Paul Rotary International in support of youth exchange programs
- Hosted twenty-seven high school students from other countries to live in his home for short to year-long visits
- Honored with "Robert J. Hoyle Day" by St. Paul Mayor on April 28, 1990

Inducted September 17, 2016