

The 2008 William and Nancy Klamm Service Award



In 1953, a young man from Steubenville, Ohio, attended his first Wilson Ornithological Club meeting with his parents. This was the beginning of a more than fifty-year relationship between Richard C. Banks and the Wilson Ornithological Society. Dick joined the Wilson Ornithological Society in 1959 as a graduate student, and since then his service has been varied and extensive. He has been active on numerous committees including the Wilson Prize Committee, selection committee

for the Fuytes, Nice, and Stewart Awards, Publications Committee, Scientific Program Committee, and the Resolutions Committee, and in many instances he served as Chair of the committee. He has served as an elected Council member (1979–1982), Second Vice-President (1987–1989), First Vice-President (1989–1991), and President of the Society (1991–1993). During his presidency, Dick established the Committee on Undergraduate Outreach to help stimulate an interest in ornithology among undergraduate students, and to help maintain and focus that interest to stimulate students to continue studies in ornithology. He was the first editor of the *Ornithological Newsletter*, which was established as a quarterly publication in 1976 and led to the formation of the Ornithological Societies of North America (OSNA). He continued as editor of the newsletter until 1989. He co-chaired the Local Committee for the 2005 annual meeting in Beltsville, Maryland. He has given his time reviewing many manuscripts for the *Wilson Bulletin*, and has also made more tangible donations, both to the Van Tyne library and the Centennial Fund. Dick continues to be very active on Wilson Council, and has modeled professional behavior and responsibility for many Wilson members at various stages in their careers. He is a staunch supporter of ornithology, ornithologists, and the Wilson Ornithological Society. It is with the utmost respect and gratitude that we present the 2008 William and Nancy Klamm Service Award to Richard C. Banks.—Sara R. Morris, W. E. Davis Jr., Jerome A. Jackson, John Kricher, and Doris Watt (Klamm Service Award Committee).