

Frank H. Rothermel

Frank is President and 49% stockholder of Denark. He joined forces with Denark in 1996, after more than 20 years of experience founding and leading his own successful construction company. Frank brings to the team a wealth of construction experience and a deep commitment to budget and schedule controls. As President, he focuses his attention primarily on Operations, Office Management, and Finance & Administration. He is always ready to attend team meetings to mentor and support. He conducts various internal project reviews and audits, and he does not hesitate to dive in and solve problems. His oversight ensures Denark's continued strong, stable, and managed growth. From his early experience as a craftsman and his BS degree in Economics from Ohio University, Frank has always put quality construction and customer care first. Ultimately, Denark has been fortunate to recruit and retain highly experienced and seasoned executives and leaders that ensure our promises are delivered to team members and to clients. Beyond his general contracting accomplishments, Frank has made it a point to give back to the community through working with many local non-profit organizations. In fact, he has dedicated a great deal of his time and energy toward the advancement of non-profit and community organizations that are focused on the <u>care and enrichment</u> of people's lives.

How many companies can say that *caring* is part of their core mission? Denark Construction made it one of their founding principles. Denark is a full-service construction management firm committed to helping clients build distinctive and challenging projects. The company was recently recognized as the 2023 Pinnacle Business Impact Award winner by the Knoxville Chamber. The Impact Award is presented to a non-charitable business that displays a commitment to making East Tennessee a better place to live through the development and support of a community project or program. In any given year, Denark supports and participates in more than 75 programs, initiatives or events for a variety of business community and philanthropic organizations. They've made giving back part of their culture, without any reciprocal intent. For example, (1) Denark works with youth from local Cub Scout Packs to visit construction sites to learn about careers in construction; (2) Denark annually celebrates "Women In Construction" by highlighting the educational and career accomplishments of the amazing women in their workforce; (3)The Knoxville Multi-Use Stadium construction team consisting of Denark/Barton Malow/EDCI recently conducted a matchmaking event to assist interested DBE connect with prime contractors for the downtown stadium project. Nearly 50 such events have been conducted over the past two years and Denark has been involved in all of these events; and (4) Denark offers the most competitive salaries and benefits in the construction industry and its workforce generously participates in supporting United Way projects.

But not only does Frank Rothermel display a nurturing, caring, uplifting others in his professional capacity at Denark, seeking the betterment of others and helping people find solutions to real problems is a way of life. You see Frank is a longtime member of the Rotary Club and for Rotary International who has voluntarily donated his time, talent and treasure to participate in numerous, worldwide humanitarian ventures. International Rotary Clubs have planned and implemented: (1) installing a rainwater harvesting and distribution center for 4,000 people in Papua New Guinea; (2) in Nicaragua Rotary members helped build a trade school, which trains students in practical skills such as woodworking, metalworking, welding, digital photography, and sewing; and (3) Rotary members and United States Agency for International Development (USAID) assist communities and governments to plan, finance and deliver safe water, sanitation and hygiene services, while sustainably managing water resources in Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, India and Kenya...

A 40 plus year professional record in construction demonstrates that Frank Rothermel is the leader of one of the most successful, employee oriented and customer focused construction companies in the State of Tennessee. Also, his service to others and benevolence to helping people in underdeveloped foreign countries obtain basic living services is a testament to his impeccable character; commitment to growth and development throughout the State of Tennessee; and commitment to serving humanity in underdeveloped areas throughout the World. These are the reasons the Beta Theta Boulè Foundation is honored to present the *2023 Fatherhood Excellence Award* to Frank Rothermel.

## Mr. Rothermel's Awards and Recognition

- Member of the State of Tennessee Education Recovery and Innovation Commission
- Member of United Way of Greater Knoxville Board of Directors
- Chairman Emeritus and Founding Member of Volunteer East Tennessee Board of Directors
- Member of the Metro YMCA Advisory Board
- Member of the LMU Law School Advisory Board
- Vice-Chair of the Medic Regional Blood Center Board of Directors
- Member of the Knoxville/Knox County Homeless Coalition Board of Directors
- Member of the Tennessee Valley Fair Board of Directors
- Member of the Senior Citizens Home Assistance Services (SCHAS) Advisory Board
- Member of the Knoxville Habitat for Humanity Advisory Board of Directors
- Member of the Rotary Club of Knoxville
- Chairman of the Rotary District 6780 Water and Sanitation Committee
- Chairman of the Rotary District 6780 Stewardship Committee
- Endowment/Major Gifts Advisor Zone 30 Rotary International
- Member of the Rotary Foundation Arch C. Klumph Society Chairman's Circle
- Member of Leadership Tennessee Class of 2017
- Member of Leadership Knoxville Class of 1999
- Member of the Board of Visitors, The University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine
- Chairman of the Alliance for Better Nonprofits Board of Directors
- Chairman of the Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors
- Chairman of the Senior Citizens Home Assistance Services (SCHAS) Board of Directors
- Member of the United Way of Greater Knoxville Campaign Cabinet
- Member of the Leadership Knoxville Board of Directors
- Chairman of the Ten-Year Homelessness Plan Advisory Board
- President of the Mental Health Association Board of Directors
- Chairman of the Knoxville Tree Board of Directors
- Chairman of the YMCA Camp Montvale Board of Directors
- Chairman of The University of Tennessee Chancellors Associates Board of Directors
- President of the Tennessee Valley Fair Board of Directors
- Chairman of the Knoxville Association of General Contractors Board of Directors
- Chairman of the Knoxville/Knox County Homeless Coalition Board of Directors
- Chairman of the Monday Family Foundation Board of Directors
- Chairman of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board of Directors
- 2011-12 Rotary International District Governor 6780
- 2006-07 President of the Rotary Club of Knoxville Board of Directors
- Treasurer of the Knoxville Area Urban League Board of Directors
- 2020 Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame Laureate
- 2016 Presidential Volunteer Service Lifetime Achievement Award
- 2014 Rotary International Service Above Self Award
- 2008 Rotary Four Avenues of Service Award
- 2001 National Philanthropy Award
- 2000 YMCA Distinguished Service Award
- 1999 The Rotarian of the Year Award
- 1993 YMCA Red Triangle Award