The American Cancer Society recognized the School District of Fort Atkinson for its Relay for Life efforts.

Prior to receiving this award, Fitzpatrick prefaced with a few remarks.

"We've been delighted over many, many years to work closely with the American Cancer Society," Fitzpatrick acknowledged. "So many of us have been touched by the fact that somebody in our family has been afflicted with this insidious disease that one day we hope we'll be able to totally cure.

"For many years the Relay for Life has been an event in our community that has drawn many Fort Atkinson citizens to amost important cause," he added.

The American Cancer Society recognized the school district for having hosted this annual summer benefit at both its middleand high schools for the past 17 years.

"The American Cancer Society, with the Fort Atkinson Relay for Life, would like to acknowledge the school district, and thank you for your years of support and use of the (district's) facilities, from the very humble beginnings of using simply the track," said Allison Klein, from the American Cancer Society. "We then moved from the middle school to the high school and back to the middle school, and I think almost everyone in this room was at the track at one point at one of the events in the 17 years (of Relays). So I just wanted to thank you very much for your support over the past 17 years."