

The presentation items include a Bequest Society crystal, a diamond circle pin, and a letter from the Chairman of the Trustees. If the donor has not previously received a Benefactor certificate and wing insignias, they may be presented on the same occasion. Public expressions of appreciation are recommended. Therefore, please take time during a club meeting and district event to make a meaningful presentation. Because some donors prefer to remain anonymous, however, the Trustees ask that you confer first with the recipient about a public presentation.

Suggested Remarks for Appreciation Presentation

This is a very special day and time. It is the day that the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation and I have the honor to express appreciation to a couple (an individual) who has chosen to include The Rotary Foundation in their (his/her) estate plans. In doing so, they (he/she) support and honor the programs of The Rotary Foundation that make a difference in the lives of others and make the world more peaceful. It gives me great pleasure to announce that **(first and last names)** _____ have made such a provision in their estates, thus making them eligible for Bequest Society membership, at level ____ **(please identify the appropriate level number, NOT the dollar amount).**

(Names) _____ please come forward and accept this recognition.

(First Names) _____, you are now (a) member(s) of The Rotary Foundation Bequest Society, a dedicated group of humanitarians who have committed their accumulated assets to helping others less fortunate. This special group of people will be changing lives through a legacy of hope. In appreciation for this investment in the future of humanity, the Trustees wish to express their gratitude by presenting this crystal, diamond circle pin(s), (Benefactor certificate and insignias), and a letter from the Chairman of the Trustees, Past RI President _____. (Present the crystal and pin. The presenter may also wish to read a paragraph from the chairman's letter).

It is because of commitments like yours that the Foundation is able to carry out an array of programs through Rotarians and Rotary clubs around the globe that:

- improve living conditions for needy families;
- increase food production and fresh water programs;
- allay the suffering of the sick and disabled by providing immunization and medical treatment; and,
- provide new channels for the flow of international understanding, and brighter hopes for peace through the many educational programs.

Thank you again, (first names) _____, for your significant commitment. Ladies and gentlemen, please thank and welcome the newest member(s) of The Rotary Foundation's Bequest Society.

