

Multiple Paul Harris Fellow Presentations

The Trustees of The Rotary Foundation request that the club's Rotary Foundation chair make a tasteful presentation to the Multiple Paul Harris Fellow, with the support and the participation of the club president.

Suggested Presentation Remarks

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to support the efforts of Rotary International in the fulfillment of the Object of Rotary, Rotary International's mission, and the achievement of world understanding and peace through local, national, and international humanitarian, educational and cultural programs. The programs of The Rotary Foundation include an array of projects that save and invigorate the lives of people around the world and enhance international friendship and understanding. Foundation programs provide food, potable water, health care, immunizations, shelter, and educational opportunities for millions of persons. Differentiating Rotary from many other organizations, these activities are funded, implemented and managed by Rotarians and Rotary clubs around the globe.

We have long recognized Rotarians who contribute to The Rotary Foundation, the arm of Rotary International, which receives and disburses funds that support our cause of increasing world understanding and peace. We recognize them in many ways. Those who contribute a minimum of \$100 per year are recognized as Sustaining Members. In this club ____ were sustaining members last year. At such time as their contributions total \$1,000 they are recognized as Paul Harris Fellows, in honor of Rotary's founder, and we present them with a certificate, a special pin and a medallion. We now have over 1 million Paul Harris Fellows.

Becoming a Paul Harris Fellow, however, is a milestone, not a destination. We ask those who become Paul Harris Fellows to continue supporting The Rotary Foundation and we recognize them as Multiple Paul Harris Fellows at such time as they contribute an additional \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation. With each additional \$1,000 they are presented with a pin with a stone, either a sapphire or ruby, indicating the total level of their contributions. In our club we have ____ members who have been previously recognized for such contributions. At such time as their total contribution is \$10,000 they are recognized as Major Donors with a pin with a diamond and a special crystal.

Rotarians may also name another individual as a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow; someone who previously became a Paul Harris Fellow through personal gifts or whose life demonstrates a shared purpose with the objectives of The Rotary Foundation, through the use of recognition points in denominations of 1,000 or more.

Our support of The Rotary Foundation is what makes possible Group Study Exchanges, Ambassadorial Scholarships, World Peace Scholarships, and, for the last several years, the effort to eradicate Polio. Through the Matching Grant program our contributions also fund a host of smaller projects. Did you know, for instance?

- That \$1,000 provides cataract operations for 30 blind individuals in India.
- That \$1,000 provides textbooks for 10 elementary schools in Zambia.
- That \$1,000 provides a hearing aid for 10 deaf children in Pakistan.

The list could go on but our support of The Rotary Foundation can truly make life-changing differences.

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When the recipient is the donor:

Today we have the privilege of recognizing ____ of our club members for their/his/her wonderful support of The Rotary Foundation.

Name_____, your contributions to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International are allaying suffering, improving living conditions, and providing educational opportunities for young people somewhere in the world. Your gifts are truly selfless actions and demonstrate your commitment to our common goals of world understanding and peace.

Therefore, on behalf of the President of Rotary International and the Chairman of the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation, it gives me great pleasure to present to you a multiple Paul Harris Fellow lapel pin containing ____ sapphire (s) or rubies in appreciation of your generous contribution to the Annual Programs Fund of the Rotary and, on their behalf, to extend our sincere thanks.

When the recipient is a family member or friend of the donor:

(Name)_____, you are being honored today as a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow in special appreciation for the many way in which your life exemplifies the humanitarian and educational objectives of the Rotary Foundation. You were designated to receive this recognition by (name of donor or group) _____. (Add personal information on recipient, as appropriate).

Therefore, on behalf of the President of Rotary International and the Chairman of the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation, it gives me great pleasure to present to you a multiple Paul Harris Fellow lapel pin containing ____ sapphire (s) or rubies in appreciation of the example you provide by the way in which you live your life.

When the recipient is a relative of the person in whose memory the contribution was made:

(Name of family member)_____, you were elected to receive this award in memory of (memorialized person) _____ because (name of club or donor) _____ believes that his/her life exemplified the humanitarian and educational objectives of the Rotary Foundation. (Add personal information on the person in whose memory the gift was made.)

Therefore, on behalf of the President of Rotary International and the Chairman of the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation, it gives me great pleasure to present to you a multiple Paul Harris Fellow lapel pin containing ____ sapphire (s) or rubies in appreciation of the example (memorialized person)_____ provided by the way in which he/she lived his/her life.

