

The
PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY

Rotary International District 5300



ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO HELP THOSE IN NEED

The Paul Harris Society was established to recognize Rotarians and Honorary Rotarians who contribute at least **\$1,000.00 per person in their own names during each Rotary year** (July through June) to the **unrestricted Annual Programs Fund** (Eligible for SHARE) of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. After being invested for three years, one-half of each original contribution will be returned to District 5300 as District Designated Funds (DDF) and one-half will be provided to The Rotary Foundation World Fund to support humanitarian programs and Group Study Exchange. The Society also recognizes donations of at least \$1000.00 per Rotary year to the PolioPlus and Humanitarian Grant programs of The Rotary Foundation.

Why Would I Choose to Join the Paul Harris Society?

The Rotary Foundation is the flagship of Rotary International's efforts to offer "*Service Above Self*" to the world through *educational and humanitarian projects*. The contributions of individual Rotarians support world-wide programs which provide clean water, promote literacy, continue the race to eradicate polio, and fund Matching Grants, Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants, Group Study Exchange, Ambassadorial Scholarships, and Rotary World Peace Scholarships.

The Paul Harris Society provides a way for dedicated Rotarians to support this good work, while honoring Rotary founder Paul Harris. The Society was established on the premise that, although it is not appropriate for all members, there are many District 5300 Rotarians who are both willing and able to provide this level of support for initiatives that will make *both our local communities and the world* better places in which to live. Those donors who agree to contribute \$1,000.00 each year to the Rotary Foundation will be awarded membership in the Paul Harris Society and will be afforded the personal satisfaction accompanying such selfless acts.

Recognition

Society members will receive District-wide recognition on appropriate occasions and a distinctive blue and gold emblem or "ribbon," that can be worn with the Paul Harris Fellow pin or the Rotary Member pin. They will also qualify for The Rotary Foundation's Paul Harris Fellow or Multiple Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

How to Join the Paul Harris Society

- Complete Rotary International Form 123-EN. This form is available on the RI web site (www.rotary.org) under "The Rotary Foundation" followed by "Materials for Download," or from your Club Foundation Chair. It is **very important** to include your Rotary membership number on the form, as this prevents multiple records from being created for you and also insures that you are recognized as the donor. This number is printed on the mailing label on the front cover of your *Rotarian* magazine. The Secretary or Foundation Chair can also assist you in filling out the form.
- Enclose a check for \$1,000.00, payable to **The Rotary Foundation**. (If you prefer, you may execute either the Credit Card contribution form shown on your RI "Member Access" web page or the Electronic Transfer form available as "TRF-Direct" on the RI web site. These permit paperless payments in installments.)
- Mail to:

The Rotary Foundation
PO Box 75133
Chicago IL 60675-5133

How to Maintain Your Membership in the Paul Harris Society

Donate at least \$1,000.00 to the Annual Programs Fund, PolioPlus, or Humanitarian Grant programs of The Rotary Foundation during each successive Rotary year, following the procedure outlined above. Keep the District 5300 Paul Harris Society Committee informed of the fact that you have done so.

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