



Rotary Club of West Ottawa *Paul Harris Fellow Award*¹

Conferred on Campbell Whillans, June 28, 2016

(The following text was read at the awards presentation ceremony)

Thanks to the creative recruitment measures our Membership Committee has taken, we have a steady stream of talented and enthusiastic individuals flowing into the Club. The fresh ideas and additional energy that new members bring increases the Club's capacity to "*do good in the world.*" Moreover, the new members' enthusiasm is contagious. It spreads to older members and revitalizes them – a win-win for everyone.

Tonight, the Club is recognizing a new member who, in very short order, established a record of exceptional service and leadership that meets the criteria for the Club's *Paul Harris Fellow Award*. There is no doubt that our next recipient is an unusually qualified member considering that he only joined our Club three years ago. In that short time he has assimilated himself so well that it seems he's been with us much longer.

Since joining, he has participated in a wide variety of events with bountiful energy. For example, on *Mums for Thanksgiving* delivery day, he worked in the warehouse, not for an hour or two, but for the full day. At Club social events, he's working somewhere, perhaps at the door or cooking on the BBQ. When volunteers are needed, his hand is always one of the first to go up. Even with a busy career, he makes time for Rotary and seems to thrive on it.

He was a significant force in organizing our New Members Committee, and has taken leadership roles in the development of proposals for new fundraising projects. To illustrate, he was instrumental in bringing the Club's *Rotary Coffee* fundraiser from concept to reality. He did the research to assess potential suppliers, and continues to foster our relationship with the selected supplier, Poppa Bean Coffee Roastery. He has been prominent and relentless in promoting this fundraiser, and has played several roles -- from promoting sales to delivering product. He's committed and it shows.

This recipient also volunteered to lead the development of the proposed *Trip of the Month* fundraiser. He is not content to let others shoulder the load alone. The Club's Photography Committee has also been helped materially by this member's support. At some Club meetings, one wonders if the member gets to eat. He seems to be on his feet all the time snapping images.

Most impressively, he is demonstrating leadership on our Club's Board, serving as Director of Community Service. This is exceptional for a new member and, thereby, provides an exemplary role model for other new members.

For his dedication, and such an impressive start to what will, hopefully, be a long life in Rotary service, the Club is pleased to confer a *Paul Harris Fellow Award* on Campbell Whillans. Campbell, please come forward to receive your award.

¹ Named after the founder of Rotary International, the Paul Harris Fellow Recognition program was introduced by the trustees of the Rotary Foundation in 1957 to encourage donations to the Foundation. The Rotary Club of West Ottawa adopted the program to create the Club's *Paul Harris Fellow Award*. The award recognizes individuals who have given distinguished service that exemplifies the ideals and objectives of Rotary. To bestow the award, the Club makes a contribution of \$1,000 US to the Rotary Foundation in the name of the individual to be honoured; that individual is then named a *Paul Harris Fellow* by the Foundation.

For individuals who are members of the Rotary Club of West Ottawa, a nominee should meet at least three of the following criteria to be a recipient of a PHF Award: 1) served a minimum of two years on the Club's board of directors; 2) chaired two or more of the Club's standing committees; 3) performed noteworthy volunteer service in the Club over the years; 4) provided extraordinary support or leadership in Club fundraising; 5) performed a unique role, or provided a special service, for the Club over a period of years; 6) enhanced the Club's reputation or public profile; 7) been active on a Rotary district committee; or 8) performed outstanding volunteer service for the community, external to Rotary.