



PAUL HARRIS FELLOW AWARD

CONFERRED UPON CHRIS WANNA, JUNE 27TH, 2017

The following text was read at the awards presentation ceremony.

For our Club two years ago, this honoured member made *un beau geste*: he became Club President a year ahead of schedule, switching his place in line with that of the now-current President.

And this fine gesture he made at no small inconvenience to himself. I speak, of course, of Chris Wanna. At Club meetings President Chris excelled at making Club members feel welcome. As soon as he entered the room he would whisk around and through the throng of recent arrivals, shaking hands with as many as he could while beaming with that broad smile of his. And our thanks go to Denise, his wife, who supported him at every meeting and circulated among us in her own way.

Less well-known, perhaps, is that for some years Chris was an enthusiastic presenter with our ABCs of Fraud Program. Through this program our Club has helped fraud-proof seniors to make them less easy targets for scam artists and fraudsters. Together with another Club member, as a team they would visit seniors' residences to explain the various scams, perhaps even participate in a skit to help get the message across, and answer the audiences' many questions.

Now to mention briefly Chris' committee leadership: He has chaired both the Archives Committee and the Reception Committee. More recently, of course, he chaired our Board of Directors.

A few years ago Chris gave our Club one of those huge blank cheques, in the style used for photo opportunities. We used it to help publicize our donations to charities. Then one day we discovered that indelible ink had been used the previous time. Graciously, Chris gave us a replacement that we still use.

A little later he put in a lot of effort into the design and preparation of a poster for one of our annual Rotary District Conferences. It was very well received. Then just recently he has designed and prepared another poster—a splendid one—this time for use by the Interact Club at Woodroffe High School, a youth project supported by our Club.

He has provided tickets for use at Club events, most notably for use with several of our annual Change-over Meetings and Awards Galas, like the tickets we used this evening. He provides also the cards we give to our luncheon speakers confirming that charitable donations have been made in their names.

In short, Chris, you have been very generous with your time and with the various *pro bono* print materials you have provided. You have made an excellent contribution to the Club and to the community. Chris Wanna, would you please come forward to receive the Paul Harris Fellow Award.