



PAUL HARRIS FELLOW AWARD

CONFERRED UPON DON BUTLER, JUNE 27TH, 2017

The following text was read at the awards presentation ceremony.

This honouree gets involved with many Club activities. He serves on the Program committee, helping to line up speakers at Club luncheons. He often emcees our fundraiser in aid of polio eradication, the annual chamber music concert, *Music for Humanity*. He is active on the International Service Committee and chaired it a few years ago. And for the past two years he co-chaired another fundraiser, our Mums for Thanksgiving, which raises funds for the Club's International Service efforts. He continues in that role today. I speak, of course, of Don Butler.

With this latter fundraiser Don also took on the roles of recruiting and managing our project partners. And he has been very successful. Last year for instance, we sold a record 5400 chrysanthemums and earned record profits. Of the Club's fundraisers it netted the most revenues.

He also co-chairs the Bulletin committee. On a weekly basis he edits Spinoff, our meeting reports. This activity takes painstaking hours as Don strives to ensure the Spinoff report is factually correct and perfectly edited.

Don is also a churchgoer and a *basso* in his church choir. Also for many years he has been active with the Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen. Indeed, he was recognized for this work back in 2012 with his first Paul Harris Fellow Award. Since then he has taken on the job of President of the Ottawa coordinating group, responsible for fundraising and networking. Under Don's leadership this group has broadened to include members' partners. The group supports an annual student bursary of \$1200 for an aspiring minister at St. Paul's University. And, of special note, it also raised \$5000 to fund a public-school curriculum on Education about Religions.

All in all, Don, you have been a hard-working volunteer. Your efforts have been outstanding, both on Club projects and in the community, and have had significant impact. They are very much appreciated. Don Butler, please step forward to receive the Paul Harris Fellow Award.