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Stu, for those who may not know him, is a radio announcer, TV host, former Senators Sports & Entertainment PA announcer, and an Auctioneer. Using his profile in the local community, he raises awareness of many issues that will lead to a better Ottawa community. He is a recipient of the City of Ottawa Community Builder Award recognizing the work he did with co-hosts in addressing bullying among youth.

Stu has also been an MC and Auctioneer for all types of events from golf tournaments and galas, to conferences. If you have ever benefited from seeing him firsthand as an auctioneer, you know how incredible he is at fundraisers! Using his personality, keen wit and sense of humour he is able to maximize donations.

During his first bout with leukemia he raised awareness of the importance of bone marrow transplants. Upon diagnosis of the return of his leukemia, he immediately turned to Twitter and videotaped a message to all his followers to encourage people to donate blood. He always turns a negative to a positive which benefits our community.

He is a family man with two kids. He shares his family life with listeners to engage our community in conversations for the betterment of our community. While on leave he called in daily to the morning show to continue to engage his listeners and urge those who are able to do so, to donate blood, blood marrow or whatever they can.

He uses social media with a vengeance and at one stage he and his wife Connie B., shared the fact that his daughter is now old enough to understand that her dad is very ill. To help, she shaved his head for him. To publicly share your family’s activities when you are so vulnerable takes courage and determination. It brings the community together as many can now relate to his and his family’s plight and turn it into a positive “community build”. His posts often include, all the various individuals working in the hospital and extols their significant contributions to the well being of the patients. Everyone from the custodian, to nurses and other professionals have been in his twitter feeds. He generates mutual respect of every profession and demonstrates how we all collectively make Ottawa a better place to live.

Stu, has made an outstanding personal contribution that has significantly improved understanding and generated mutual respect between or among people of different races, cultures or countries especially with the development of the anti-bullying campaign.

Stu, has performed outstanding community service in support of: youth, the elderly, the underprivileged, the disabled or the developmentally challenged and exemplifies the qualities of the good citizen and provides a role model of the ideal community builder.

We pleased to honour him. Stu Schwartz, please accept your Paul Harris Fellow Award.

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1Named 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.

A nominee for the award who is not a member of the Rotary Club of West Ottawa must meet at least one of four criteria to be named a Paul Harris Fellow. The nominee must: 1) have made an outstanding personal or business contribution that has significantly enhanced the welfare of the community at the local, national or international level; 2) have made an outstanding personal or business contribution that has significantly improved understanding and generated mutual respect between or among people of different races, cultures or countries; 3) have performed outstanding community service in support of youth, the elderly, the underprivileged, the disabled or the developmentally challenged; or 4) exemplify the qualities of the good citizen and provide a role model of the ideal community builder.

The Paul Harris Fellow Award

The Paul Harris Fellow Award is named after Paul Harris, a Chicago Attorney who in 1905 founded Rotary, a group of friends that became a service club. Rotary has since evolved to become Rotary International, a service organization of some 34,000 Rotary clubs.

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For individuals who are not members of the Rotary Club of West Ottawa, a nominee must meet at least one (1) of the following criteria to become a recipient of the Paul Harris Fellow Award:

1. Has made an outstanding personal or business contribution that has significantly enhanced the welfare of the community at the local, national or international level; or
2. Has made an outstanding personal or business contribution that has significantly improved understanding and generated mutual respect between and among people of different races, cultures or countries; or
3. Has performed outstanding community service in support of youth, the elderly, the underprivileged, the disabled or the developmentally challenged; or
4. Exemplifies the qualities of the good citizen and provides a role model of the ideal community builder.

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