

# LAKE PLACID NEWS

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## **ROTARY CLUB NEWS: Young honorary Rotary member recognized as Paul Harris Fellow**



Lake Placid Rotary Club Sergeant-at-Arms Joe McAvoy presents 10-year-old honorary member Holly Erenstone with a Paul Harris Fellow certificate in July. (Photo provided)

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Ten year-old Holly Erenstone became the newest Paul Harris Fellow when she was presented with the Paul Harris Fellow certificate at the Lake Placid Rotary Club's changeover dinner at the High Peaks Resort in early July.

The Paul Harris Fellow is given when a one-time contribution of \$1,000 is made to the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. First collected in 1957 to encourage Rotary members to contribute to the Rotary Foundation Fellowship for Advanced Study. Paul Harris Fellow donations are now used to support worthy initiatives such as PolioPlus, youth and cultural exchange programs, or matching grants used for sustainable local and international service projects. Individuals become members of the Paul Harris Society when they gift \$1,000 per year to the Rotary Foundation. The Mission of the Rotary Foundation is to “advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvements of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.”

Typically Rotary club members make the donation in their name or contribute on one's behalf, but the club decided to use funds that had been raised to honor Erenstone because she exemplifies Rotary's motto of “Service Above Self.”

As the Club's youngest honorary member, she has proven her faithfulness to Rotary in a multitude of ways. She regularly attends Club meetings, even arranging her own transportation when her Rotarian mother Debbie Erenstone is not available to drive her. With her lemonade stand she has been instrumental in generating additional revenue for the Dam Duck Race, a popular annual fundraising event.

The Rotary Club of Lake Placid is one of over 30,000 clubs worldwide. Members from over 200 countries are part of a global network of 1.2 million people who come together to make positive, lasting change in communities locally, nationally and internationally.

The club meets every Thursday at 7:20 a.m. at the Marriott Courtyard hotel, all are welcome. To learn more about the good deeds of Rotary, go to [www.rotarylakeplacid.org](http://www.rotarylakeplacid.org).

