

## **Steps For Your Blue Badge**

New Member:	Mentor:		
Induction Date:	Phone:		
Sponsor:	Email:		
Rotary Connection Goals  Connect with the Club's website  Email (Club Executive Secretary) at rotaryclubofnorfolk@gmail to obtain a login name and password			
			ryclubofnorfolk.org and click "Member Login". Click rsonal information. Upload a recent "headshot"
		Connect wit	h Your Club and Community
Learn about committees			
Participate in a Club service proje	ct, social, field trip, or other activity		
Attend a meeting of our Club's Bo	pard of Directors		
Connect with R	otary International and Giving		
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## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL, THE ROTARY FOUNDATION, PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS, CHARLES WOODARD FELLOWS, AND GIVING

You can learn about our parent organization Rotary International [RI] by going to its website at Rotary.org. It is easy to register with Rotary International by going to the My Rotary subcategory and following the instructions on how to register. Registering allows you to reach certain parts of the Rotary.org website open only to members, and it makes donating to the Rotary Foundation easy.

Rotary International, our Rotary District (District 7600), and our club all encourage giving to the Rotary Foundation. That is why they have a slogan "Every Rotarian Every Year," which seeks, but does not require, a minimal contribution every year to the Rotary Foundation from every Rotary member. It is easy to give. You can do so on the RI website after you sign up as a RI website member by hitting the donate button. Or you can sign up with Rotary International for Rotary Direct, which sets up recurring donations.

At the donation site, you will find the opportunity to donate in a variety of ways. Donations to Rotary can be designated for specific causes. The general gift to Rotary is through Annual Fund-SHARE. Donations to Annual Fund-SHARE are invested for three years; then our District receives approximately 47.5% to fund grants in our community. The remaining 47.5% will be designated to the World Fund, with the remaining amount used to fund the administrative costs of running the Foundation. In short, a significant portion of your contribution can return to our communities as funded grants. The rest is to be used for global grants or to PolioPlus, Rotary Peace Centers, or other needs in the world community. Also, currently, any gifts to PolioPlus are matched 2:1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Rotary thinks it is important to express gratitude for continued giving by members. One way is to recognize those members who in one payment or over time give a total of \$1,000 to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant. Those members are recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow. If you continue to give and the amount again reaches a total of \$1,000, you will be recognized as a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow, i.e., PH+2; PH+3, up to PH+8. The designation is named for Paul Harris, who with others formed Rotary in 1905. If you give up to a total of \$10,000, you are recognized as a Major Donor.

There is another way to give. Norfolk Rotary Charities ("Charities") is a related affiliate of the Rotary Club of Norfolk, and Charities has an endowment. Gifts may be made to the endowment. In 2009, Charles Woodard, a long-time member of the Rotary Club of Norfolk, arranged for a very generous bequest to be given to the endowment as part of his wife's estate. Since 2009, any person who donates \$1,000 or more over time to Norfolk Rotary Charities is honored as a Charles Woodard Fellow. The names of current Charles Woodard Fellows are found on the Rotary Club of Norfolk website.