

Good evening.

Thank you all for being here to celebrate Rotary.

Congratulations to all the various award recipients. It is always good to be among Rotary Friends.

I have been in Rotary for almost 40 years. During that time, I have had the opportunity to help organize and lead a variety of projects, all of which were realized because of the volunteer efforts of many people. I especially want to acknowledge and thank my wife, Cheryl, whose advice and support have been key to my community service. I also want to recognize my secretary, Sharon Worman, who has helped to keep things organized.

I have repeatedly experienced the magic of Rotary, an organization begun so long ago by Paul Harris and a handful of his friends. They met first for fellowship and to help one another in business. From this friendship came a desire to make a difference by serving others - the stranger across town, across the country, and across the world. This is the legacy we share and celebrate tonight.

I love Rotary. Rotary does not care about your race, religion, sexual orientation, or your political beliefs. Rotary cares about our shared values expressed in the Four-Way Test, and our willingness to serve others. We all know that service above self is more than a motto. It is a way of life. It is all about having fun with friends while improving the lives of others. It doesn't get any better than this.

I appreciate this Lifetime Achievement Award and accept it acknowledging with gratitude all the people who have been a part of my Rotary journey. I look forward to a future of fun, fellowship, and service with you in Rotary for many years to come.

Thank you, my friends.

*Chuck Hanson*