

DATE: September 1, 2015
INVOCATION: Christine Burns
PROGRAM CHAIR: Helene Florio
PROGRAM SPEAKER: District Governor, Kyong Wilson. **There will also be a "SURPRISE" Paul Harris Award presentation at this meeting.**

DATE: September 8, 2015
INVOCATION: Helene Florio
PROGRAM CHAIR: Eileen O'Leary Sullivan
PROGRAM SPEAKER: Elizabeth Corcoran Murray, a Holyoke native, will discuss her book "A Long Way From Paris."

DATE: September 15, 2015
INVOCATION: Barbara Baran
PROGRAM CHAIR: Michael Moriarty
PROGRAM SPEAKER: Holyoke Public School Receiver Dr Steven Zrike

DATE: September 22, 2015
INVOCATION: Rebecca MacGregor
PROGRAM CHAIR:
PROGRAM SPEAKER: David Beturne & Jesse Vanek from Big Brothers Big Sisters will talk about enhancing a program at Morgan Elementary school in Holyoke.

DATE: September 29, 2015
INVOCATION: Brittney Kelleher
PROGRAM: CLUB ASSEMBLY

Member Birthdays			
Pellegrino, Tony	Sep 26		
Blanchard, Karen	Sep 30		
Anniversaries			
Kaplan, Steve & Sue	Sep 12	50 years	
Desnoyers, Robert & Sue	Sep 26	22 years	
Rotary Anniversaries in June			
Eger, Carl	46 years		
Anderson, Kathy	2 years		

Eat Drink & Be Holyoke...			
will be held on Thursday, October 8 at Gateway City Arts. Committee meetings will be held on the first Monday of every month, 5pm at Slainte. Sponsorships available.			

THE HISTORY OF PAUL HARRIS FELLOW RECOGNITION

The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of US\$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

It was established in 1957 to show appreciation for and encourage substantial contributions to what was then the Foundation's only program, Rotary Foundation Fellowships for Advanced Study, the precursor to Ambassadorial Scholarships.

The first Paul Harris Fellows include 1937-38

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RI Director Allison G. Brush and longtime RI Treasurer Rufus F. Chapin, both for donations made in 1946. Mrs. Adan Vargas was the first woman to receive the recognition, for a gift made in 1953. Mrs. Harry L. Jones was the second, and one of only five people recognized for contributions made in 1957.

Early Paul Harris Fellows received a certificate of recognition. In 1969, the Foundation unveiled the first Paul Harris Fellow medallion at the RI Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA. Japanese metal artist Fiju Tsuda created the piece under the direction of then-past Foundation Trustee Kyoza Yuasa. Today, Paul Harris Fellows receive a certificate and pin. They are also eligible to purchase a Paul Harris Fellow medallion.

Rotarians have a tradition of supporting the Foundation by honoring others. Ida LeTulle Taylor became a Paul Harris Fellow in 1978 when her husband, then-District Governor Vann Taylor, made a donation in her name in honor of their 34th wedding anniversary. The gift also made her the 25,000th Paul Harris Fellow.

At the International Assembly in 1979, then-RI President-elect James Bomar challenged each Rotary club to make one non-Rotarian a Paul Harris Fellow. The Rotary Club of Pikesville, Maryland, USA, responded by making a



The first Paul Harris Fellow medallion

donation in the name of Mother Teresa in 1980. The entertainer Pearl Bailey also became a Paul Harris Fellow through a joint effort of the Rotary clubs in Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

Many other notable figures have been named as Paul Harris Fellows, including U.S. President Jimmy Carter, Russian President Boris Yeltsin, U.S. astronaut James Lovell, UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, and Jonas Salk.

The number of Paul Harris Fellows reached the one million mark in 2006.

By Susan Hanf, *Rotary News*, 22-Jan-2014



Left: The first men's lapel pin. Right: The second men's lapel pin.



Left: Women's lapel pin, used until 1997. Right: In 1997, the Foundation standardized the designs of the medallion and lapel pin, using the same for men and women alike. Both bear the laurel wreath design used on the Multiple Paul Harris Fellow pins and are still in use today.