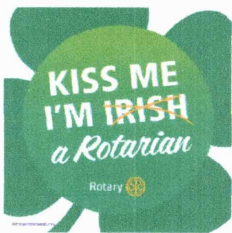
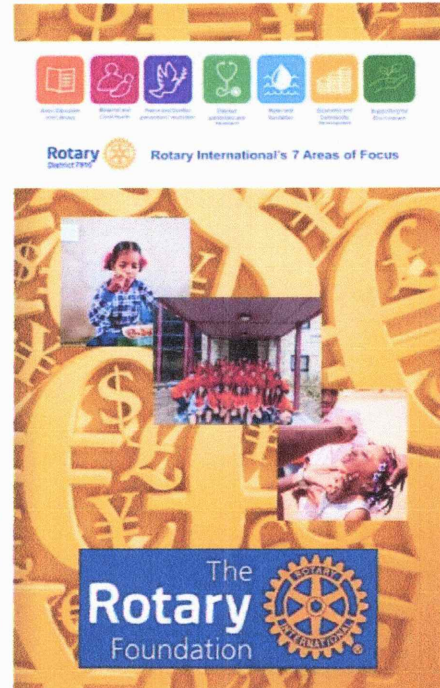


Week of March 19, 2025

ROTARY NOTARY

Give to the
RI Foundation
in this Rotary year to
help fund projects and
programs around the
world and in our
own communities.

Remember, it's all about "Good Works", not money. Be a Rotarian of Action and give online, mail a check, or donate through your club – however you give, **do it before June 27** to ensure your gift is for this Rotary year.



**IT'S HOPED THAT EVERYONE HAD A GOOD
ST. PATRICK'S DAY AND WILL
ENJOY SPRING BREAK WEEK!**



LOOKING AHEAD

MARCH 25	SERVICE PROJECT	SIMPLY HYGIENE (8:00 a.m. —10:00 a.m.)
APRIL 9	FIRESIDE	WSU TECH'S NICHE (downtown)
APRIL 18	SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE	SEE MORE INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE

EWR IS SEEKING CANDIDATES FOR OUR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS. IF YOU KNOW OF A WORTHY CANDIDATE, ENCOURAGE THEM TO APPLY. FOR MORE INFORMATION AND AN APPLICATION GO TO OUR CLUB'S WEBSITE AT WWW.EASTWICHITAROTARY.ORG.

Take a look at our club's website for upcoming programs and other news.

Beyond the pin: the true spirit of Paul Harris recognition

25 February 2025 from Rotary 360, The official blog of Rotary International
by Nerrissa J. Persaud, Rotary Club of Montego Bay, Jamaica

I recently received my first Paul Harris Fellow recognition pin and certificate in the mail. I held it in my hands, expecting to feel a sense of pride, maybe even excitement. After all, this recognition stands as a symbol of giving – of contributing to a foundation that has changed lives across the globe.

Yet, as I looked at it, a deeper realization settled in.

This recognition, while significant, is not about the individual – it is about the impact. It is a reflection of what we choose to support, the lives we help change, and the future we help build. Too often, we shift our focus to the recognition itself – but it's important to remember that it is just that – recognition of supporting something bigger.

The Rotary Foundation: Why it matters

Paul Harris founded Rotary in 1905 on a simple but profound principle: bringing people together in service to create lasting change. That vision evolved into one of the most impactful humanitarian organizations in the world, leading efforts in polio eradication, clean water initiatives, education, disaster relief, and healthcare access.

The Rotary Foundation exists not to create prestige but to fund solutions to real-world problems. The Paul Harris Fellow recognition is not a prize; rather, it is a symbol of commitment – a way to honor those who contribute to ensuring the Foundation's work continues for generations.

Recognition matters. It inspires and demonstrates appreciation. It acknowledges recipients and shows that they are valued and that their contributions and service matters. But let's remember not to let it overshadow the mission itself.

When recognition becomes the goal

In my Rotary journey, I have seen conversations that revolve around *who is more deserving* of recognition, rather than *how we can strengthen the Foundation to expand our impact*. Let's work together to foster a culture where we give because we believe in the mission. And let's not let recognition become a status marker, and keep in mind that it's a reflection of service.

We must ask ourselves:

- Are we giving because we believe in the work of The Rotary Foundation, or because we seek acknowledgment?
- Are we investing in sustainable impact, or are we focusing too much on the recognition process?
- Are we strengthening The Foundation's ability to serve, or are we measuring our success in terms of pins and certificates?

Recognition celebrates giving but does not define it.

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A call to strengthen both the mission and the recognition

The Paul Harris Fellow recognition is a prestigious honor, but it's true power lies in what it represents – the ability to transform lives through service and generosity. Let us preserve its meaning, and keep the following in mind:

- Celebrate recognition, but prioritize impact. Recognizing those who give is important, but it should never take precedence over the act of giving itself.
- Encourage a culture of philanthropy over prestige. Let us inspire Rotarians to give because they believe in the cause, not because they seek an award.
- Refocus on The Rotary Foundation's mission. Every conversation about recognition should also be a conversation about growing the Foundation and ensuring its future strength.

The best way to honor the legacy of Paul Harris is to ensure that more people understand the power of giving and feel compelled to be part of something bigger than themselves.

Conclusion: Giving beyond the pin

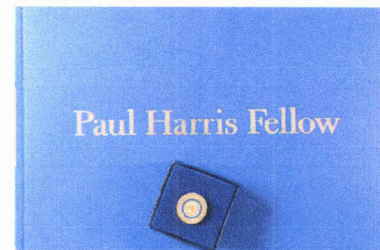
As I place my Paul Harris Fellow pin among my belongings, I remind myself: this is not an endpoint. It is a symbol of a journey – a commitment to service that continues long after the moment of recognition fades.

The true legacy of Paul Harris is not found in the number of pins awarded, but in the lives changed, the communities transformed, and the future built through the Rotary Foundation's work.

Give – not because recognition is the goal, but because impact is the purpose. Give – not just to be honored, but to ensure that the work of The Foundation grows stronger for generations to come.

That is the true spirit of Paul Harris. That is the true power of The Rotary Foundation. And that is what we must strive to uphold.

The pictures below show the long list of EW Rotarians who have supported the RI Foundation through becoming a Paul Harris Fellow. Thank you Rotarians for this support and our challenge is for all EW Rotarians to become a PHF.

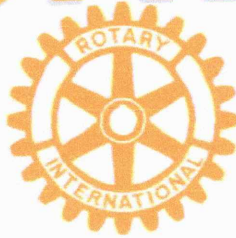


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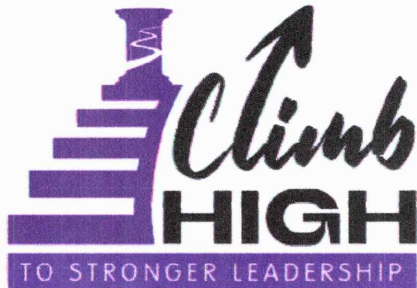
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DISTRICT AND RI NEWS

Rotary



PEOPLE of ACTION



2025 RYLA Camp

Tuesday, May 27–Friday, May 30

Come join us this year for our five-day South-western College Rotary Camp! This year's Rotary Camp dates are Tuesday, May 27 - to Friday, May 30. Be on the lookout for more information about this year's Rotary Camp!



reasons to join
Rotary



✓ FRIENDSHIP

✓ SERVICE TO OTHERS

✓ PERSONAL GROWTH

✓ CITIZENSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY

✓ BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

March

RI's Women in Action Month

April 24-30, 2025

World Immunization Week

May 27—30, 2025

RYLA Summer Camp

June 13—14, 2025

Rotary Young Professionals Forum
(Ensenada, Mexico)

June 21—25, 2025

RI Convention, Calgary, Canada

July 1, 2025

NEW ROTARY YEAR

October 17-19, 2025

District Conference, Hays, KS

ALL EWR ROTARIANS SHOULD PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR AND ATTEND!



PUT THESE DATES ON
YOUR CALENDAR!

JOKE OF THE WEEK



What do you call a pig who never passes?

A ball hog!

GOODS AND ENDS



SERVICE OPPORUNITY

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS
ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED,
SO IF YOU KNOW A WORTHY
STUDENT, ENCOURGE THEM
TO APPLY.



March is Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene
month for Rotary International

*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful,
concerned citizens can change world. Indeed it is
the only thing that ever has. — Margaret Mead*



APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

East Wichita Rotary Foundation is offering a limited number of \$1,500/yr scholarships to selected
qualifying high school graduates. The scholarships are paid directly to the school in two
installments of \$750 per semester. Scholarships are renewable each semester which can result in
a \$6,000-\$9,000 total award if conditions are met.

Eligibility:

- Applicant must be a May 2025 graduate of a Sedgwick County, Kansas high school
- Full-time student in the Fall of 2025
- Applicant must attend a technical school, a public or private community college, or college
or university located in Kansas
- Minimum cumulative high school GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale

Scholarships are selected based on need for assistance, academic achievement, references letters,
and extracurricular, honors and awards, and school or community activities.

Members of Foundation Board Members are not eligible.

Forms and Scholarship Guidelines can be accessed by clicking on the links below.
Home page of our website at WWW.EASTWICHITAROTARY.ORG.

April 16, 2025

Leadership Corner



ROTARY ISN'T JUST A CLUB TO
JOIN, BUT RATHER AN INVITATION
TO ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES.