

Paul Harris was raised by his grandparents in Wallingford, VT. After passing the bar he experienced wanderlust for a few years and in 1896 he settled in Chicago and opened a law practice. He made some friends but none of the genuine friendships that he knew in his youth. He once said, "Oh how I missed the green fields of my New England valley and the voice of a kindly old friend" His loneliness in the big city led him to seek out significant friendships and relationships to fill his life. He searched both among his fellow attorneys and by attending religious services. Since he had no specific religious affiliation he could be found with the Presbyterian's one week, in a Jewish Synagogue another. It could be Quaker meeting or Muslim Mosque.

On his wall hung this quote by Ralph Waldo Emerson, "He who has a thousand friends has not a friend to spare"

"I had neither the thousand nor the one" he once said.

One day a fellow attorney, Bob Frank, invited him to dinner at his home in Rogers Park just outside of Chicago. While taking a walk after dinner they entered several shops and he saw how Bob was welcomed with a smile and a handshake. Bob and the shop owners greeted each other by their first names. This impressed Paul since he was accustomed to the Chicago merchants and their rudeness.

This event sowed the seed that 5 years later led to the formation of Rotary. On February 23, 1905 his vision of an organization of professionals coming together in fellowship, teamwork and cooperation came to fruition with the first organized meeting.

In 1957 the Rotary Foundation in an effort to raise funds for its charitable endeavors established the Paul Harris Fellow. 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.

The award was 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 RI Director Allison G. Brush and longtime RI Treasurer Rufus F. Chapin, both for donations they 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 Kyozo Yuasa. Today, Paul Harris Fellows receive a certificate and pin.

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 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.

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