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Dear Lionel

**PAUL HARRIS FELLOW**

It would be remiss of me if I did not formally acknowledge the honour bestowed on me last night of being made a Paul Harris Fellow.

As I stated when receiving the award, I had always thought that this honour was only given to Rotarians who had contributed significantly to the work of Rotary over a long number of years. I was completely unaware that non-Rotarians could be made a Paul Harris Fellow, and I acknowledge that the making of the award to a non-Rotarian is a relatively rare event.

It was my privilege to speak to you about IHC, its work in the community, and my involvement with the organisation over a number of years. I had assumed when you returned to the podium that it was to extend a vote of thanks. But as may have been apparent from my reaction, I was completely stunned when you announced that I was to be made a Paul Harris Fellow. I think my words at the time were that I was "blown away".

I have always held your organisation in high regard, particularly following the opportunity provided to me to be a member of the GSE team to New York in 1989. Following my return from that trip I was asked to join Rotary but always declined because of my ongoing involvement and time commitment to IHC. It is perhaps somewhat ironic that against that background, Rotary should recognise my work with IHC in the way that it has.

To be given this award is a true honour. I will wear the badge with pride. The certificate is already on display in my office.

Yours faithfully



Tony Shaw