



Frequently Asked Questions About District 5040's Paul Harris Society

- 1) The Paul Harris Society pledge is for a gift of US\$1000 a year. Club Foundation points may not be used to fund the PHS pledge. The full US\$1000 must be paid during the Rotary year (by June 30) though it need not be done in one check. You may pay in instalments with TRF Direct.
- 2) You do not have to be a Paul Harris Fellow first in order to become a Paul Harris Society member. If you are not already a Paul Harris Fellow, you will become one as soon as you fully fund your PHS pledge. Make your check payable to "**The Rotary Foundation - Canada**" and send with your application for membership form. When your pledge is fully funded, your PHF will be ordered from the Rotary Foundation and your Paul Harris Society recognition will be prepared by the District. You may also use your credit card or TRF Direct.
- 3) With each US\$1000 gift, you will receive multiple PHF recognition with appropriate PHF pin and stones after your first PHF. You may also name a new Paul Harris Fellow using the recognition points from your account.
- 4) This is unrestricted giving. All Paul Harris Society gifts are designated for the Annual Programs Fund. 100% of APF dollars go to fund Foundation programs. In three years, the Rotary Foundation will return 50% of the District's Annual Giving to District 5040 as District Designated Funds to be used for the Foundation's humanitarian and educational programs by the Rotary Clubs in District 5040.
- 5) All previous personal gifts to the Foundation are counted toward Major Donor recognition. Your pledge of \$1000 annually will enable you to become a Major Donor very quickly.
- 6) A personal gift already made to the Annual Programs Fund this year will count toward your Paul Harris Society pledge. For example, if you have already made a \$200 gift to the APF this year, you can become a Paul Harris Society member with an additional gift of \$800.
- 7) The Paul Harris Society is an official Rotary Foundation program, but all administration and recognition is at the District level.