

## Speech to accompany a Paul Harris Fellowship.

I have always struggled with a proper speech when handing out a Paul Harris Fellow. I looked online, couldn't find anything I thought was good enough. The pins come with suggested scripts, but I wanted better. So I typed what I thought would be a proper script. You'll have to modify, localize, update, but I think you may find it gives the presentation the proper class and honour it deserves. It's also a sales pitch for WHY we give to RF. There's no sense keeping it to myself. If you find it of use, enjoy. Let me know if you do use it! I have had clubs from California and a few others use it and that's cool.

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Don't use verbatim, you will have to localize and update for YOUR club.

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Short one:

The PAUL HARRIS Fellow is an award given to those who have given \$1000 dollars possibly over several years to our foundation or by a sponsor that has given the money in your name for extraordinary services rendered. It is one of the most prestigious awards in Rotary and thereby named after the founder of Rotary, Paul Harris.

A multiple Paul Harris Fellow is a Paul Harris Fellow who has contributed, or in who name is contributed, additional US \$1000 gifts to the Foundation.

Giving any sum of money to the Rotary Foundation makes you a part of the eradication of Polio, a partner in creating PEACE, a person who supports Clean Water and Sanitation where water is worth more than gold, it is measured in LIVES. It makes you someone who believes that all babies, children and mom's should have good medical resources, micro-credit and equal rights.

You are a person that is fighting Aids, Polio, Malaria and other diseases and doing so much more then I could ever tell you in these few short minutes.

Welcome \_\_\_\_\_ to the union of thousands of Rotarians invested in making this World a much better place. Congratulations on behalf of Rotary International and our District.

Longer Versions:

The Rotary Foundation is a registered charity that supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs. It is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.

Programs the Rotary Foundation supports include Polio Plus – a program designed to eradicate Polio from the world. It supports Humanitarian programs, including grants to fund club and district service projects – and matching grants for international projects. In Grande Prairie we've received funding for the Mexico Bus Program, and our Bolivia project. The Foundation also supports educational programs – like ambassadorial scholarships, Group Study Exchange, Rotary Grants for University Teachers, and Rotary World Peace Scholarships,

50% of the money we donate to the Rotary Foundation comes back to our District. 50% goes to the World Fund, which we can apply for.

The Paul Harris Fellowship is named for Paul Harris, who founded Rotary over 100 years ago. The Fellowship was established in his honor in 1957 to express appreciation and recognition for a contribution of US \$1000 to the Rotary Foundation. A Paul Harris Fellow is an individual who contributes \$1,000 US or in whose name that amount is contributed. Every Paul Harris Fellow receives a pin and certificate when he or she becomes a Fellow. This identifies the Paul Harris Fellow as an advocate of the Foundation's goals of world peace and international understanding.

A sustaining member is an individual who contributes (\$100 US or more) annually to the Rotary Foundation.

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While it is an honor to receive a Paul Harris Fellow, it's not about the recognition; it's about what we can do in the World as Rotarians.

When the recipient is the donor

(Name), your contribution to the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is improving living conditions, and providing educational opportunities for young people somewhere in the world. A truly selfless action.

..... Therefore, it gives me great pleasure to present to you on behalf of the Trustees of the Rotary Foundation, this emblem of a (Multiple) Paul Harris Fellow. We

urge you to wear the Paul Harris Fellow Pin to all Rotary events, as a symbol of your appreciation and support of the programs of the Rotary Foundation. Ladies and gentleman please congratulate and recognize our newest (Multiple) Paul Harris Fellow(s).

**When the recipient is a family member or a friend of the donor**

(Name), you are being recognized today as a Paul Harris Fellow in special appreciation for the ways in which your life exemplifies the humanitarian and educational objectives of the Rotary Foundation. You were designated to receive this recognition by (name of donor) \_\_Lou. \_\_\_\_\_.

**When the recipient is another individual**

(Name)\_\_\_\_\_, you were selected today to receive this recognition because (name of donor or club) believes your life exemplifies the humanitarian and educational objectives of the Rotary Foundation. We thank you for demonstrating in your life and vocation a commitment to helping persons in need here and around the world.

**Multiple**

Today we recognize \_\_\_\_\_, who has made it to the next level as a Paul Harris Fellow, a Multiple Paul Harris. \_\_\_\_\_receives a Paul Harris Pin with one Sapphire, symbolizing the contributions \_\_\_\_\_ has made to the Foundation

..... Therefore, it gives me great pleasure to present to you on behalf of the Trustees of the Rotary Foundation, these 3 emblems of a Paul Harris Fellow. The certificate, lapel pin, and medallion. We urge you to wear the Paul Harris Fellow Pin to all Rotary events, as a symbol of your appreciation and support of the programs of the Rotary Foundation. Ladies and gentlemen, please congratulate and recognize the newest Paul Harris Fellow

**ALTERNATIVE SCRIPTS**

**NON ROTARIAN IS RECIPIENT**

The Rotary Foundation is one of the largest and most important programs of Rotary. Without the Foundation Rotary could not continue its many humanitarian programs and its efforts to promote world understanding and peace.

\_\_\_\_\_ you have set an example for many by your contributions to your community. Your personal involvement makes your community a better place in which to live. The Rotary club of \_\_\_\_\_recognizes these efforts and has made a contribution to the Rotary Foundation in your name. This contribution could provide educational opportunities, food for the poor, potable water in a village in Africa or India, health care, shelter, schools and books for thousands of children. It can buy cows to

supply milk to an entire village or supply sewing machines to widows so they may become self sufficient.

This Rotary club will also be able to fulfill their Rotary dreams in our own community. The need is endless. It is customary for the Foundation to recognize the recipient as a Paul Harris Fellow. This fellowship was named after Paul Harris who founded Rotary in 1905.

\_\_\_\_\_ on behalf of the Rotary Club  
of \_\_\_\_\_ I am honored to present you with this Paul Harris pin, certificate and medal. The symbolism in this recognition is to say Thank you for making a difference in your community and in the lives of less fortunate people in the world. By accepting this pin you will join a family of well over 950,000 PH Fellows worldwide. Besides members of your club, you stand with notables such as Mother Theresa, Nelson

Mandela, Kofi Anann, Prince Charles, Indira Gandhi, Luciano Pavarotti, King Hussein of Jordan and Pope John Paul II.

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The members of your club of recognize these efforts and a contribution to the Rotary Foundation has been made in your name. Rotarian \_\_\_\_\_ through this contribution great things are accomplished. It could provide educational opportunities, food for the poor, potable water in a village in Africa or India, health care, shelter, schools and books for thousands of children. It can buy cows to supply milk to an entire village or supply sewing machines to widows so they may become self sufficient. Your club will be able to fulfill their Rotary dreams in your own community. The need is endless and the generosity of Rotarians never stops. It is customary for the Foundation to recognize contribution to the foundation with a Paul Harris Fellow. This fellowship was named after Paul Harris who founded Rotary in 1905.

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Mother Theresa, Nelson Mandela, Kofi Anann, Prince Charles, Indira Gandhi, Luciano Pavarotti, King Hussein of Jordan and Pope John Paul II.

## ROTARIAN CONTRIBUTOR

The Rotary Foundation is one of the largest and most important programs of Rotary. Without the Foundation Rotary could not continue its many humanitarian programs and its efforts to promote world understanding and peace.

Rotarian \_\_\_\_\_ through your contribution of \$ 1,000 US, great things are accomplished. It could provide educational opportunities, food for the poor, potable water in a village in Africa or India, health care, shelter, schools and books for thousands of children. It can buy cows to supply milk to an entire village or supply sewing machines to widows so they may become self sufficient. Your club will be able to fulfill their Rotary dreams in your own community. The need is endless and the generosity of Rotarians never stops. When we contribute to the Foundation, it is not for recognition, but it is customary for the Foundation to recognize the contributor as a Paul Harris Fellow. This fellowship was named after Paul Harris who founded Rotary in 1905.

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