

Paul Harris Award Of Excellence



Rotary Club of Centennial Marc Garfinkel, President

This award honors the club that best meets the goals of the current RI President and the District Governor. To apply for this award, I asked for a “Top Ten” list of Club accomplishments with an optional 11th. These are but a few of their list.

Membership: under the leadership of John Gile the club has experienced a gain of 8 traditional and 6 satellite members resulting in a 41% growth in membership.

Service: Participated in 6 local projects to support education. Their Santa Clothes project, with support from 4 other clubs allowed 52 children with a personal shopping assistant and \$100 to own a new outfit. They also participated in 3 Global Grants with focus on clean water, saving mothers and children and supporting education.

Family of Rotary: They created their own “Rotary Day” in support of a food drive with Rotary Information and signs to engaged the local community. Their “Student of the Month” is presented with teacher and parents present and recognized by an article in the local newspaper. Finally they are installing a “Little Library” at the city’s garden with club and Rotary logo displayed.

Foundation: Already a nearly 100% EREY club, all the new “traditional” members are now sustaining members. Their Foundation per capita donations are far above the \$100 per capita goal requested in the Presidential Citation.

Leadership Development: PE and PEN each attend PETS for the past several years. Current PE and PEN have attended RLI.

District Involvement: Centennial Rotary has hosted 4 District events; Youth Exchange Inbound Student Welcoming BBQ, Fall Inbound Orientation, Hosted Inbound Summer Camp Exchange Program and hosted the Area 3 Assembly. 8 members attended Zone in September sponsored 5 RYLA and 2 YRYLA students and an inbound exchange student

Satellite Club: formed a new Satellite- The Centennial Millennials

Attendance: Achieved an astounding 89% attendance rate this year.

This is but a short list of their accomplishments this year and it is my pleasure to give the Paul Harris Award for Excellence to the Rotary Club of Centennial, President Marc Garfinkel.