

# What is the difference between a Paul Harris Fellow and the Paul Harris Society?

Generous contributions to The Rotary Foundation are essential to securing and growing Rotary programs throughout the world.

## **Paul Harris Fellow**

A Paul Harris Fellow recognition is an acknowledgement provided by The Rotary Foundation. There are several levels of individual recognitions given by Rotary International but the most frequent recognition is a Paul Harris Fellow. There are multiple ways in which an individual may receive a Paul Harris Fellow. Examples are listed below.

- An individual can make an outright contribution of \$1,000 to the Foundation and receive a Paul Harris Fellow recognition.
- When an individual's cumulative giving reaches the \$1,000 level, Rotary International automatically sends a PHF recognition to the Club President for presentation. Additional PHF's are given for every \$1,000 contribution, i.e., PHF+1, PHF+2, etc.
- A club may give a Paul Harris Fellow recognition by contributing \$1,000 in the name of the recipient. Many clubs use this recognition to recognize outstanding club service or a significant Rotary milestone i.e., anniversary, birth, memorial, etc.

## **Paul Harris Society**

Membership in the Paul Harris Society is based on a gift of \$1,000 a year to the Annual Programs Fund of the Rotary Foundation. Although there is no ongoing obligation, Rotarians are encouraged to renew their membership each year until they become a Major Donor. These annual donations to the Paul Harris Society may be made as a single gift of \$1,000 or as installments. Payments must be complete by the end of the Rotary year, June 30th.

You don't 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 initial Society pledge.

[Paul Harris Society Brochure link](#)