

*The Trustees of The Rotary Foundation request that the club's Rotary Foundation chair make a tasteful presentation to the Paul Harris Fellow, with the support and the participation of the club president. Please take time during a club meeting or special event to make meaningful remarks and to present the certificate, lapel pin to the recipient. It is also appropriate to recognize Multiple Paul Harris Fellows in a club meeting by presenting the appropriate lapel pin.*

## **Suggested Presentation Remarks**

Paul Harris Fellow recognition is named for Paul Harris, who founded Rotary with three business associates in Chicago in 1905. The Paul Harris Fellow presentation was established in his honor in 1957 to express appreciation for a contribution US\$1,000 to the humanitarian and educational programs of The Rotary Foundation. Those programs include an array of projects that save and invigorate the lives of people around the world and enhance international friendship and understanding. Foundation programs provide educational opportunities, food, potable water, health care, immunizations, and shelter for millions of persons. These activities are funded, implemented and managed by Rotarians and Rotary clubs around the globe. Rotarians also designate a Paul Harris Fellow to recognize another person whose life demonstrates a shared purpose with the objectives and mission of The Rotary Foundation to build world understanding and peace.

We move closer to a more peaceful world today as (name) \_\_\_\_\_ becomes a Paul Harris Fellow.

### When the recipient is the donor:

(Name) \_\_\_\_\_, your contribution to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is allaying suffering, improving living conditions, and providing educational opportunities for young people somewhere in the world. This is a truly selfless action.

### When the recipient is a family member or 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) \_\_\_\_\_, (Add personal information on recipient, as appropriate).

### When the recipient is another individual:

(Name) \_\_\_\_\_, you were selected to receive this recognition because (name of club or donor) \_\_\_\_\_ believes that 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. (Add additional information on recipient, as appropriate)

Therefore, it gives me great pleasure to present to you on behalf of the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation, these three emblems of a Paul Harris Fellow: the certificate, a lapel pin and medallion. The certificate states that you have been named a Paul Harris Fellow, "*in appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations between peoples of the world.*" We urge you to wear the Paul Harris Fellow pin to all Rotary events, as a symbol of your appreciation for and support of the programs of The Rotary Foundation. Please accept congratulations and sincere appreciation for your commitment to our common goals of world understanding and peace. Rotarians and friends, please congratulate and recognize the newest Paul Harris Fellow (name) \_\_\_\_\_.

