

## PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **WHAT IS THE PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY?**

The Paul Harris Society recognizes Rotary members and friends of The Rotary Foundation who contribute \$1,000 or more each Rotary year to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus Fund, or approved Foundation grants.



Paul Harris Society recognition was administered by districts until it became an official Rotary Foundation recognition program in July 2013. Its purpose is to identify, engage, and thank members who have the ability and desire to make substantial annual gifts to help communities around the world.

### **HOW CAN I JOIN THE PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY?**

You can join the Paul Harris Society by doing any of the following:

- Complete the [online sign-up form](#). Go to the Paul Harris Society page ([www.rotary.org/paulharrissociety](http://www.rotary.org/paulharrissociety)) and choose **Join Today**.
- Email or call Rotary's Support Center ([rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org](mailto:rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org), +1-866-9-ROTARY) or the Rotary International office that serves your area.
- Mail a completed Paul Harris Society [sign-up form](#) to The Rotary Foundation. You can also fax the form to Rotary's Support Center (+1-847-328-4101).

### **WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A PAUL HARRIS FELLOW AND PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY MEMBER?**

Anyone who cumulatively contributes \$1,000 during any time period becomes a [Paul Harris Fellow](#). A person can also be named a fellow if someone else uses 1,000 Foundation recognition points to honor him or her as such. A member of the Paul Harris Society contributes at least \$1,000 *each year* to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus Fund, or approved Foundation grants.

### **AM I REQUIRED TO GIVE \$1,000 BEFORE JOINING THE PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY?**

No, an immediate \$1,000 contribution is not required at the time of enrollment. You can fulfill your Paul Harris Society commitment gradually during the Rotary year.

### **WHAT IS A PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY COORDINATOR?**

A district Paul Harris Society coordinator is appointed by the district governor to honor new society members and promote engagement in the society. These coordinators can use giving and recognition reports from My Rotary to identify new and potential society members. To honor new members, they can order recognition chevrons at no cost by emailing [annualfund@rotary.org](mailto:annualfund@rotary.org) or contacting the Rotary International office that serves the area.

### **HOW ARE SOCIETY MEMBERS RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS?**

New society members are presented a certificate and chevron at a district or club event in a way that is culturally appropriate and comfortable for the member. Paul Harris Society coordinators visit the club or district to honor new members themselves or make sure that another Rotary officer makes arrangements to do so.

### **DO MEMORIAL AND TRIBUTE GIFTS COUNT TOWARD PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY COMMITMENTS?**

Donors who direct memorial and tribute gifts to one of the approved funds receive credit toward their own Paul Harris Society commitment. The recipients of tribute gifts do not receive Paul Harris Society credit.

### **WHAT DOES “PHS ELIGIBLE” ON THE DONOR HISTORY REPORT MEAN?**

“PHS eligible” identifies those who have given \$1,000 or more during a Rotary year. However, these supporters become society members only when they indicate their intent to repeat such a gift annually by joining the society using one of the methods above.

District Paul Harris Society coordinators can build society membership by contacting PHS-eligible donors and learn about their interests in supporting Rotary.

### **WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE TO THOSE WHO WANT TO JOIN OR PROMOTE THE SOCIETY?**

To learn more about the Paul Harris Society, consult your district’s Paul Harris Society coordinator or your regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, or use the resources found on the [Paul Harris Society page of My Rotary](#).

Additional resources include:

- Paul Harris Society chevrons, available free of charge to coordinators and other district leaders who write to [annualfund@rotary.org](mailto:annualfund@rotary.org)
- The Paul Harris Society brochure, available to order on [Shop Rotary](#)
- Paul Harris Society report, which provides membership and historical information, available on My Rotary to club and district leaders