

Remarks for Paul Harris Fellow Presentation When Recipient is NOT the Donor

Presenter:

The presentation of Paul Harris Fellow recognition is The Rotary Foundation's way of expressing its appreciation for a substantial contribution to its humanitarian and educational programs.

Member 1:

It is named for our founder, Paul Harris, a Chicago lawyer who started Rotary International with three business associates in 1905.

Member 2:

Rotarians often designate a Paul Harris Fellow as a tribute to a person whose life demonstrates a shared purpose with the objectives of The Rotary Foundation. Today we have the honor and pleasure of recognizing _____ as he/she becomes a Paul Harris Fellow.

Member 3:

_____ was designated to receive this recognition as a special expression of appreciation from _____.

Presenter:

A world of peace and good will comes closer to reality today as _____ becomes a Paul Harris Fellow. It is because of gifts like the one made in _____'s honor that The Rotary Foundation is able to carry out an array of programs that achieve beneficial changes in our world:

Member 4: improved living conditions,

Member 5: increased food production,

Member 6: better education,

Member 7: wider availability of treatment and rehabilitation for the sick and disabled,

Member 8: new channels for the flow of international understanding,

Member 9: and brighter hopes for peace throughout the world.

Foundation Chair:

A contribution to The Rotary Foundation is an investment in the ideal of good will, peace and understanding. That is an ideal held high by Rotarians the world over, and one that _____ clearly shares. As Rotary works with such individuals of good will, we believe the ideal will become a reality.

Presenter:

It gives us great pleasure, _____, to present these three emblems of appreciation given to each Paul Harris Fellow:

Your certificate, (pause), (Past President hands to him/her)

Your medallion, (pause), (Foundation Chair puts around _____'s neck)

And the Paul Harris pin, (pause), (President pins on _____)

We heartily congratulate you and thank you for your commitment to Rotary Foundation programs.