



**DISTRICT 7610 – PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY (PHS)
BEST PRACTICES
PDG Sandy Duckworth, PHS Chair**

- PHS officially launched on August 24, 2002 at the D7610 Foundation Seminar with 13 Charter Members.
- D7610 has 227 members as of September 1, 2015
- A brief history of the PHS and the District 7610 PHS is on the District web site: www.rotary7610.org.
- The District PHS banner is strategically placed at every quarterly District Advisory Council Meeting, District Training, District Conference and all other district events.
- The District hosts an annual reception at the District Conference for PHS Members, Major Donors and Bequest Society Members.
- A thank you reception is generally held in the fall, before the Foundation Banquet when possible, for PHS Members.
- At the beginning of every Rotary year, a letter is sent to each club president reminding them of the PHS, listing their PHS Members, describing the Society, encouraging their support, and reminding them of the PHS goal as established by the DG for the current Rotary year. A copy of the letter is sent to the Governor, District Foundation Chair, Assistant Governors, the Area Foundation Advisors, and all District Foundation Committee Members.
- In early fall, a personally addressed letter is sent to all PHS Members thanking them for their generosity. A copy of the letter is sent to the District Governor, District Foundation Chair, Assistant Governors, Area Foundation Advisors, Club Presidents, and Club Foundation Chairs.
- When someone joins the PHS, he/she is immediately sent via postal service a thank you letter signed by the PHS Chair with copies to the Club President, the Club Foundation Chair, the District Governor, District Foundation Chair, and the Area Foundation Advisor.
- Working with the Club Foundation Chair, the PHS Chair schedules a date for the formal PHS presentation during a club meeting or special event to which the District Governor, the DRFC, and the AFA are invited. They all make every effort to attend and participate in these presentations.
- Each PHS Member receives a beautifully framed Certificate signed by the District Governor and the District Foundation Chair along with the PHS “wings” (blue ribbon).
- Each club receives a special PHS banner with nameplates of their PHS members when the club’s PHS membership reaches four.
- A photo of the PHS presentation appears in the next monthly District Foundation Newsletter.
- The District Foundation Newsletter carries an article every month recognizing each new PHS Member. The article also carries a specific PHS message and a thermometer giving our PHS district goal and indicating how close we are to achieving that goal.
- Each District Governor has included new PHS Members as one of their district goals for clubs.

- **The PHS Chair reviews The Rotary Foundation “eligibility list” several times a month, compares it to the district PHS master list, modifies both TRF list and the district list as necessary and notifies TRF of changes necessary for their records.**