

Sent to all Members

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Dear {%FName%},

This is a Rotary Foundation Minute provided by District 6220 Governor-Elect and Paul Harris Society Coordinator Roger Utnehmer (Oot-name-er).

Please share with your members by reading at weekly meetings and posting in club newsletters and social media.

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“This is a Rotary Foundation Minute.

The change in your pocket or purse can change the lives of people you will never meet who live in places you may never visit.

An investment of just \$2.73 a day, pocket change, qualifies Rotarians for membership in The Paul Harris Society. That commitment to donate \$1,000 a year to The Rotary Foundation means you join more than 20,000 Rotarians throughout the world in modeling generosity and kindness.

You will make a difference in this world by helping others in need — from supplying a vaccine to protect a child from polio to training peacebuilders in conflict resolution and much more.

With your help, [The Rotary Foundation](#) will continue to make lives better in our communities and around our world.

Your \$2.73 a day can be paid monthly with an \$85 credit card or bank draft.

You can become a Paul Harris Society member in two minutes. Just google “Rotary Paul Harris Society” or click on “MyRotary.org/donate.”

Every day going forward, you’ll know your pocket change is doing more good than you could ever imagine.

This has been a Rotary Foundation Minute”

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PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY?

The Paul Harris Society (PHS) recognizes Rotary members and friends of The Rotary Foundation who contribute US\$1,000 or more each year to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or approved Foundation global grants. This recognition was administered by districts until the Paul Harris Society became an official Rotary Foundation recognition program in July 2013. The purpose of the Paul Harris Society is to identify, engage, and thank members who have the ability and desire to make substantial annual gifts that help communities around the world.

HOW CAN I JOIN THE PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY?

You can join the Paul Harris Society in several ways:

- Enroll in Rotary's recurring giving program, Rotary Direct, at a level of US\$1,000 or more (US\$85 monthly, US\$250 quarterly, or US\$1,000 annually) and you automatically become a PHS member.
- Complete the Paul Harris Society [brochure](#) or handout.
- Contact your Paul Harris Society coordinator, if your district has one. He or she can send the Foundation a list of those who have agreed to join the Paul Harris Society at annualfund@rotary.org.
- Email or call Rotary's Support Center (contact.center@rotary.org, +1-866-976-8279) or the Rotary International office that serves your area and ask to join.

IS THERE A WEARABLE SYMBOL OF PHS MEMBERSHIP?

Yes. Rotary districts often honor new members of the Paul Harris Society by creating certificates for them and presenting them with their insignia at a district or club event in a way that is appropriate in that culture and comfortable for each member. Paul Harris Society coordinators and district leaders can order Paul Harris Society insignias from The Rotary Foundation at no cost by emailing annualfund@rotary.org. The insignias can be worn with other pins, including the Paul Harris Fellow pin, Major Donor pin, Bequest Society pin, and Arch C. Klumph Society pin.



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

No. You can join the Paul Harris Society without having a history of contributing US\$1,000 or more to the approved funds. In fact, an immediate US\$1,000 contribution is not required at the time of enrollment. You can fulfill your Paul Harris Society membership commitment gradually during the Rotary year through any combination of giving to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant.

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

A [Paul Harris Fellow](#) (PHF) has made cumulative contributions of US\$1,000 or has been honored with a contribution of US\$1,000 in his or her name. A member of the Paul Harris Society contributes at least US\$1,000 each year to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or approved Foundation grants. Note that PHS members accrue points for contributions they use to honor others as Paul Harris Fellows.