

Paul Allen Ten-Star Rotarian

Purpose of the Paul Allen Ten-Star Rotarian Award

In Rotary, there are opportunities to experience the many facets of service and leadership. The Paul Allen Ten-Star Rotarian Award recognizes someone who has taken the time to hold leadership positions, visit other clubs, and participate in training events, conferences and conventions. The person achieving this designation will have a broader perspective of Rotary International and the Rotary District and be better able to lead his/her club in service.

How to Become a Paul Allen Ten-Star Rotarian

The designation of a Rotarian as a Paul Allen Ten-Star Rotarian is based on the Rotarian earning a minimum of 110 points for certain services he/she has rendered to their club and Rotary. There are 25 “must” points which are mandatory in the 110 points required, regardless of the total number of points above the earned minimum requirement. The Paul Allen Ten-Star Rotarian program specifies the number of points that can be awarded in each category for the various types of service – with 10 points as the maximum in each category. Remember the “must” points! Points are cumulative from month to month, but duplicate points cannot be awarded. Example: Category #4, a Rotarian might serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the club more than one term; but after he/she has earned the maximum number of points authorized for that service, no more point credits may be earned in that category. Points earned for service rendered by a Rotarian in one club who becomes a member of a 2nd or 3rd club are also cumulative. Example: Category #17, a Rotarian sponsored two new members and earned 4 points while a member in Club A. The Rotarian moves or is transferred to an area where there is not a club or membership available and is no longer a Rotarian. Later, the Rotarian is invited into Club B; the points previously earned are cumulative and may be transferred. A Rotarian who qualifies may become a Paul Allen Ten-Star Rotarian even though their club does not adopt the program. The application and check for \$10 made payable to Rotary Club of Five Points should be sent to the address listed below. The \$10 covers the cost of the Paul Allen Ten-Star Rotarian Emblem and Certificate.

Paul Allen Ten-Star Rotarian Program c/o Mary Gasque, 3195 Leaphart Road, West Columbia, SC 29169

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Five Points, Columbia, SC and RI District 7770.

The History of the Paul Allen Ten-Star Program

The Ten-Star Program was initially a promotional activity of the Rotary Club of West Point, Mississippi, in 1935 to increase attendance and maintain interest in the Club’s development. Tom Douglas was the author of the Ten-Star Program. It was presented to the Board of Directors of Rotary International in the general form that we have now. The board approved it as a voluntary activity for interested clubs and authorized it to be introduced officially to affiliated clubs at the 1960 Rotary International Convention in Miami. The board also approved the Ten-Star Emblem as a back up to the Rotary Pin. The initial program installation for the Rotary Club of Five Points was held July 3, 1964. Since this time, the Rotary Club of Five Points, under the leadership of PDG Paul Allen, has been the sole provider and sponsor of the Ten-Star Program for all of Rotary. In 2016 under the leadership of District 7770 Governor Sandee Brooks the name of the program was changed to the Paul Allen Ten-Star Rotarian Program to reflect PDG Paul Allen’s leadership and dedication to the Ten-Star Program. In early 2017 the pin was redesigned; and the program revised to keep current with Rotary’s progress. The Paul Allen Ten-Star Program is promoted throughout District 7770 and throughout the Rotary World.

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