



THE PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY

District 7450

The Paul Harris Society (PHS) is a new level of recognition administered by District 7450 to acknowledge the generosity of individual donors who contribute \$1,000 or more to the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation. Contributions to the Annual Programs Fund are the primary source of support of the Foundation's programs. The Trustees of The Rotary Foundation invest all contributions to the Annual Programs Fund for three years. One Hundred percent of those contributions are spent on Foundation programs. The investment earnings from the Annual Programs Fund pay the expenses of the recognition programs, fund development and general operations. Fifty percent of the contributed funds are available to our district to allocate for humanitarian grants, ambassadorial scholars, university teachers, and community service projects identified by the clubs of our district. The other 50% supports Group Study Exchange, other educational programs in which we can participate, and matching funds provided by the Trustees in support of district-sponsored projects.

SUGGESTED GUIDELINES

- 1.) Like all contributions to the Annual Programs Fund, contributions to the Paul Harris Society qualify for Paul Harris Fellow, Multiple Paul Harris Fellow, and Major Donor recognition, after the qualifying giving levels are reached.
- 2) Outright personal contributions for restricted current use qualify for Paul Harris Society recognition, including contributions to PolioPlus and Matching Grants.
- 3) Contributions to the Permanent Fund do not qualify towards Paul Harris Fellow Society recognition.
- 4) Only individuals are eligible for Paul Harris Society membership.
- 5) Only new, outright contributions count towards membership. The transfer of Foundation appreciation points do not count.
- 6) Each donor, or couple, must give a minimum of \$1,000 annually to qualify.
- 7) Contributions to club or district foundations do not qualify towards membership in the PHS.
- 8) Donors who make pledges of \$1,000 or more to the Paul Harris Society and pay in full before 30 June 2007 will qualify as Charter Members of the Society. Outright contributions and payments for the Annual Programs Fund made after 1 July 2006 through TRF-DIRECT or on-line at www.rotary.org, will be credited towards PHS membership. Charter Membership in the PHS will be determined once the full amount of \$1,000 posts at The Rotary Foundation.
- 9) Donors who commit to paying \$1,000 or more annually by signing a Paul Harris Society pledge form will be recognized with wearable PHS recognition and a certificate of membership. Although recognized by The Rotary Foundation, District 7450 administers and awards the Paul Harris Society recognition.