

The District Rotary Foundation - March 2021

By PDG Frank Ortiz, District Rotary Foundation Chair

Fellow Rotarians; the month of March will be devoted to putting a spotlight on the Paul Harris Society and the Triple Crown Donor Circle of District 5240.

WHAT IS THE PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY?

Named after Rotary's founder, the Paul Harris Society (PHS) recognizes Rotary members and friends of The Rotary Foundation who elect to give individual contributions of \$1,000 or more each year to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus Fund, or approved Foundation global grants. This recognition was administered by our District 5240 since 2001, until the Paul Harris Society became an official Rotary Foundation recognition program in July 2013. Its purpose is to identify, engage, and recognize members who have the ability and desire to make substantial annual gifts to help communities around the world.



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

Anyone who cumulatively contributes \$1,000 during any time period becomes a Paul Harris Fellow. A person can also be named a fellow if someone else uses 1,000 Foundation recognition points to honor him or her as such. A member of the Paul Harris Society contributes at least \$1,000 *each year* to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus Fund, or approved Foundation grants. Also, an immediate \$1,000 contribution is not required at the time of enrollment. You can fulfill your Paul Harris Society commitment gradually during the Rotary year.

There are currently 161 Paul Harris Society Members in our District 5240. Congratulations to Indy Batra, Tammie Helmuth, and Tom Hutchinson; all from the Ventura Club who just recently made the commitment to the Paul Harris Society.

I would like to congratulate PDG Sandi Schwartz who has served as our Paul Harris Society chair for the past two years; as she has moved on to adventures outside of our District. Our new PHS chair is Jeff King, from the Rotary Club of Pismo Beach/5 Cities. Jeff can be reached by email at: jeffreyking@charter.net

Additional PHS info is available at:

<https://rotarydistrict5240.org/sitepage/paul-harris-society-1>

WHAT IS THE TRIPLE CROWN DONOR CIRCLE of DISTRICT 5240?

The Triple Crown Donor Circle is a District administered program that recognizes those Rotarians that have made an on-going and long-term commitment to the Foundation through annual PHS contributions and commitments to Rotary's legacy through Bequests. There are currently 44 Rotarians in our District that have met the criteria for this prestigious circle of support to our Rotary Foundation.

Triple Crown Donor Circle of District 5240 - Membership Criteria



Paul Harris Society

When you elect to contribute \$1,000 or more annually to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant.

Major Donor (Level 1 accumulation is the minimum)

Level 1: \$10,000 to \$24,999

Level 2: \$25,000 to \$49,999

Level 3: \$50,000 to \$99,999

Level 4: \$100,000 to \$249,999

Bequest Society (Level 1 commitment is the minimum)

\$10,000: Bequest Society pin and an exclusive art piece

\$25,000: Rotary's Promise crystal and named endowed fund.

\$50,000: Separate named endowed funds directed to two areas of focus or districts.

\$100,000: Customized Rotary's Promise crystal, plus all of the above

\$250,000: Posthumous induction into the Arch Klumph Society, plus all of the above

\$500,000: Special seating and registration benefits at RI Convention

Any Rotarian in our District who is interested with information about their individual status as a potential Triple Crown Circle Member can easily contact DRFC Chair Frank Ortiz at: frankortizdg1213@yahoo.com. He will provide you with the statistical information you need and assist where needed. You can also get more information from our DRFC page at: <https://rotarydistrict5240.org/sitepage/fundraising-sub-committee>

The DRFC stands ready to support the efforts of Rotarians throughout District 5240 for the 2020-2021 Rotary year. Take a look at the DRFC subpage on the District Website at: DRFC subpage: <https://rotarydistrict5240.org/sitepage/the-rotary-foundation>