



Something about mistakes...

There was something about how to turn mistakes into opportunities, but I didn't read it all (??). Just kidding, I did, but somehow the lesson seems to elude me at times.

Let's Recognize Your Club!

By Doreen Fox Kelsey

As a gesture of appreciation and congratulations, the Rotary Foundation (TRF) offers several forms of recognition to individual donors and their clubs. Last month's installment mentioned the different ways that TRF honours and recognizes individuals. This second installment covers the different forms of recognition offered to clubs.

100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

For clubs in which all dues-paying members are Paul Harris Fellows. This is a one-time recognition, and the club that most recently achieved this distinction was the Rotary Club of Coeur d'Alene Evening.

100% Paul Harris Society Club

For clubs in which every dues-paying member contributes a minimum of \$1,000 USD to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or global grants within a Rotary year.

100% Foundation Giving Club

For clubs that achieve an average of \$100 USD in per capita giving and 100 percent participation, with every dues-paying member contributing at least \$25 USD to any or all of the following during the Rotary year: Annual Fund, PolioPlus Fund, approved global grants, or Endowment Fund. In the most recent program year, the District had nine clubs achieve this distinction: Coeur d'Alene Evening, Coeur d'Alene Sunrise, Columbia Valley Daybreak, Liberty Lake Centennial, Moscow, Nelson Daybreak, Post Falls, Pullman, and Spokane Valley Sunrise.

Rotary's Promise Club

A designation provided to clubs in which every dues-paying member supports The Rotary Foundation's Endowment with a minimum commitment of \$1,000 USD or more in an estate plan or via an outright gift of \$1,000 USD or more. A certificate honoring the achievement will be provided upon request.

Every Rotarian, Every Year Club

For clubs that achieve a minimum Annual Fund contribution of \$100 USD per capita during the Rotary year, and every dues-paying member must personally contribute at least \$25 USD to the Annual Fund during the year. In the most recent program year, the District had eight clubs achieve this distinction: Coeur d'Alene Evening, Coeur d'Alene Sunrise, Columbia Valley Daybreak, Liberty Lake Centennial, Moscow, Nelson Daybreak, Post Falls, and Pullman.

Top Three Per Capita in Annual Fund Giving

For the three clubs in each district that give the most, per capita, to the Annual Fund. During the most recent program year, the top three per capita giving clubs in Annual Fund Giving were Post Falls at \$772 per capita; Columbia Center Kennewick at \$537; and, Spokane Aurora Northwest at \$509. All figures are in USD.

Rotaract Giving Certificate

Rotaract clubs that collectively contribute \$100 USD or more annually to The Rotary Foundation will be eligible for a Rotaract Giving Certificate.

Where do you see your future self with these different forms of recognition? A gift of any amount helps your club and the District address the most pressing humanitarian and community needs in our local area and globally. Rotary Clubs throughout the District put your donations to work improving our communities. Your contributions to the Annual Fund – SHARE provide the funding needed for District Grants and Global Grants.

Rotary Foundation Briefs

By Doreen Fox Kelsey

Citation for Meritorious Service Honouree

Peter Kalunian, District Rotary Foundation Grants Steward, has received the Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service. This award recognizes individual Rotarians and Rotaractors who have demonstrated outstanding service to the Rotary Foundation through their involvement in Foundation committees, grants or programs, or by supporting Rotary Peace Fellows. Since its inception, this honour has been bestowed on just nine District 5080 Rotarians. (Yay, Peter!!!!)

Deadline for District Grant Applications

District Grants are funded by your donations to the Rotary Foundation – SHARE, and the District will have a little over \$80,000 USD available for grants this cycle, based on Annual Fund giving in the 2021-2022 program year. Clubs must have at least three members trained, including two of the three project committee members and the club grants steward, to be qualified and must apply no later than **April 15**.

District Matching Annual Fund Donations with Points

Need a little lift to reach that next Paul Harris Fellow recognition level? The District still has Foundation Recognition Points (FRPs) available to match your donations to the Annual Fund – SHARE. Please note that this match will not advance your giving status to Major Donor. While FRPs can advance your recognition status to Paul Harris Fellow up to Paul Harris Fellow+8, only cash contributions are counted toward Major Donor status.

If you made a qualifying donation to the Annual Fund – SHARE in December or January, please be sure to notify DRFCC Doreen Kelsey so that you can receive your matching FRPs. Contact her at dfoxkelsey@hotmail.com.

Keeping a Commitment

Paul Harris Society Members make a commitment to donate at least \$1,000 USD to the Rotary Foundation each year. Less than 10 percent of members make this commitment, yet they account for a majority of Rotary Foundation giving each year, making it possible for clubs in District 5080 to receive Rotary Foundation District Grants and Global Grants to fund their projects. The District expresses its deep appreciation for these generous donors and requests they remember to fulfill their voluntary commitment no later than June 30.

If you are able to answer RID Dan Himelspanch's challenge to become a Paul Harris Society Member, please contact DRFCC Doreen Kelsey at dfoxkelsey@hotmail.com.