



Rotary Foundation – Service Above Self

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To: Rotary Club Presidents and Foundation Chairs
From: Lou Mello, Paul Harris Society Chair
Subject: Paul Harris Society of District 7770

Congratulations on being elected to serve your Rotary Club in leadership positions during the 2008-2009 Rotary year.

As you know, the District started the **Paul Harris Society Program** in Rotary's Centennial Year and we had 125 Charter members. We now want to continue to grow this tremendous program by securing new **Paul Harris Society** members during Governor Anne Walker's year.

The **Paul Harris Society** is a new level of recognition for those donors who choose to give **\$1000 or more each year to the Foundation**. This contribution is designated primarily for the **Annual Programs Fund** (50% of the funds will be returned to the District in three years through District Designated Funds). Starting this Rotary year, we are also accepting contributions designated for **PolioPlus**.

Each donor who agrees to annually contribute \$1000 to the Rotary Foundation will be awarded membership in the **Paul Harris Society of District 7770**. Members will receive a distinctive lapel pin and a certificate recognizing their membership in the **Paul Harris Society**. A special **Paul Harris Society banner** will also be given to each club who has a Paul Harris Society member.

The **Paul Harris Society** program is an official program of the Rotary Foundation and is administered in the District. All funds will be funneled through the District and forwarded to the Foundation. For those who choose to fund their commitment in installments or by TRF direct, the commitment application form must still be sent through the District to ensure that the membership is recorded and recognized with the certificate and PHS pin.

District 7770 has many Rotarians who have the capability of becoming Society members. Please share this information with your club members and encourage their participation in the **Paul Harris Society**. As the key leaders in your club, you may want to consider becoming a member and setting an example for your club.

Enclosed are the pledge form, a Question & Answer sheet, and an information sheet on how your club can order special badges to be pinned to the **Paul Harris Society Banner**. Please make copies of the pledge form and Q&A sheet and distribute to your members.

Our goal this year is to secure at least 100 new Paul Harris Society members which is only slightly more than one per club in our District. **Please Help** as we want all clubs represented. Thank you for your support and commitment to the Rotary Foundation.

Enclosures

Cc: Assistant Governors, District Leadership Team, PDG's, Foundation Chairs, Foundation Advocates