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# Individual recognition

### **Individual donors**

The Rotary Foundation offers several ways to recognize Rotarians and friends for their generous support.

### **Sustaining Member**

Anyone who contributes US\$100 or more per year to the Annual Fund is automatically recognized as a Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member (RFSM).

Sustaining Members are critical to the Foundation. If every club member contributed \$100 every year, Rotary could nearly double its efforts to help needy people worldwide and support the continued growth of its programs.

All gifts cumulatively count toward other Foundation recognition programs.

## **Benefactor**

You may become a Benefactor by making the Permanent Fund a beneficiary in your estate plans or by donating \$1,000 or more to the fund outright. Benefactors receive a custom certificate and insignia to wear with a Rotary or Paul Harris Fellow pin.

## **Bequest Society**

Couples or individuals who have made commitments of \$10,000 or more in their estate plans, such as in a will, living trust, or through whole or universal life insurance, can become Bequest Society members.

All Bequest Society members receive recognition from the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation. Donors may elect to receive an engraved crystal recognition piece and a Bequest Society pin. Unless you request to not receive recognition you will be recognized automatically upon notification of your bequest commitment.

### **Paul Harris Fellow**

Donors of US\$1,000 or more to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant, or people, who have that amount contributed in their name, can be recognized as Paul Harris Fellows.

# RI President's Message September 2022

Recently, Nick and I spent time in Guatemala, where we met wonderful fellow Rotary members and families who unofficially adopted me as "Tía Jennifer." On the third day, after visiting Patzún in the mountainous western highlands, we set out for Lake Atitlán, which we needed to reach by nightfall. If we took a back road we could get there faster. Locals told us it had just been repaved and assured us, "You'll have no problem."

At first, it was a breeze. We wound through misty-green coffee and corn fields covering the hillside like a patchwork quilt. But at a river crossing, we found a bridge washed away. The only way to continue would be to ford the river in our small bus. There were a few tense moments, but we decided to give it a try and, thankfully, we made it across safely.

This adventure reminds me of two important truths in Rotary. One, we rely on local, on-the-ground expertise to do what we do best. And two, sometimes you have to take uncomfortable chances to reach important goals.

Every day, I am honored to learn from our Rotary family. Every lesson is an opportunity to grow, and each story adds a chapter to our collective *Imagine Rotary* year.

Jennifer Jones President 2022-23

### **Major Donor**

The Rotary Foundation recognizes couples or individuals whose combined personal, or cumulative giving has reached \$10,000. All outright contributions made to the Foundation are included in this total, regardless of the gift designation.

Donors may elect to receive a crystal recognition piece and a Major Donor lapel pin or pendant. Recognition items commemorate giving at each recognition level:

Level Contribution (US\$)

- 4 \$100,000 to \$249,999
- 3 \$50,000 to \$99,999
- 2 \$25,000 to \$49,999
- 1 \$10,000 to \$24,999

### Arch C. Klumph Society

Donors whose cumulative gifts total US\$250,000 qualify for the Arch C. Klumph Society. Qualifiers are invited to an induction ceremony at RI headquarters in Evanston, and their pictures and biographies are installed in the Arch C. Klumph Society interactive gallery. Arch C. Klumph Society members also receive invitations to special society events, along with membership pins and crystals that commemorate giving at each level.

LevelContribution (US\$)Foundation Circle\$1 million and aboveChair's Circle\$500,000 to \$999,999Trustees Circle\$250,000 to \$499,999

Arch C. Klumph Society brochure

### What to expect after your gift

The Rotary Foundation will send letters of appreciation for all gifts.

Send emails for gift acknowledgments and tax receipts (if applicable) from gifts received from www.rotary.org or at the Foundation's Chicago bank. Email attachments from the email address " giftacknowledgement@rotary.org " with the subject heading "A note of thanks from The Rotary Foundation" are legitimate and safe to open.

Honor requests for privacy (if a donor wishes to remain anonymous, the Foundation must be notified when the gift is made)

Subtract the fair market value of recognition items from receipts when required to do so by U.S. law

Acknowledge major gift pledges at their full value when written documentation and an initial gift payment are received.

The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.

Martin Luthar King, Jr.

# The 4-Way Test- of the things we think, say or do

Rotary's touch stone of ethics for Rotarians in their business, community and personal life-the 4 way test conceived by a Chicago Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor in 1932 is a simple but profound statement:

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?
- 2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3. Will to build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

### **Declaration of Rotarians**

As Rotarian engaged in a business or profession, I am expected to:

- 1. Consider my vocation to be another opportunity to serve;
- 2. Be faithful to the letter and to the spirit of the ethical codes of my vocation;
- 3. Do all in my power to dignify my vocation and to promote the highest ethical standards on my chosen vocation;
- 4. Be fair to my employer, employees, associates, competitors, customers, the public, and all those with whom I have a business or professional relationship;
- 5. Recognize the honor and respect due to all occupations which are useful to society;
- Offer my vocation talents to provide opportunities for young people to work for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community;
- Adhere to honesty in my advertising and all representations to the public concerning my business and profession;
- 8. Neither seek from nor grant to a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship.

to the absentee members: We have missed you in the last RWM.
We shall be happy to see you in the next RWM.

Invite your friends and relatives to attend our regular weekly meeting.