



Conferred upon Graeme Fraser on June 17, 2025

The awarding of a Paul Harris Fellow Award to a member of our club is a momentous occasion, bestowed with great honour and respect.

It is a particularly special moment for me to present this Award to this recipient. This member has continuously distinguished himself, by meeting and fulfilling all prerequisite requirements in earning this Award. This Award will cover the years 2023 to the present.

Our Awardee has continuously served in many capacities during his membership with the Rotary Club of West Ottawa. Most recently in 2023, he served his second year, as President with distinction. During his presidency, he continued to keep every meeting lighthearted and memorable. Occasionally his soliloquies lasted longer than perhaps intended, but he was able to refine and use the great communication tool, Zoom, to advantage by broadcasting the fellowship and involvement in the Club to those who were unable to attend. Membership in our Club increased, particularly from other Rotary Clubs both in the Ottawa area as well as out of town. Also, the diversity of our new members has continued to grow.

He also served as Past President from 2023 and 2024, ably assisting and advising President Marcia during her term as President. His sage advice and energy served our current President well.

He has continually enhanced our club's reputation and public profile by visiting many clubs throughout our district. When given the chance to expound the many virtues of Rotary, his speeches have always been positive, constructive, sincere, sprinkled with his good humour, and always spoken from the heart. He has built the values and meaning of being a Rotarian, and enhanced the reputation of his home club at every opportunity.

Our Awardee has also been an active member on District 7040 Committees, resulting in his earning the position of 2024-25 District Governor Elect. On July 12th, this year, he will be honoured by becoming the Governor of District 7040. His duties will now involve travelling extensively to Northern New York State, Eastern Ontario, Western Quebec, and into the Northern part of our great Country, advancing the principles and aims of Rotary International. Who better to do so?

It's interesting to note that part of District 7040 includes Nunavut in the far north, where in most cases the first language is not English. Through pure personality alone, our awardee will win over those Rotarians with his approach, knowledge, commitment, and sincerity. One can imagine the interesting time translators will have trying to keep up with the Governor in these circumstances.

It is my great honour to ask Graeme Fraser to come forward to accept this much deserved Paul Harris Fellow Award along with the blessing and affection of his home club.

Paul Harris Fellow Award:

At the Club's request Rotary International issues a certificate in the awardee's name and a PHF pin. Paul Harris was the founder of Rotary.

Awardees should meet at least three of the following criteria:

- a. Served a minimum of two years on the Club's Board of Directors;
- b. Chaired two or more of the Club's standing committees;
- c. Performed noteworthy volunteer service in the Club over the years;
- d. Provided extraordinary support or leadership in Club fundraising;
- e. Performed a unique role, or provided a special service, for the Club over a period of years;
- f. Enhanced the Club's reputation or public profile;
- g. Been active on a Rotary district committee;
- h. Performed outstanding volunteer service for the community, external to Rotary.