

EVERY ROTARIAN, EVERY YEAR ROTARY FOUNDATION SUSTAINING MEMBER PROGRAM

*“A Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member is a person who contributes
US\$100 or more per year to the Annual Programs Fund.”*

Trustee Decision: October 2002

- ***EVERY ROTARIAN, EVERY YEAR: The Foundation’s Trustees seek annual unrestricted contributions of US\$100 or more from every Rotarian, every year.***
The Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member (RFSM) program is the key to achieving Annual Programs Fund (APF) success: securing the future availability of the Foundation’s increasingly popular programs; restoring programs that have been scaled back; and distinguishing Rotary by climbing to even greater heights during our second century of service.
- ***Priority program for the next five years to achieve US\$100 per capita (US\$125 million) by 2005, Rotary’s 100th Anniversary. This goal was unanimously endorsed by all districts at the Council on Legislation, April 2001, Resolution 01-276.***
It all relates back to people and programs. The magnitude of good that can be done in the world through Rotarian philanthropy is astounding. The Rotary Foundation is the only charitable organization with brand identity: it is funded by Rotarians for projects identified by Rotarians and administered by Rotarians at the project site. What projects were made possible in your district through Rotarian philanthropy?
- ***How does one become a Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member?***
An individual becomes a RFSM simply by contributing US\$100 or more to the Annual Programs Fund – *SHARE* as a one-time annual gift or cumulative gifts during the Rotary year. Contributions can be made directly to The Rotary Foundation by mail, online at Rotary’s website at www.rotary.org or through your Rotary club. When you contribute, you help sustain the Foundation’s humanitarian, educational and cultural exchange programs. Only contributions to APF – *SHARE* are eligible for RFSM status.
- ***100% Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member Clubs:***
At their April 2003 meeting, the Trustees adopted new annual banner recognition for 100% RFSM Clubs effective 1 July 2003. To qualify, every Rotarian in the club must contribute US\$100 or more to the Annual Programs Fund – *SHARE* during the Rotary year.
- ***Formerly known as Paul Harris Sustaining Member Program.***
What began in 1957 as an opportunity for Rotarians to become Paul Harris Fellows over a 10-year period is no longer strictly tied to Paul Harris Fellow recognition. Today’s RFSM program encourages Rotarians to contribute US\$100 or more to APF-*SHARE* every year regardless of the recognition the donor has or will achieve. All contributions to APF-*SHARE* are eligible for Paul Harris Fellow, Multiple Paul Harris Fellow, and Major Donor recognition whenever a donor achieves the appropriate giving level(s).