

NEW PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Numerous Carlsbad Rotary Club members have recently been honored with Paul Harris Fellow recognition. The honor is named after the founder of Rotary International. It recognizes tangible and significant assistance in furthering Harris' ideals of better understanding and friendly relations among peoples of the world. Paul Harris Society contributions to The Rotary Foundation support a wide range of humanitarian grants and educational programs that enable Rotarians to bring hope and promote international understanding throughout the world.



Recent first-time recipients have included Kathy Cox, Martha Chapman, Chris Jones, Richard Brown, Rod Hurst, Jill Barkley, and Kirstin Carlson. Deanna Garringer, who is not a member was honored with a Paul Harris Fellow from her husband Mike Garringer, a long-time local Rotarian. Second-time recipients, called Paul Harris Fellows Plus Two, have included Veronica Hernandez, Linnie Davis, Alan Wood and Todd Hyden. Mike Currier was awarded his third Paul Harris Fellow.

Myrtle Fritschy, a former club President and only the second woman in the history of District 5520 to serve as District Governor, was awarded a fifth Paul Harris Fellow. The award was kept a surprise and the presentation was made by her son, David Fritschy, also a Rotarian.

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PROGRAMS

September 7
RYLA Students
September 14
Carlsbad Pet Therapy Assoc.
September 21
Gary Perkowski

BIRTHDAYS!

Arlene Cooper	1-Sep
Todd Hyden	14-Sep
Francis Beeman	17-Sep

OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

The workday was long. Then we had to get the kids to Tae Kwon Do. When it ended, we all jumped into the car and headed to soccer practice. The post-practice day didn't slow down much, as the Antiporda clan hurried through showers, homework, dinner and preparation for the following day. It's late and I'm a little grumpy, so you wouldn't think starting to write a column for the Rotary Chronicle about the Four-Way Test would be a very good idea, but somehow writing inspiration has struck.

When I'm well rested and life is going well, following the principles of the Four-Way Test is easy. But at times like this, when I'm tired, run down and a bit frazzled, thinking and doing things that are beneficial to all concerned seems like a tall order. But whether things are going well or not, the Four-Way Test offers us a model of how we would *like* to live our lives.

Of course, our human implementation of those principles is not perfect, but I find myself wondering if there's a time when it does not apply. After all, the test isn't just for Wednesdays at noon; we're also supposed to take it with us to work during the day and then home to our families later.



But wait a minute; the guy who pulled his truck out in front of me today obviously wasn't applying the Four-Way Test. And neither were the other people who got under my skin for various reasons throughout the week. "What's their problem?" I ask myself. And then I remember.

The test says, "Of the things *we* think, say or do," not "Of the things *they* think, say or do." We don't know what is going on in others' lives to make them think, say or do the things they do, but we know our own lives and how we as Rotarians strive to live. Maybe those people live their lives by the Four-Way Test, too, but just had a human moment they would live differently given a second chance.

So if there's a lesson to be learned, maybe it's that we should strive to apply the Four-Way Test at all times, in all situations and to ourselves first. If we do, good things are sure to follow. Ah, I feel better already.

Hope every day is a Four-Way Test Day!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike".

WANTED: CHS/LHS STUDENTS

Dave Rogers is developing the list of Senior students from Loving High School and Carlsbad High School to be honored as Rotary Students of the Month. If any Rotarians have children or grandchildren who are Seniors at CHS or LHS, please get their names to Dave as soon as possible. Also, if any Rotarian has a High School Senior from CHS or LHS that you would like to recommend be considered for Rotary Student of the Month, please submit their name to Dave as soon as possible.

Dave can be reached at preacherdave.rogers@gmail.com or 302-3575.

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

We want to hear from YOU! Please let Kirstin know any suggestions you have for our newsletter!

REMEMBERING 9/11

On 1 July 2001, I was installed as the Rotary Club of New York's first female president. The club was about to celebrate its 92nd anniversary, and it made a big production of my installation. A group from the New York Police Department marched me in, singing "New York, New York"; I announced my agenda for the coming year; everybody toasted. And we thought that would be the historic event of the year.

The morning of 11 September, I was in my Brooklyn apartment getting ready for a club meeting. My daughter called and told me to turn on the television. I watched as the second plane struck, and it dawned on me that I was on an island. My family was not there: My husband was in the suburbs at our home, my children were scattered. I worried that some of the members of my Rotary club were at the World Trade Center – a fear that was later confirmed. I'd never felt so alone.

Then I turned on my computer. Messages from Rotarians all over the world were pouring in – from Lebanon, England, Israel, France. Club presidents were asking, "How can we help?" I spent days at my computer trying to keep up with the messages from people in different time zones. I hardly slept. The checks began coming in. I called our club's executive director and asked him to work with the chair of our club's foundation to open a special account. Then I called an emergency club meeting.

We had 185 members at the time and were fortunate not to have lost anyone in the attacks. I remember thinking it was important to keep the members feeling safe and hopeful. I worried that those who didn't live in Manhattan might be afraid to come to the meeting. But everyone showed up. I recalled how, as a child during World War II, I'd participated in air-raid drills at my school. As the children were hiding their heads in their hands, my music teacher had asked me to run down the halls singing "Home on the Range," just to give them some hope. After 9/11, I felt the same call to inspire the members of my club.

At every meeting, we played patriotic songs. I invited firefighters and others who'd been injured to attend. I invited people who had lost loved ones: a widow and her child, a father who had lost his son and who continued to attend meetings. I made the club a haven for those who had been affected by the attacks – not only to support them, but to motivate the members of my club.

Every year, we honor the firefighters and the police, and every year, I receive a phone call from one of the men and women whom we helped. Last year, I invited John Jonas and his crew to speak at our club. Dubbed the Miracle of Ladder Six, they are a group of firefighters who were inside the World Trade Center on 9/11. The crew recounted how, as they were running down the stairs of the north tower, each carrying 100 pounds of gear, a woman they were helping collapsed from fatigue. Though the building was crumbling

around them, they refused to leave her and, as a result, became trapped in the stairwell. Hours later, they were able to escape with the woman. But had they not stayed to help her, they said, the entire crew would have been killed in the collapse. When they finished telling the story, Jonas thanked his men for their bravery. Everyone in the room was clearly moved.

People often remark how terrible it must have been to be the president of the Rotary Club of New York on 9/11. I say just the opposite. I thank God I was in that position. I'm grateful to have used my skills of coordination and my ability to inspire. One of the greatest compliments I received was when one of the men in my club said, "You know, Helen, we were talking about what you did after 9/11. We looked around and asked, 'Who, out of all these men, could have handled that?' No one." I did it for myself and to open doors for other women. Many women have joined the club since then, many of them young. Somehow, I've set myself up as a mentor (that's what the members of my club call me, anyway). And I love it. I love to inspire them. I love to help them feel proud to be Rotarians.

By Helen Reisler

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"I extend my congratulations and appreciation to all of the recipients," said Carlsbad Rotary Club President Mike Antiporda. "These individuals are not only leaders in our community, but also among the most generous, dedicated and respected people among their fellow Rotarians."

Rotary is a global network of community volunteers. Rotary members are business, professional, and community leaders who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. The Carlsbad Rotary Club is affiliated with District 5520 of Rotary International. The organization meets each Wednesday at noon at the Stevens Inn.





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ROTARY CLUB**

*Every Wednesday
at noon!*

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LIFE AND TIMES OF PAUL HARRIS

One day in the fall of 1900, Paul P. Harris met attorney Bob Frank for dinner in a well-off neighborhood on the North Side of Chicago. They took a walk around the area and stopped at shops along the way. Harris was impressed by how Frank had made friends with many of the shopkeepers.

Since moving to Chicago to set up his law practice, Harris had not encountered the kind of camaraderie that Frank enjoyed with his fellow businessmen. He wondered whether there was a way to channel and expand this type of fellowship, which reminded him of the New England town where he'd grown up.

Eventually, Harris persuaded other local businessmen to meet and discuss forming a club for commercial trade, community, and fellowship. His vision laid the foundation for the Rotary of today.



1868 Paul P. Harris is born in Racine, Wisconsin, USA, on 19 April.

1871 Harris, age three, and brother Cecil, age five, move to Wallingford, Vermont, in July.

1886 The faculty of the University of Vermont votes on 11 December that Harris and three others "be indefinitely suspended from college" upon recommendation of the Committee on Discipline.

1891 Harris graduates from the University of Iowa with a Bachelor of Laws on 1 June.

1896 Harris moves to Chicago and begins practicing law in February.

1910 Harris meets Jean in March, and they wed on Saturday, 2 July. Harris is elected the first president of the National Association of Rotary Clubs in August, a position he holds until the international convention in August 1912.

1912 The Harrises purchase a home and name it Comely Bank.

1919 The University of Vermont awards Harris an honorary Bachelor of Arts (accompanied by an apology for his expulsion in 1886). It awarded him an honorary Doctor of Laws on 19 June 1933.

1930 Harris attends the RI Convention in Chicago, his first since 1915. He also attended international conventions in 1933, 1934, 1935, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1941, 1942, 1943, and 1944.

1947 On 27 January, Harris dies in Chicago at age 78.

1963 On 9 November, Jean Thomson Harris dies in Edinburgh, Scotland, at age 82.

For more on Paul Harris visit www.rotary.org

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