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Last week, Frank "Paul Harris" Douglas announced the awards of Paul Harris Fellowships.

A Paul Harris Fellow recipient can be self-acquired by a member or can be gifted to another person, including non-member.

Fun fact, the first ever Fellows were awarded in 1957. At the time it was Rotary Foundation's only program and precursor to what's now known as Ambassadorial Scholarships. Mrs. Harry Jones was the Foundation's second woman recipient and one of five for contributions made during that inaugural year (others were for gifts of prior years).

Today, to acknowledge multiple \$1,000 gifts, Rotary will bejewel the lapel pin with sapphires and rubies.

- \$2,000 to 2,999.99 - one sapphire
- 3,000 to 3,999.99 - two sapphires
- 4,000 to 4,999.99 - three sapphires
- 5,000 to 5,999.99 - four sapphires
- 6,000 to 6,999.99 - five sapphires
- 7,000 to 7,999.99 - one ruby
- 8,000 to 8,999.99 - two rubies
- 9,000 to 9,999.99 - three rubies



- John Bridges just hit his +5
- Ted Crawford, +4
- Roger Jordan, +4
- Carrie Palmore, +4
- Robin Baker, +3
- Rachel Powell, +1
- Raquel de Brito, +1

Kathleen Buck recently donated \$1,000 to the International Committee. Out of gratitude, the Early Bird club rewarded her with her own +1.

Our club has six PHF pools on 5 Year plans with annual drawings to see which pool participants have earned their Fellowship.

Calvin "Paul Harris II" Douglas drew Dave Miller, Lessie Dale, and year 5-of-5 John Powell.

From Year 3 of 5 came Rachel. Year 1 of 5 came Ted Crawford and Heath Cornick.

Bill Rogers asks what percentage of our club holds Paul Harris Fellows.

"Paul" says he'd have to ask Frank but thinks our club is at 70%.

He also noted that Rotary, for some donations, grants Recognition Points which may only be used to gift outside of Rotary. Presenting a Paul Harris Fellow to a grandchild, for example.



Our program last week was a Zoom presentation by Laverne Pitts on the state of YCAP under COVID.

Laverne is the Development Director for YCAP, Yamhill Community Action Partnership.

Like everyone else's new COVID life this has been "a busy 5 months." And YCAP has been in a pretty good place to assist our neighbors not weathering the situation as well as others.

YCAP's Mission: *To advocate for and assist persons toward self-sufficiency.*



A key initiative is what they call housing stability.

As a landlord, and caring person Linda, was particularly appreciative for the ability to avoid the tough decision between humanity and good business.

\$500,000 has been used so far in rent relief. While there is a moratorium in place for evictions, it's not rent forgiveness. So getting behind when your job and income have been suspended just keeps you behind. That's bad for tenant credit and landlord books.

Housing stability extends beyond COVID related issues since homelessness existed before March. The good news is that 60% of YCAP's persons have exited assistance to permanent housing or treatment.

\$250,000 has been spent in energy assistance for the same reason. [Their energy assistance web page](#) directs visitors to utility provider resources and YCAP assistance.

Direct financial assistance can be utilized for transportation needs like driver license fees, vehicle repair, vehicle title and registration fees, and bus passes. It can also help with school and training related expenses.

Meal sites and pantries are the first thing on everyone's mind in times of hardship and for good reason.

At the beginning of the shut-down YCAP arranged for a fully functional, independently staffed backup warehouse. The idea being that if the primary site was afflicted with an infection lockdown the food supply chain would remain intact.

The need for that second facility did not manifest so it is being consolidated back.

More good news is that state funding is now allowing YCAP to buy locally and stock up. And produce boxes are now being moved out to pantries, something not allowed in normal circumstance because fresh produce requires more care ... we have that now.

Youth Outreach has been dramatically impacted by quarantine and distancing forcing the temporary shuttering of Safe Shelter and Transitional Housing. This pushed many to living out of their cars.

The Yo! Drop In Center will be re-opening with personal protection equipment and occupancy limits.

Other programs are figuring out rotation schedules of services into common spaces and will support as many community partnerships as possible.



Bill acknowledged Kristen Stoller (on Zoom screen) for attaining a \$2,500 grant from the Early Bird Foundation to stock 200 backpacks with hygiene supplies (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste and floss) and words of encouragement on buttons and cards.

The Graphic's article, held by Bill, cites the Austin Family Foundation (next page).

[Click here for the Noon Club's newsletter.](#)

TheNewbergGraphic

Rotary, Wellness Collective distribute bags to those in need

Ryan Clarke Monday, August 10, 2020

Hygiene bags for families and activity bags for kids part of an effort to give back

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken a financial and emotional toll on families in Newberg and elsewhere around the state and country. Through a program distributing items to local families in need, the Community Wellness Collective and Newberg Early Bird Rotary has teamed up to try and alleviate some of the stresses of the time.

With a \$2,500 grant, Early Bird Rotary distributed more than 200 hygiene bags last week to families at school district food distribution sites. The hygiene bags included shampoo, conditioner, body wash, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste and floss, as well as words of encouragement in the form of buttons and cards.

“The thought was to provide additional support to families in need that they might not already have access to or have a hard time finding on their own,” Rotarian and Wellness Collective member Kristen Stoller said. “Because of our relationship with the school district, we’ve used their list of families identified as being in need of items like this. We wrote a grant to be able to provide over 200 hygiene bags through the food distribution sites around the district.

“Because people are already coming up and accessing resources, it made sense to put something together that they could take away along with whatever food they pick up. We were approved for a \$2,500 grant for this time around and want to do it again in the near future.”

Items came in large sizes so they could be used for longer periods of time or shared among family members. Bags went further than just the essential hygiene items, too. The Community Wellness Collective put together game and activity bags for kids in the school district, handed out at the same food distribution sites.



PMG PHOTO: GARY ALLEN - Workers distribute wellness bags and game bags in concert with the free lunch giveaways at area schools on Friday in Newberg.

“We started the idea in March of putting together fun, nonschool-related things for kids who are stuck at home,” Stoller said. “We did a round of 75 bags back in the spring and the school district thought it was a big success. Austin Family Foundation provided us a grant for 250 of these game and activity bags. What was so special about this program was that we purchased stuff for the bag from local businesses.”

The bags were put together in partnership with local businesses such as Pitter-Patter children’s consignment, Pulp and Circumstance and Blue Plume Studio. Bags were separated into age groups including a kindergarten through fifth grade bag with toys and other activities, and a sixth through 12th grade bag that included art and journaling kits. Bags could either be gender-specific or gender-neutral based on family needs and availability.

A second batch of hygiene bags as well as game and activity bags will be distributed in the coming weeks, Stoller said. For now, Rotarians and members of the collective are grateful for their community partners’ help during a challenging time for so many families.

“We’re friends with many of these business owners and they give back to the community constantly,” Stoller said. “It was really generous of the Austin family to pay those businesses for the game and activity bags, and the Rotary has done some great work as well. It’s been easy to coordinate because everybody’s goal is to serve our families locally who might need some extra help. Some will just have something taken off their plate, which so many families could use right now.”