

Hello, Fellow Rotarians,

Rotary District 5970's "Rotary Rush" is on again this year!

Once again, District 5970 approved thirteen District Grant applications submitted from our clubs this past summer. Please know that our local communities will benefit by more than \$54,000 of District funding through matching grants for the 2023–2024 Rotary year. Remember, money for these District Grants is made possible only through your donations to **The Rotary Foundation – Annual Fund**. Half of your donations to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) are sent back to our Rotary District 5970.

In response to your generous support, donors are recognized for each \$1,000 they give to TRF by being named a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF), or a PHF Plus recognition for each additional \$1,000 donated. An additional feature is that one accumulates one point for each dollar donated to TRF, but these points may only be used to recognize someone else (they cannot be used by the donating Rotarian). These points are there to recognize the service of others and encourage further donations to TRF, as if a dollar had been donated in their honor. This means the combination of dollars contributed and points received from other Rotarians can be used to receive each level of PHF recognition.

We have again this year a very generous donor in District 5970 who would like to use their accumulated points to help you achieve your initial PHF recognition, or help you add an additional PHF Plus recognition if you are already a PHF

Here are the Rules for this special Rotary Rush. For the months of December (2023), January (2024), and February (2024) only, our generous donor is offering to match each dollar donated with an additional PHF point to help a member reach their first (or additional) PHF recognition. **However, to qualify, your donation plus the point-match must get you to the next PHF level (next \$1,000 level).** In other words, for every \$1.00 given 1 point will also be donated in your name. A \$100 minimum cash gift is required by TRF to begin this match process, and we have set a \$500 maximum donation eligible for up to a maximum 500 matching points. Any additional points (up to 500) will count towards your next level).

Detailed Rules:

1. Matching will occur for donations to The Rotary Foundation – Annual Fund. **Not** the PolioPlus fund.
2. The point match will occur for donations that bring the Rotarian at least up to the next \$1,000 level of PHF recognition.
3. The donation will be point matched for cash amounts of at least \$100 and up to \$500.
4. This promotion will occur during the months of December (2023), January (2024), and February (2024).
5. There is a maximum PHF recognition level of \$10,000. Our Rotary Rush will not match donations that would take the donor above this \$10,000 level. We will, however, heartily shake your hand and extend the warmest of Rotary thanks for anyone who passes this mark of distinction. There are separate rules for Major Donor recognitions above the \$10,000 level, so if you're interested in learning more about this, please reach out to anyone on the District Foundation committee.

Procedure

The Rotarian must send their contribution to the District 5970 representative (David Manning). D5970 will then forward the contribution to TRF with the applicable point-match documentation. Please do NOT send your donation directly to TRF.

To participate in this Rotary Rush challenge, you will need to fill out Rotary [Form 123-EN](https://my.rotary.org/en/document/contribution-form-rotary-foundation) [https://my.rotary.org/en/document/contribution-form-rotary-foundation] which is also available on the

Foundation tab on the [District's website \(www.District5970.org\)](http://www.District5970.org). The minimum information necessary for the form is

- Name
- Club Name
- Billing Address
- City
- Daytime Phone
- Email Address
- Also: check the box for Annual Fund - SHARE.

If you are unsure of your Rotary number or club number, check the mailing label on your Rotarian magazine (or your online Rotary account). Otherwise, leave this blank and we can complete it for you.

To make your donation by check

Please make checks payable to "*The Rotary Foundation*" and include the check with the [Form 123-EN](#) and mail these items to David Manning, 227 Lake Ave, Storm Lake, IA 50588

Please do NOT send cash or credit card information to David through the mail. Please do NOT send your completed form and check to The Rotary Foundation, or David will not be able to include the point-match information before the promotion expires, as we will not be notified in time.

To make your donation by credit card

Please go online to <http://my.rotary.org/> and pay via credit card on the Rotary secure website. When you donate by credit card, The Rotary Foundation will send you a receipt by email. You will need to send this receipt to David Manning along with your [Form 123-EN](#) either by Email (to DavidBrianManning@gmail.com) or to the mailing address above. All contribution amounts must be made in December, January, or February and must reach David before the end of February to be eligible for the points match. If David is not provided information documenting the qualifying donation made during December, January, or February, he will not be able to include the point-match information before the promotion expires.

Still Have questions? Here are some additional examples to help clear up any confusion:

- A. If a member is at zero dollars, our Donor will match your \$500 donation with 500 points to get you to the \$1,000 level for your initial PHF recognition. If the member was already at \$800 and gives a donation of \$100, our Donor will donate 100 points to get them to \$1,000 level for their PHF.
- B. However, if a member is currently at \$100 and gives only a \$100 donation, our Donor will **NOT** match this amount because it would not get them to the \$1,000 mark for a PHF recognition. They would need to give \$450 in cash, matched by our Donor with 450 points, getting them to the needed \$1,000 for their PHF level. You see how it works? Our Donor has established the rules to encourage your significant gift to TRF (not just \$20 or \$50, but a minimum of \$100 and a maximum of \$500, depending on your giving history and current PHF progress toward your next level of recognition).
- C. Finally, let's say your account has accumulated \$500 in contributions to The Rotary Foundation – Annual Fund. **HINT - ALWAYS CHECK YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FIRST.** Then, if you add a gift of \$250 (in December, January or February), our Rotary Donor will do the \$1 for 1 Point match, giving you the other 250 points needed to get your account to the \$1,000 level which allows you to receive your first (or multiple) PHF award. Remember, you must contribute half of the funds to your next level and the match will contribute the other half in points, up to a maximum of 500 points.
- D. Want another example? If a Rotarian is at \$801 of donations in their TRF account, a \$100 donation by them (the minimum) would leave only 99 points necessary to achieve their next level of recognition. This would not meet TRF minimum transfer rules (and our Rotary Rush rules). However, if the Rotarian donates \$699, bringing their total contributions to \$1,500 (which is half-way to the next level of recognition), our Donor will match this with a generous maximum 500 points, and Bob's your uncle.

Wondering how close you are to your next PHF level or just have questions about how these Rotary Rush rules might impact you? Email David Manning at DavidBrianManning@gmail.com or cell 701-238-4845; or contact John Wasta, D5970 Foundation Chair, at foundationchair@district5970.org or phone John at 319-440-5959.

This \$1 for 1 Match for ROTARY RUSH will only be available until the points run out, or the end of February.
What are you waiting for? Make a difference and support the mission of Rotary today!