Bequest Society Recognition by a Club President or designee

Rotary is grateful to the thousands of devoted friends, leaders, and problem solvers whose generosity provides perpetual support that enables The Foundation to do good in the world beyond their lifetimes.

The Trustees encourage each Club President to make a brief presentation at a meeting or event to thank new Bequest Society members. In addition to expressing gratitude for the donor’s generosity, this public recognition promotes awareness of The Rotary Foundation Endowment and inspires others to consider how they can change the world through Rotary. See Rotary.org/legacy for additional resources.

Bequest Society recognition items include a crystal, a pin, and a letter from the Trustee Chair, all of which have been mailed directly to the donor. Prior to making any announcement or presentation, please verify with donors that they are comfortable with a public presentation.

Suggested Presentation Remarks

Invite the donor/s to the front.

As Club President, I am honored to share that _First and last name/s ______ has/have generously provided for a future gift to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. This wonderful commitment ensures that future generations of Rotarians will have the resources they need to design and implement sustainable projects year after year.

With this crystal and pin/s, the Rotary Foundation trustees are pleased to welcome you to the Bequest Society, a group of Rotarians dedicated to the future impact of our organization. By wearing this pin, Rotarians and friends will know that you have a passion for positive change and are committed to making the world a better place over the next century and beyond.

Just as all of our annual gifts to The Rotary Foundation help people around the globe live better lives today, your planned gift to the Endowment will nurture your favorite Rotary causes forever.

Fellow Rotarians, please join me in thanking the newest member/s of The Rotary Foundation’s Bequest Society with a round of applause. His/her/their Rotary legacy will Be the Inspiration to our friends and neighbors, strengthening our 100-year tradition of improving lives in communities worldwide.
Dear Club President,

There are things you can do to help promote additional gifts to the Endowment. Please look at the resources at rotary.org/legacy and don’t forget to thank your Bequest Society members and Foundation donors whenever you have the opportunity, spouses too!

Kind regards,

Your Planned Giving Team
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