



News Release

Tinley Park-Frankfort Rotary Club

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Rotary recognizes local businessman for contributions to community

Impressed with local businessman Bob Simon's commitment to the community, members of the Tinley Park-Frankfort Rotary club presented him with the group's highest honor –a Paul Harris fellowship.

“You have set an example for many by your contributions to your community,” Rotary President Karen Wegrzyn told Simon during a presentation ceremony Thursday, Feb. 26, at Lincoln-Way East High School.

“Your personal involvement makes your community a better place in which to live,” she added.

Simon, who owns and manages the Culver's restaurant at 20592 S. LaGrange Road in Frankfort, has helped a number of families in crisis, delivering food to those impacted by an early morning home explosion in September that killed a Frankfort couple and displaced several other families.

He also generously donated a percentage of sales to the Lane Bryant Tinley Park Memorial Fund last year, helping families whose loved ones were slain at the Tinley Park clothing store in February 2008.

The Paul Harris fellowship, named after the founder of the Rotary Club, is presented to non-Rotarians who exemplify Harris' spirit of humanitarianism and service to others.

Tinley Park-Frankfort Rotarians saw those qualities in Simon and contributed in his name to

the Rotary Foundation, which works to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty.

The contribution could provide educational opportunities, food for the poor, potable water in a village in Africa or India, health care, shelter, schools and books for thousands of children, said Wegrzyn. It could also buy cows to supply milk to an entire village or supply sewing machines to widows so they may become self-sufficient.

“I am honored to present you with this Paul Harris pin, certificate and medal,” she told Simon. “The symbolism in this recognition is to say ‘Thank you’ for making a difference in your community and in the lives of less fortunate people in the world.

“By accepting this pin, you will join a family of well over 950,000 Paul Harris Fellows worldwide,” she continued. “Besides members of your club, you stand with notables such as Mother Theresa, Nelson Mandela, Kofi Anann, Prince Charles, Indira Gandhi, Luciano Pavarotti, King Hussein of Jordan and Pope John Paul II.”

The Tinley Park-Frankfort Rotary meets at 7:15 a.m. every Thursday at Lincoln-Way North High School, 19900 S. Harlem Ave., Frankfort. New members are always welcome to attend.

For more information about the service club, contact Rotary President Karen Wegrzyn at 708-342-4254 or visit the group's website at www.tinleyparkfrankfortrotary.com