



# Rotary Global History Fellowship

WHAT PAUL HARRIS SAID

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Paul Harris planted trees “Friendship Trees” around the world. [www.friendshiptrees.org](http://www.friendshiptrees.org) tells the entire story. We just received photos of a tree he planted in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. Here’s what Paul Harris said about these trees:



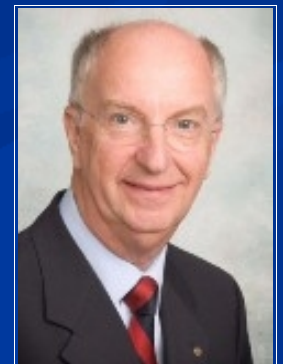
*“Upon several occasions, Boards of Rotary International have extended to us invitations to visit the Rotary clubs of other countries; such invitations we have, as a rule, accepted and we have tried to make ourselves ambassadors of good-will. With the cooperation of Rotarians and local governments, I have planted friendship trees in the parks and playgrounds on all the five continents of the world and even on some of the major islands of the seas. Our trees stood as symbols of international understanding and good-will. National and municipal governments have participated in the ceremonies incident to such plantings and monuments bearing bronze plates with appropriate inscriptions, have, in several instances, been erected. Our tree plantings are merely gestures of good-will but they are intelligible to all the citizens of the various countries whatever language they speak.”*

*Now a modern day Rotarian is following in the Founder’s footsteps.*

[www.ribi.org/news/articles/president-s-roots-with-founder](http://www.ribi.org/news/articles/president-s-roots-with-founder) is the story of what an RGHF member is doing. This RGHF member is the 2009/10 president of RIBI David William Fowler, England. The article reports that “David is hoping to plant a tree in each of the Rotary regions he visits throughout his year of office, following in the footsteps of the founder of Rotary Paul Harris who used to place trees during his own visits to clubs.”

Read the full article at [www.ribi.org/news/articles/president-s-roots-with-founder](http://www.ribi.org/news/articles/president-s-roots-with-founder) and follow the Founder’s journey at [www.friendshiptrees.org](http://www.friendshiptrees.org)

Thanks to RIBI President David, who recently was elected to RGHF’s “1905 Society” [www.1905society.org](http://www.1905society.org)



Yours in service through Rotary Global History,

*Jack Selway*

Founder of RGHF and editor for What Paul Harris Said  
RGHF [www.rghf.org](http://www.rghf.org) (Rotary Global History)

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