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# Rotarian Percy gets rare honor

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Over almost 55 years as a member of the Rotary Club of Belleville, Percy (Perc) McGuire has served his club and his community in many ways.

Monday, the club and the community gave something back.

From the club, McGuire was given the rare distinction of being given a second Paul Harris Fellowship. On behalf of the city, Mayor George Zegouras presented him with a framed certificate of recognition.

McGuire's record, as reviewed by his fellows, included a childhood in the Stirling area and a life insurance business career in Belleville, interrupted by service with the Royal Canadian Air Force during the Second World War. There was also community service, apart from strictly Rotary, including chairman of the Belleville General Hospital Board for 1950-51, a past-president of the Belleville and District Chamber of Commerce, service on and former



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chairmanship of the local board of education and various offices on the official board of Bridge Street United Church.

Within Rotary, which he joined in 1936, McGuire served as president for the year 1940-41, received his first Paul Harris Fellowship some years ago, and, in recent years, was made an honorary member of the club.

Receiving a Harris fellowship is not so unusual in itself, as the \$1,000 U.S. contribution is often made by members on their own or for a fellow member. It is rarely given by the club itself, and even more rarely given twice by a club to the same person, says President Chris Rendell.

"Your wit and humor have sparkled through the years," said Rotarian Ron Cass as one of the speakers in presenting the award. "You have always exemplified our club's motto of service above self."

In presenting the city's plaque, Mayor Zegouras said: "It is a privilege to have you as a citizen and as a member of our club."

"This is a great surprise," replied McGuire, adding: "Rotary has mean a great deal to my life."

Present to share in the special recognition and presentation of "second level" Harris fellowship pin was District Governor Jeff Mark from Toronto.

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