

Rotary



District 6490

44 Clubs with 1,948 Active Members

District Governor Julie Dobski
2019-2020



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Serving others

By Julie L. Dobski DG

In my last column, I offered some tips for finding great speakers. A strong speaker is one part of a great program, but it is not the only part. A Rotary program should be filled with camaraderie, education, updates on past or ongoing projects, information on upcoming events ... and fun. Rotary does serious work in our world, but our members have fun doing that work. There is a joy that comes from serving others.

And 'others' include our members. How are we serving them? Are we welcoming new members? Are we working on selling the value of Rotary to retain current members? Below are a few thoughts on ways to enhance our meetings to give the most value and joy to our members.

Meeting protocol

Be sure all members are greeted as they arrive.

Be respectful of members' time - start and end meetings at your appointed times.

Have an agenda and follow it.

Have long-term members look out for new members. Sometimes, it is hard being the new kid. Ask your seasoned Rotarians to look out for new members and be sure that they are included in socialization.

Invite Non-Rotarians

Create a list of community members you would like to invite to your club meeting. Make it as diverse a list as possible, with varying ages, ethnicities, and professions. Tell them why you are inviting them to be a guest and make sure they know we value their input and experience. Be sure to give them all pertinent information on time, place, meal, agenda, and what to expect.

And your club projects are also another great entry point for non-Rotarians. Invite a guest to volunteer at a service project that would have special interest to them. For example, do you have a



GOALS 2019-2020

MEMBERSHIP

Membership chairs in each club

50 additional members, district-wide

Current and accurate information in DACdb for clubs and members

2 new, additional clubs in the district

Increase clubs awarded the 2019-2020 Presidential Citation

Rotaract involvement

President-elects and President-elect nominees attend Land of Lincoln President-Elect Training (LOLPET)

FOUNDATION GIVING

Presentations on foundation giving to all clubs

All clubs donate to The Rotary Foundation

Increase Polio Plus contributions by 5%

50 additional Rotary Direct participants

Contribute 10% Every Rotarian Every Year

friend that's a runner? Invite them to a Rotary 5K. This is especially attractive to young members who are looking for ways to make a difference in their communities.

Give guests VIP treatment

Maybe reserve an up-close parking space. Be sure to have the Rotarian who invited the guest meet them at the door and shepherd them through the 'sign-in' process. Nametags are always a great idea for guests.

The guest should be accompanied at all times, introduced to club members and made to feel at home. Ask guests to introduce themselves to everyone and give a little background information, such as their profession, how long they have lived in the community, family, and community involvement.

Follow-up

Now that a guest has had some exposure to Rotary, be sure to follow up with them. New Rotarians are just an ask away, so we need to be sure we make that ask. And perhaps they aren't ready yet to join, but their input is valuable. Are meeting times conducive to their work and life balance? Is it not the right time for them to join due to a work or family commitment? Ask questions. Ask them for ideas of other guests to invite. Start a conversation. Input can help us get better.

Keeping current members engaged

Retaining current members is just as important as garnering new members. The number one reason Rotary members stay are the friendships and connections that they have made. Helping to foster those relationships can keep existing members engaged and excited.

Show your appreciation by celebrating achievements like promotions, membership milestones, birthdays, and anniversaries.

Encourage members to serve on committees that correspond to their skill sets or interests.

Feature photographs of your club members on your website and social channels.

Communicate, communicate, communicate. Keep members updated on past projects, informed about new initiatives, and focused on club goals. And clubs can communicate with each other! Share your good ideas.

Consider pairing an internet-savvy member with those who have less experience to help them access all the great information on our websites and social media.

Exit interview - it's inevitable that we lose members. Some are beyond our control - things like job location changes and health issues. But what are the controllables? Was it timing of the meetings? Were the club goals not a good match for the member? Whatever the reason, by listening to our members, we can learn and grow.

I hope these suggestions help your club be as vibrant as possible and keep your members engaged. Please share any of your club's 'best practices' that can help other clubs in our district. And remember, there are lots of great resources on MyRotary.org.

Wishing you all continued success with your clubs and projects! We are Rotary ... Why am I here?



PUBLIC AWARENESS

Junior high and middle schools adopt the 4-Way Test

YOUTH SERVICES

2 new, additional Interact clubs

New website resources

Our website now has a Fundraising page. [Click here to check it out!](#)

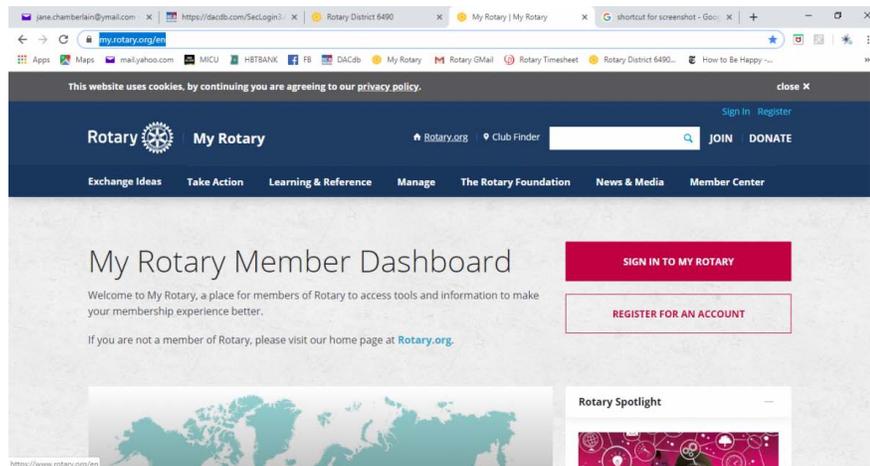
And Check out the NEW [Best Practices page!](#)

Why Reinvent the Wheel?

One EASY key to your success as a Rotarian is using the amazing tools at [MyRotary!](#)

No matter your club position, you will find excellent information and support on this "private" portion of the Rotary website.

AND BONUS! There will be a one-hour district webinar on MyRotary on November 6 at 6pm. [Register HERE.](#)



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Go for the Goals WEBINAR

[Register here today!](#)



We have 44 clubs in our district and less than 1/3 of the clubs have submitted their club goals into MyRotary/Rotary Club Central. One of our district goals is to bring this number up to as close to 100% as we can!

It's fairly simple to do. And this webinar will help get you started!

Why submit your club goals for 2019-2020?

Submitting your goals makes it possible for Rotary International to recognize your club's good work at the end of the Rotary Year. So, next year at our District Conference, you could receive honor and recognition! These honors are great publicity for your club and encourage new membership. And, added bonus, setting goals keeps your club on track.

Envision your Club's Future

By Ronald R. Schettler PDG

The District 6490 Visioning Committee is pleased to announce that the Visioning Program has upgraded to **Vision 2.0**.

The new changes to our district program are significant in not only improving the program in substance, but also reducing the time of the facilitation of the Visioning Event.

We invite all of our Clubs to consider inviting our team leaders to your club to present the overview of the **Vision 2.0** program along with meeting with your board to further discuss and or answer their questions.



Also, had your club completed Vision 1.0 - as many other Clubs have - you may wish to consider completing Vision 2.0 to further develop your leadership program.

I invite you to call or email me with your interest and set up a date for a Club Presentation to introduce Visioning 2.0 to you Club membership.

I can be reached at 217-347-0829 or by email; rrs110@consolidated.net.

Thank you,

Ronald R. Schettler, PDG District Visioning Chair

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Conference Highlights Coming Soon!



The 2019-2020 Annual District Conference was held on October 18 & 19 in Bloomington, with 208 Rotarians and guests attending!

If you attended, [please complete the survey](#).

We'll have more details and photos to share very soon!

World Polio Day



World Polio Day was celebrated Thursday, October 24, all across the globe!

We're still tallying district numbers for events and donations. It's going to be amazing! Stay tuned!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Rotary District 6490 New Membership Listing

New Members From: **Oct-01-2019** To: **Oct-28-2019**

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RI Manual of Procedure Now Available

By Elizabeth L. Skinner PDG

2019 Manual of Procedure Now Available

The 2019 RI Manual of Procedure (MOP) is now available and the PDF can be downloaded at <https://my.rotary.org/en/document/manual-procedure-035>.

It is published every three years to reflect adopted legislation and decisions of the RI conventions, the Council on Legislation, the Rotary International Board of Directors, and the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation.

It is especially important that clubs review the recently revised club constitution, which all clubs admitted to Rotary membership must adopt, and the recommended club by-laws (pages 52-65 of the Manual).

This document is also available on the District 6490 website.

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR CLUB VISITS

Upcoming Club Visits by the District Governor Julie Dobski
Please note: see the calendar on the [website](#) for updates to the calendar.

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - HONOLULU HAWAII



[Click on the turtles to learn more ...](#)

[And LIKE the convention on Facebook](#)

Register [HERE](#) to take advantage of discounted rates.

15 December 2019: Last day for early-registration discount

31 March 2020: Last day for preregistration discount

30 April 2020: Last day to request to cancel registration or tickets

10 June 2020: Last day for online registration

DISTRICT EVENTS

DISTRICT 6490 CALENDAR 2019-2020

Be sure to check the Calendar at www.rotarydistrict6490.org, which includes the dates when DG Julie Dobski will be visiting your club.

The calendar also includes links to register for not-to-be-missed events throughout the year!

[Read More](#)

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Rotary International Website & My Rotary: www.rotary.org & www.myrotary.org

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