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August 7 Meeting Preview Dr Joe Ley District 7570 Area 13 Governor

Our program for this week will welcome a remarkable individual who has dedicated his life to the health and wellbeing of our community's children. Dr. Joseph Ley, a distinguished pediatrician at HMG Pediatrics at Medical Plaza in Kingsport, Tennessee, has been a beacon of care and compassion for countless families.



Dr. Ley earned his Doctorate of Medicine from the University of Texas Medical School in Houston and completed his internship and residency at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, based at Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock. His extensive training and unwavering commitment to

pediatric care have made him a trusted and respected figure in our community.

Beyond his professional achievements, Dr. Ley is known for his genuine kindness and dedication to service. He is a proud member of the American Academy of Pediatrics and has consistently demonstrated his commitment to improving the lives of children through both his medical practice and community involvement.

Dr. Ley has also been a dedicated Rotarian since 1998. He has served as the Past President of the Rotary Club of Kingsport Downtown and is a Paul Harris Fellow. His exceptional service has been recognized with the 110% Award, and he currently serves as the Rotary Area 13 Governor. His contributions to Rotary exemplify the organization's values of service above self and have had a profound impact on our community.

We are honored to have Dr. Ley with us. His expertise, compassion, and dedication to the health of our youngest citizens make him an invaluable asset to our community and a perfect embodiment of the Rotary Club's values.



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July 31, 2024 Meeting Summary

Attendance was 52.7%



This weeks meeting was a Power of One Hour event where we collected, sorted and boxed school supplies to be delivered to Girls Inc. in Kingsport. Members contributed the supplies and helped sort, count and box them.

Girls Inc. is open to girls ages 4-18. Their after-school program allows girls from Kingsport City and Sullivan County Schools to become Strong, Smart, and Bold through weekly Girls Inc.

programming. After-School programming includes transportation on vans to the facility from the child's school, a daily snack, free activity time, homework help, access to in-house library, and Girls Inc. National Programs. In addition to these daily activities, girls also get the opportunity to sign up for special activities such as bible classes, Small Miracles Therapeutic





6 tips to elevate your elevator pitch

Rotary Voices

By Beth Kotz

he world moves quickly and you may have less than 60 seconds to make an impression that lasts. Enter the elevator pitch, so named to reflect the short period of time it takes to travel between floors. It's a short and impactful summary that you can use to communicate the most important details about your Rotary club or project and capture the attention of a potential member, supporter, or partner. To ensure you're making the most of every opportunity, check out these six tips from Toastmasters to create and deliver a perfect powerful pitch.

1. Present your club as an opportunity.

An elevator pitch is not intended as an advertisement, nor is it a call for help. Instead, hook your target by framing your pitch as an opportunity. If you'd like someone to engage with you and your club, treat them as a potential partner and offer a compelling case that working together can be mutually beneficial.

2. Keep it simple.

Perhaps more than anything else, the key to a great elevator pitch is ruthless efficiency. Don't get bogged down with extraneous

details and technical jargon. Carefully consider every word that you add to your pitch and ensure that it serves a direct purpose. Remember that the end goal is to quickly communicate your vision

in less than one minute and inspire a desire to find out more. If they seem interested in your pitch, ask if they would like a "What's Rotary" wallet card to learn more about Rotary and connect with you later.

3. Remember your enthusiasm.

Your words are essential, but they only represent a small portion of your pitch. A beautifully worded pitch delivered without joy is bound to land with a thud, but kindling enthusiasm and anticipation is a surefire way to keep your message lodged in the front of a potential supporter's mind. Use your pitch as a chance to share your passion. Practice delivering it in a way that conveys your excitement and conviction.

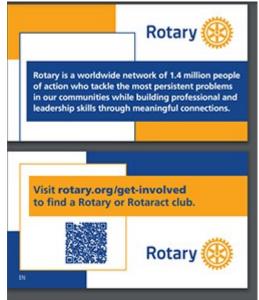
4. Cut the keywords.

The business world is rife with banal buzzwords and overused "execuspeak." Scrap these canned clichés and set yourself apart by crafting a wholly original speech that highlights what makes you and your club unique. To ensure that your speech flows naturally and doesn't sound like a soulless infomercial, have someone read it aloud to you and keep an ear out for any words or phrases that sound overly trite or formal.

5. Build the hype.

Assuming you've managed to hook your listeners effectively, the next step is to demonstrate legitimacy and build some real excitement. Work details about other outstanding accomplishments that speak to your club's bona fides into your brief message. If you're pitching a project, inform your listeners that you've identified a monetary target and you're working to secure the funding you need. If it's relevant,





Front and back of the What's Rotary wallet card available to download on My Rotary.

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you may also wish to work in a mention of your follower count on social media.

6. Find common ground.

After you've done the dirty work of making your pitch, be sure to close with some conversation. Remember that the goal of an effective pitch is to create a connection, and the quickest way to do that is to find common ground with your audience upon which to begin building a relationship. Let others talk and take a genuine interest in what they have to say, paying particular attention to shared interests and aspirations. Follow up by asking insightful questions, and remember — you can never go amiss with a few kind words!

Summarizing your Rotary experience and capturing the interest of your audience in the span of 30 to 60 seconds is no small task, but it doesn't have to be a complicated affair. Armed with the tips above, and some confidence, you can craft a perfect pitch that's sure to drum up interest and leave an impression on your listeners.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
28	29	30	31 School Supplies for Girls Inc.	1	2	3	
4	5	6	7 Brent Hrbek—District 7570 Governor	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14 Jack Pierce—From Slavery to Today in Kingsport	15	16	17	
18	19	20	21 Sarah Good—Unified Track and Field Team, Head Coach—Dobyns Bennett High School	22	23	24	
25	26	27	28 Sarah Fagerburg— Founder, Action Academy, Johnson City	29	30	31	

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Aug 07—Gary Bridges Aug 14—Ambre Torbett Aug 20—Russell Adkins Aug 22—Dennis Phillips Aug 25—Bill Lewis Aug 25—David Randolph Aug 26—Steve Swinney

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Aug 13—Ambre Torbett—30 Years Aug 14—Emily Ball—14 Years Aug 19—Tom Todd—63 Years Aug 25—Bill Adams—61 Years Aug 27—Ken Calvert—47 Years Aug 29—Leslie Lynch—54 Years

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Aug 01—Deborah Adams—29 Years Aug 15—Leslie Lynch—21 Years Aug 16—Rebecca Beck—6 Years Aug 24—Heather Cook—13 Years Aug 28—Jennifer Salyer—11 Years

Upcoming Events

August 24—District 7570 Membership Summit—The Heartwood Center, Abingdon, VA September 14—Rotary Leadership Institute—Part 1—Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church, Kingsport, TN





CLUB INFO

HOW TO FIND US

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1 | Is it the TRUTH?

- 2 | Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3 Will it build GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4 | Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Local Clubs for Make-ups

MONDAY

Noon | Tri-Cities—Northeast State Community College, Pierce Admin Bldg., Room P309, Blountville, TN

6:00 PM | Johnson City Evening—Howard Hunt's Edward Jones Office, 4018 Roan St. Johnson City, TN

TUESDAY

7:15 AM | Scott County—Scott Co. Park & Golf Course Clubhouse, 247 Fore Drive, Gate City, VA

7:30 AM | Bristol Morning VA-TN— The Summit Co-Work Space (Expedition Meeting Room) 1227 Volunteer Pkwy, Bristol, TN

Noon | Bristol VA-TN—Bristol Train Station ,101 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd Bristol, VA Noon | Johnson City—Johnson City Country Club 1901 E Unaka Ave , Johnson City, TN

Noon | Greeneville—Tusculum University, Niswonger Commons Pioneer Café ,60 Shiloh Road Greeneville, TN

WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM | Greeneville-Morning—Laughlin Memorial Hospital Cafeteria Conference Room, Greeneville, TN

7:30 AM | Kingsport-Sunrise—Food City Press Room , Suite 300, 200 Clinchfield St., Kingsport, TN

Noon | Unicoi County—Town Hall, 211 N.Main St., Erwin, TN

Noon | Elizabethton—First Christian Church of Elizabethton, Fellowship Hall, 513 Hattie Ave, Elizabethton, TN



THURSDAY

7:15 AM | Johnson City Morning—Food City Community Room, 920 N. State of Franklin Rd., Johnson City, TN

Noon | Kingsport-Downtown—Food City Crown Center, 1205 N Eastman Road, Kingsport, TN

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