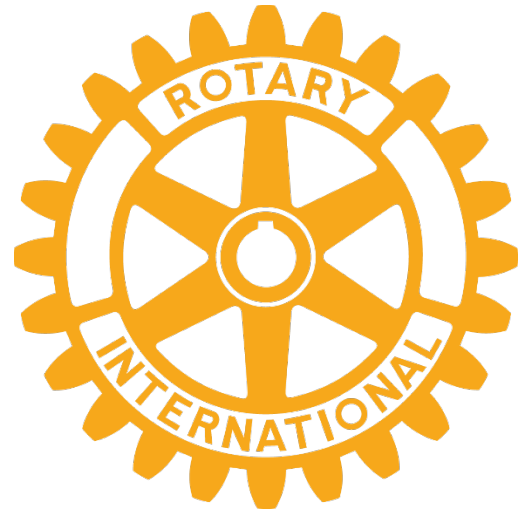


My Rotary World

I am a vital part of a worldwide organization of like-minded people.



Session Goals:

Review the purpose of Rotary.
Learn about Rotary's organizational structure.
Understand the Vision and Strategic Priorities.

Resources

- RI Action Plan 2021-24
<https://my.rotary.org/en/learning-reference/about-rotary/action-plan>
<https://my.rotary.org/en/document/action-plan-flyer>
- The Object of Rotary Connect for Good
<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/document/576>
- Rotary Basics
<https://my.rotary.org/en/document/rotary-basics>
- Rotary Governance Documents <https://my.rotary.org/en/learning-reference/about-rotary/governance-documents>
- Rotary Global History Fellowship (RGHF)
<https://rghf.org/>

All PDF materials are available at www.rlifiles.com

Session Prep

Have a flip chart or whiteboard available. During the True or False session be careful to maintain each participant's dignity. When someone guesses wrong, simply ask, "Who agrees?" then redirect to a person with a different opinion. Ensure you understand the roles of the District, Zone, and RI completely!

Session Activities

1. Why did you join Rotary?
Attain good cross section of answers
2. What does Rotary believe in? (core values & Object of Rotary)
3. How does this connect with why you joined Rotary?
Compare how their goals match Rotary's goals

Transition: It sounds like we all want the same thing! Lets take a look at how Rotary is structured and how it works.

1. How is Rotary structured? *Refer to the Organizational Structure handout. Be sure they realize that the club and members are the heart of Rotary. Note that the Rotary Foundation is separate from RI!*
2. Why does Rotary have this structure? *To provide assistance to the clubs & members.*
3. How can these people help you and your club? *Review the Help at Every Level handout and the duties of the positions in relation to the clubs.*
4. How does the Rotary Foundation support the core values of RI?

Introduce the True / False game. Use a flip chart to record "duties" at each level. Be prepared to lead discussion after each question.

True or False!

1. My club is autonomous. MOSTLY TRUE
What does your club have to do to remain a club? (*pay dues and allow the district Governor to speak*)
What is the purpose of a club? What does it do?
2. My dues are used only for the benefit of my club. FALSE
Where does your money go? (*District & RI*) *Some clubs add club dues to the invoice – that money stays with the club.*
3. I am a Rotarian. I belong to Rotary International. FALSE (*the club belongs to Rotary International. The member belongs to the club.*)
4. The District exists to provide support for our club. TRUE
What does the district do for the clubs?
5. The Assistant Governor that visits our club is next in line to be the District Governor. MAYBE (*some AGs do become DGs*)
What is the role of the AG?
6. I can access information about my District online. MAYBE
Does your district have a website? Does your zone?
7. I am just a member. There isn't much on the RI website that is of value to me. FALSE
Who has been to the website?
What did you find there? (*training in the Learning Center, reports*)
8. Zone tells the district what to do. FALSE
What does Zone do? (*support districts with resources*)
RI uses Zones to organize elections of Directors and RI officers
9. Rotary International tells the district what to do. MOSTLY FALSE
What does RI do? (*provides guidance & resources*)
10. When we are finished with this session. I will know everything about Rotary! PROBABLY FALSE

Transition: Ok, if we don't know everything now. Where can we find the answers we want?

Review websites starting with www.rotary.org include district websites, club websites, databases (clubrunner, dacdb, etc.), and RLI websites.

Wrap up the session by asking how they could use this information in their clubs.

Summary:

- The structure of Rotary serves the clubs and Rotarians.
- The Object of Rotary gives us all purpose.
- Support is available from all levels of Rotary.

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Object of Rotary

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

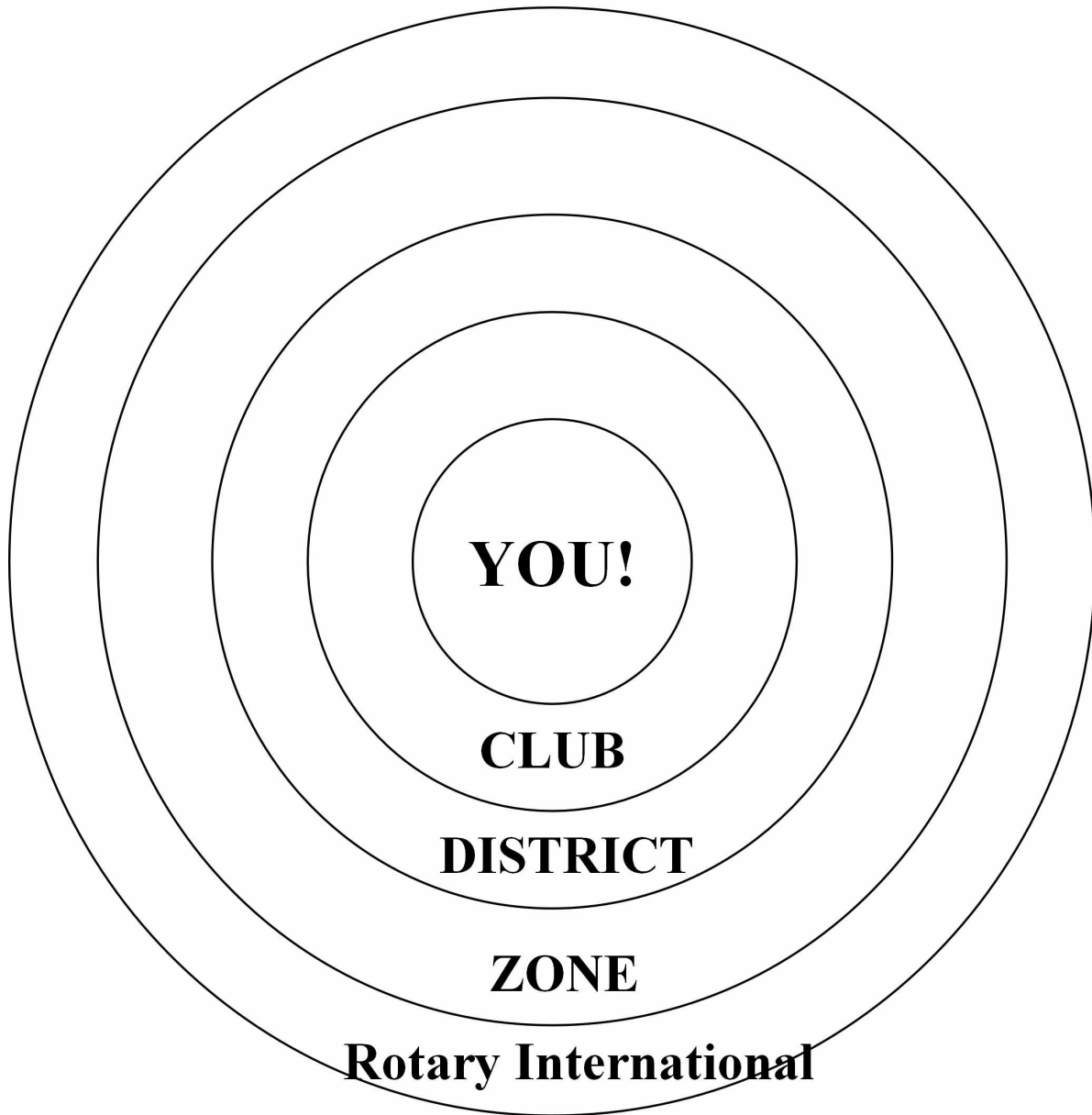
- I. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;*
- II. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to service society;*
- III. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;*
- IV. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.*

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Rotary Organizational Structure



**The
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Help at Every Level!

District

Governor
Assistant Governor
District Rotary Foundation Chair
District Public Image Director
District Membership Director
Other District Chairs!

Zone

Director
Assistant Rotary Coordinator
Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator
Rotary Public Image Coordinator
End Polio Now Coordinator
Endowment and Major Gifts Advisers

Rotary International

President
General Secretary – John Hewko
Learning Center - online at www.rotary.org
Rotary Foundation Team
Branding Team
Council on Legislation (COL) and Council on Resolutions (COR)
Rotary Governance Documents - online at www.rotary.org
Rotary Constitution (updated by COL)
Rotary International ByLaws (updated by COL)
Standard Rotary Club Constitution (updated by COL)
Recommended Rotary Club ByLaws (changed by the club)
Rotary Code of Policies (updated after every RI board meeting)
Rotary Foundation Code of Policies (updated after every TRF board meeting)
Rotaract Club Constitution (updated by COL)
Recommended Rotaract Club ByLaws (changed by the club)
Manual of Procedures (updated by COL)