

Presidents-elect Training Seminar: Discussion Questions

Please take a moment to review the following discussion questions. Advance review of the *Club President's Manual* and thought regarding these elements will help prepare you for your training and maximize the effectiveness of the time spent together with district leaders and your fellow incoming presidents.

The Four Elements of an Effective Club

What are the four elements of an effective club?

What is the role of the club president in improving the effectiveness of your club?

How will district leaders support you to help increase your club's effectiveness?

Roles and Responsibilities of the Club President

What are the characteristics of an effective club president?

Who will you work with to maximize the effectiveness of your club?

Goal Setting

Why is it important to set goals at the club and district level?

What are some ways to ensure that a goal is realistic?

What are some strategies that your club can use to ensure that a goal can be achieved?

Club Administration

What should you know about your club's bylaws before taking office?

What are some things you can do to help ensure that your club is financially healthy?

What are some of the events for which club presidents must prepare?

Resources

What resources are available at the club level?

How would you find district leaders who can help you?

What are some useful community resources?

Membership: Recruitment, Orientation, and Retention

Why is membership important to you as club president?

What are some of the challenges to attracting new members? Does your club adequately represent the business and professional interests of your community?

What are some key elements in an effective orientation program?

Membership: Recruitment, Orientation, and Retention, continued

What steps can your club take to retain members? What steps can your club take to attract new members?

What successful strategies have you used in your club that you would like to share with your fellow incoming presidents?

How can you determine and measure how well your club is meeting the needs of its members?

How can you determine and measure the reasons why members have left your club?

What Motivates Rotarians?

What motivates people to be active members of Rotary?

How can participation in local or global community service projects motivate club members?

Why is recognition important?

What activities has your club conducted that have motivated your members?

Effective Service Projects

What are the basic elements of an effective service project?

What steps must be taken to implement an effective service project?

How are international projects different from other service projects?

Why is it important to perform an evaluation for every club project?

Has your club conducted any effective service projects that may be undertaken in other clubs within the district?

The Rotary Foundation

What is the mission of The Rotary Foundation?

Why is The Rotary Foundation different from other charitable organizations?

What is the source of funding for The Rotary Foundation?

Where can you find out more information on the programs and activities of The Rotary Foundation?

Can you share any successful strategies to promote The Rotary Foundation (both in program participation and funding?)