



ZONE 28 ROTARY COORDINATOR

Serving Districts

5580, 5650, 5950, 5960, 5970, 6000, 6220, 6250, 6270, 6420, 6440, 6450

Bigger Better BOLDER

NEWSLETTER FOR ALL DISTRICTS AND CLUBS IN ZONE 28

Submitted by Rotary Coordinator Mary Beth Growney Selene, July 2010

WHAT IS A ROTARY COORDINATOR?

We have been asked to serve our Zone as a resource to all of our Districts and Clubs, on all programs and projects related to Rotary International. Our International President, Ray Klinginsmith has consolidated the majority of previous "Resource Coordinators" and the "Regional Rotary International Membership Coordinator" program into the Rotary Coordinator responsibilities. Because of its vast importance to all of our Districts and Clubs, the Zone Public Image Coordinator remains a part of our team. We are here to serve you. Your **Rotary Coordinator** team is ready to assist your Districts and Clubs with all of your efforts to **BUILD STRONGER ROTARY CLUBS**.

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Apply Cowboy Logic and make Clubs BIGGER BETTER BOLDER

"I believe the way for Rotary to remain viable and vibrant in the next century is to help our Clubs to be bigger, better and bolder.

- Take pride in your work
- Talk less and say more
- Do what has to be done
- Some things aren't for sale

The Clubs are the life and breath of Rotary."

-Ray Klinginsmith, RI President, 2010-2011

Color Outside the Lines

The sign of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results.

The trend in Rotary has been that we do the same things over and over and hope that this time, this year, this event, will net us different results. To date, we have not seen different results. So what do we do to change our course of action?

- ◆ How do we make our fundraising activity net more money?
- ◆ How do we engage our new members to become actively involved in our Club's activities?
- ◆ How do we develop leaders beyond the Club level?
- ◆ Who do you talk with at your community's high school to begin a dialogue on chartering an Interact Club?
- ◆ How does your community address the need to provide service opportunities to our young adults, considered to be "New Generations Service"? Does it make sense to begin the process of sponsoring a community based Rotaract Club?
- ◆ Are all Clubs in our Districts actively engaged in all FIVE AVENUES OF SERVICE?
- ◆ Do we ever invite our Youth Exchange "Host Parents" to come to our Rotary meeting and then ASK them to join Rotary?
- ◆ Are all of our Clubs creating welcoming environments for their members, guests and visiting Rotarians?
- ◆ What other ideas can we come up with that enable us to "Color Outside the Lines"?



Impact of the Actions of the 2010 Council on Legislation

Effective July 1, 2010 unless otherwise noted

Actions of the Council that Impact Clubs

1. A New Kind of Rotary Club is Possible – E-Clubs

District Governors (with District Club Extension Chairs) now have an option to form two "E-Clubs" in their District. E-Clubs function like a regular Rotary Club with service projects, fund-raising and fellowship opportunities, but they meet primarily through the internet. Members can be located anywhere and participate in local Rotary activities to provide service to others, promote integrity, advance world understanding, goodwill and peace.

2. Ensuring Transparency and Continuity in Club Changes

- a. Clubs must inform their District Governor, when they wish to change their name or locality, at least 10 days before the Club votes on the proposed change.
- b. The immediate Past President is a Club Officer and a member of the Club's Board of Directors.

3. Recognizing the Importance of Youth by Rotarians

AVENUES OF SERVICE

New Generations Service was added to the *Avenues of Service*, recognizing the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities, service projects and exchange programs. This avenue includes Interact, Rotaract, RYLA, Youth Exchange and other Club-level youth initiatives.

4. Reinstatement and Termination of Rotary Clubs and Members

- a. When a Suspended Club shall be Reinstated or Terminated:
The RI Board of Directors shall reinstate a Club that has been suspended when:
 - Full payment of dues, other RI financial obligations, or District funds have been received;
 - The Club has addressed any allegations in relation to violation of applicable law regarding the protection of youth;
 - Issues leading to discipline for cause have been resolved;
 - In all other cases, if the suspension has not been resolved within six months, the board shall terminate the Club.
- b. Failure to Comply with Foundation Stewardship Policies:
The RI Board may suspend or terminate the membership of any Club that retains a member who misused TRF funds or has breached TRF stewardship policies.
- c. Membership Termination for Other Causes:
When the Club's Board considers the termination of a member, the guiding principles shall include Rotary's high ethical standards.

5. New Options for the Official Rotarian Magazine

- a. Official Magazine – in the USA and Canada:
Choose how you wish to receive the magazine, either by mail or the internet (no change in dues).
- b. Official Magazine – Required Subscription:
Two Rotarians residing at the same address can subscribe jointly (no change in dues).

6. Clarifying Club Financial Matters

- a. Forfeiture of Property Rights:
Terminated members also forfeit any interest in Club property.
- b. **Per Capita Dues:**
Dues will increase from \$25.00 per half year in 2010-2011 to:
 - **\$25.50 per half year in 2011-2012**
 - **\$26.00 per half year in 2012-2013**
 - **\$26.50 per half year in 2013-2014**

7. Practical Changes to Member Attendance Rules

Excused Absences:

- a. Excused absences do not extend for longer than 12 months.
- b. Age of the member is 65 and above and the aggregate of the member's years of age and years of membership in one or more Clubs is 85 or more. The member must notify the Club Secretary and the Board must approve the request.
- c. If an excused member attends a Club meeting, they shall be counted in the Club's attendance figures.

8. Qualifications for New, Current or Transferring Members

- a. Respecting Club Diversity:
No Club may limit membership based on sexual orientation.
- b. Clarifying Financial & Membership Status of a Former Rotarian Wishing to Transfer or Join a new Club:
Clubs accepting a transferring or a former Rotarian must first secure a certificate from the former member's Club confirming the membership of this individual and verification that the former member does not owe any debts to their former Club. The former Club is obligated to provide a statement validating if any monies are owed by this former member of their Club.
If any monies are owed, the prospective member is unable to join the new Club until such time as all the monies have been paid.

Actions of the Council that Impact Rotary Districts

1. Club Status Report to Governor-Elect

After the Governor-elect is named and before the International Assembly, the District Governor will share the status of Clubs, along with strengthening strategies.

2. District Meetings-Dates and Voting

- a. District Training Meetings:
The District Assembly shall be held in March, April or May. The Presidents-elect Training Seminar (PETS) shall be held in February or March.
- b. Voting by Proxy at the District Conference:
Clubs may designate a proxy for any absent electors.

3. Simplifying District Election Procedures

- a. Selection of Governor-Nominee:
The nominating committee shall notify the District Governor of the candidate within 24 hours. The District Governor shall inform Clubs within 72 hours.
- b. Challenging Governor-Nominee Candidates:
The home Club of a challenging candidate must file a resolution with the District Governor within 14 days of the District Governor's announcement. Clubs wanting to concur with a challenge must adopt a resolution at a regular Club meeting. The District Governor notifies all the Clubs within seven (7) days that a valid challenging nomination will be voted upon in a ballot-by-mail or at the District Conference. The notice shall include the name and qualifications of each challenging candidate, and the names of the challenging and concurring Clubs. Where no valid challenging nomination is received, the District Governor shall declare the candidate of the nominating committee as Governor-Nominee.
Clubs in existence for at least one year may propose a challenging candidate, provided the Club had previously suggested the candidate to the nominating committee. Clubs existing less than one year may only propose a challenging candidate that is a member of their Club and if the name was previously suggested.
- c. Ballot-by-Mail Specifications:
The ballot sent to all Clubs shall be signed by all balloting committee members.
- d. Special Elections:
When a District Governor-elect position is vacant less than three months before the International Assembly, the next governor in line shall automatically fill the vacancy, if he or she is willing to do so.

4. Election Complaints in Writing and Limitations on Numbers

- a. Written Complaints Only:
A Club's written complaint is required for protesting an RI selection process or the result of an election.
- b. Repeated Election Complaints from the Same District:
If there are two or more District Governor complaints filed in a District in a five-year period, and it seems procedures have been violated, the Board may:
 - disqualify the nominee/candidate(s) and select a Past District Governor to serve;
 - remove from office any District Governor, District Governor-elect, or Past District Governor who improperly influenced or interfered in the election process;The RI Board may also dissolve any District and reassign Clubs to other Districts in there are **three** or more election complaints in a five-year period.

5. Increase to the Minimum Size of a District

The RI Board may eliminate or change the boundaries of any District with fewer than 33 Clubs or fewer than 1,200 Rotarians. (Effective July 1, 2012.)

"I have always believed that the real work of Rotary, the work I have seen in this past year, was not done by me or by any member of the Board of Directors of Rotary International. It was done by you-in every one of your Districts, in every one of your Clubs, and in every one of your communities."

-John Kenny, Rotary International President, 2009-2010

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

STRATEGIC PLAN

Update to Rotary Clubs



"This is a changing world. We must be prepared to change with it"
Paul Harris, 1935



MEMBERSHIP HISTORY

As of March 31, 2010

District	Clubs	Members	Clubs-3 yrs. Decline	Clubs-3 yrs. Increase	Clubs below 20 members	New Clubs
5580	66	3,269	17	14	20	3
5650	46	2,455	13	6	8	2
5950	60	2,923	20	9	3	3
5960	64	3,280	9	12	4	1
5970	56	2,959	13	13	4	0
6000	62	4,216	20	9	6	1
6220	41	1,934	14	4	2	0
6250	60	3,363	17	8	5	1
6270	58	3,281	18	8	3	0
6420	49	2,180	17	5	7	2
6440	70	2,648	21	14	4	2
6450	65	2,258	14	12	23	5
TOTALS	697	34,766	193	114	89	20

Notes:

- a. All of the numbers included above have been provided to us by Rotary International, based on information provided by the Clubs in each District.
- b. Please review all information relative to your District and advise Mary Beth Growney Selene of any discrepancies.
- c. New Clubs recorded are those chartered since 2004. Please advise Mary Beth Growney Selene of any discrepancies.

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