

## Rotary Happenings 1/11/25 Breakout Group- Barbara Vouris- Scribe Report

Q1: Why is Rotary important to you?

- Funds for RYLA, Leadership, Youth Personal Growth Introvert-Extrovert
- Great outlet for youth
- Making a difference
- A way to give back to my community, specific reasons- Mental Health
- Business networking exposed me to meet people, had more impact with rotary than individually
- Exposure to Host families for Rotary
- Expand community service for youth & seniors
- Rotarians have gifts of Fellowship
- Participation locally & globally
- Born to serve- Increased amount of service I can do, Learned about my local community not just where I work
- Mental Health- reduced stigma from 40 years from ROTC and currently identified Veterans that need help

Q2: How do you share or invite someone to come to rotary?

- Street Fairs
- Meet & Greet
- Rotary events in the community
- Apple fest Invites, Duck Race Event, Cookies
- Membership drive at local bar/pub
- Speakers
- Winery events, Breakfast meetings, Passport club option
- Flexibility
- Community Leaders needs analysis
- Young People like service oriented, RYLA last day Pitch to parents about Rotary; 300-400 student's parents attend that day!

Q3: Who is your neighboring club and have you worked on projects or fundraising together?

- Islip- Both Fellowship and Fundraiser with Bay Shore Rotary (Snapper Derby) (Day of Service); Sayville- Fellowship joint meetings every year
- Babylon & Hicksville- fellowship
- Southold & Greenport- Fundraising Event since 1945
- Hempstead-Uniondale with Freeport
- Lindenhurst fellowship with Amityville;
- Farmingdale Breakfast Club- fellowship, support events on district level, Lindenhurst joint meetings, electric cars

Q4: What is the value of different Meetings? Regional? District Happenings? Gen trainings? PETS/PELS

- Meeting new people at District happenings

- PETS/PELS: An exchange of ideas, started a phone chain for presidents to support each other
- General trainings- valuable
- Individual results vs. club results , larger impact
- PETS/PELS- RO, Ro, Rotary; Harry Potter Magic Wand for the Magic of Rotary
- Roger- Brooklyn- Rotary makes the world a better place, Hicksville South-“If you change one person, you change the world”

Q5: What can the District do for you and what can you do for the district?

- District can add public speaking like Toastmasters Training
- Publicize the platform, learning center, get the information out at our local levels.
- Participate on a District Committee- Membership, DG Interview Committee,
- Find ways to bring back ideas to club and create more interest and enthusiasm
- Use the district Speakers
- Generate what inspired you at District Happenings Meetings
- Narcan Training for District and Local meetings
- Weekends/Evenings “Presentation Skills”