



Rotary Club of Granville

PO Box 296 • Granville Ohio 43023

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GRANVILLE ROTARY PROGRAM POLICY

OVERVIEW

- The Club will not allow political programs without presenting both sides of the issue.
- Members generally shall not use the Program for any form of promotion: personal, business or cause.
- The intent of the Granville Rotary Club is to organize and provide informative programs on timely contemporary issues and events in a stimulating format to its membership. The Program Committee should endeavor to open its schedule to insert programs concerning timely issues of significance to the Granville community and to the Rotary Club membership. Programs are not objectionable merely because they are controversial.
- Programs shall endeavor to further The Four-Way Test, should be presented in a manner showing good taste, and should not seek “shock” value merely for the sake of shocking the audience. At all times, appropriate language should be observed, in keeping with the family nature of many of our meeting guests.

POLICY

The following Program Policy guidelines are adopted by the Board of Directors.

Political Programs

- The Club shall not take political positions.
- The Club shall never endorse any political candidate. The Club may on occasion endorse a ballot issue, upon action of the Board of Directors.



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- The Club shall never present a program or distribute literature or permit any announcement in support of any political candidate or ballot issue of any kind, unless such program or announcement genuinely attempts to present both (or all) sides of the topic on the same day or at the next subsequent meeting.
- The term “political candidate” shall include declared candidates for any elected position at any level of government, whether partisan or nonpartisan.
- The term “ballot issue” shall include any matter subject to public vote within any political subdivision, whether constitutional or charter amendment, initiative, referendum, tax levy or otherwise.
- A political candidate shall not present any program before the Club, whether in support of his or her candidacy or otherwise, during the period when he or she is a declared candidate for election or re-election to any office.
 - A political candidate may attend a meeting of the Club as a guest, but shall be introduced by name only and shall not be identified as a political candidate.
- Except as prohibited above, elected and other public officials are suitable speakers for programs from time to time, especially concerning issues regarding the welfare of the city, county, state, and nation.
- The Club President, Secretary and Program Chair shall have special responsibility to uniformly enforce this policy. When application of this policy is unclear, the matter shall be submitted to the Board of Directors for final decision.

Promotional Programs

- There will be no direct solicitations of any kind, except to promote Rotary programs which have been approved by the Board of Directors. Examples of approved Rotary programs would include Polio Plus, Wine Festival, Firecracker Five, etc.



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- Rotarians will be permitted to make a three-minute announcement in support of a non-Rotary fund solicitation with the prior approval of the Program Committee and Board of Directors. At such time, flyers, pamphlets or other information applicable to the announcement may be left at the place setting.
- In general, solicitations for book sales or other products (authored by a program speaker) are not encouraged. However, specific cases may be approved by the Program Committee.
- A program is not objectionable merely because the speaker may talk about his or her business or organization.