

Ann Voves and Kelly Lane 10-22-19

Attending - Jim Whitacre, Carolyn Weyrick, Amanda Weidman, Mike Dunbar, John Schneider, George Pilant  
Jacki Farrar, Jonathan Murray, Don Hansen, Michelle Roberts, Jennifer Weddermann, Cynthia Darland, Brenda Gasper,  
Gabe Bringman, Greer Todhunter

1. How has Rotary benefited your life?

Rotary has my people!

Meeting lots of people

Local and international focus

Camaraderie, different businesses, diversity

Feeling of belonging, community, contributing

Friendships

Opportunity to give back, be active in community

Youth exchange

Choices of how to do local service

Welcoming spirit

Interesting and good people

Be involved, opportunities

The people

International work, trips

Help / projects / advice

2. How can that passion and enthusiasm for Rotary translate into talking/inviting other like-minded people to Rotary #8 (friends/family/co-workers/people in the community with a Rotary heart of service)?

Active membership = More good

Projects that are attractive to more people outside the group / prospective members

Stimulates excitement

More awareness of rotary in community

Idea = "polio + pints"

Activities that include outsiders

People with passion for community service

Younger generation

What's our demographic? Marketing via. Facebook?

Socials, open to public events

Everybody to bring one friend = powerful

Invite someone for Veteran's Day program – vet, etc. – need fresh program – maybe talk about family members & other veterans and their stories

3. Brainstorm people that may be good Rotarians and don't even know it (this will assist our membership committee)!

110th Anniversary – Lifetime Achievement Award Committee

Contractors – Walsh, Absher, BJC

Anders Ibsen

Mike or Joe Lonergan

Tom Pierson

Tap into non profits = i.e. American Cancer Society

Joe Gordon should designate a successor, as should all older members – their kids!

Host: Sharon Chambers Gordon; Co-Host and Notetaker: Kim Bedier Attending – Grisaffi, Echtle, Quante, Serface, Laird, Bailey, Willis, Self, Jaffe

1. How has Rotary benefited your life?
  - Associate with like-minded people
  - Do projects that do good, with good people
  - Made good friends
  - Takes us outside of our normal circle of people – see things through different eyes
  - More aware of issues in local community and world wide – learn/discuss/participate
  - Program committee does a good job – we have great speakers – I am educated and informed
  - Excited for new younger energy as we continue to be involved in the community
  - We have the pulse of the community and the world at large
  
2. How can that passion and enthusiasm for Rotary translate into talking/inviting other like-minded people to Rotary #8?
  - Group projects: invite people to participate in projects
  - Be more involved – pull in community members by showing them a hands on activity – sparks interest in the Club
  - Rotary is a bit of an enigma to younger generation – how do we break that impression that it is a “stuffy old boys club” – younger female member present commented that she was pleasantly surprised to meet other younger women in the Club and that “Rotary is cool” – how do we let people know this?
  - Invite guests when there is a speaker they might be specifically interested in
  - We do have diversity in the club – age/gender/ ethnicity – like the energy
  - Identify who can afford it, in terms of cost, time, energy – who can truly participate
  - People of diversity must see others like themselves – then can be ambassador for others
  - What’s in it for me? What is the benefit of joining – heart for service
  - Have a specific diversity committee or initiative – how can we better diversify our club – make effort to engage others – step out of our comfort zone/social circles
  
3. Brainstorm people that may be good Rotarians and don’t even know it.
  - Focus on diversity – reach out to diverse leaders in community and ask them to a meeting
  - Assign people to ask specifically – be pro-active – set a specific goal for diversity
  - What is in our elevator speech to recruit with – do a program do educate members so we can effectively recruit others – identify that there are connection points for everyone, social opportunities, community projects, programs/lunch, etc – something for everyone no matter what their motivation – so many ways to engage, network, gain knowledge
  - Develop our story/messaging for reaching out
  - Bring college alumni friends to EFN bag repack or other projects to expose to Rotary
  - Bring a friend to a Fireside – bring people to socials
  - UWT leadership – Interact club?
  - Who do you know that doesn’t look like you – invite them. People of color can feel “unseen” and need to be invited – lets challenge each other to invite others to Rotary – provide mentorship and engage them in activities
  - Be INTENTIONAL – we are each going to intentionally invite someone who doesn’t look us and that is 12 to start with!
  - We can be PEOPLE OF ACTION

## Minutes for Rotary 8 Fireside

October 22, 2019

Hosted By: Carol Webster and Kathryn Nelson

On a temperate night, a small but mighty group gathered at the lovely North End home of Carol Webster night to discuss what Rotary meant to them and to brainstorm about who might make a good fit as new members to the club. Nico, the Rotary exchange student from France, was also in attendance and he was a delightful addition to the group.

The question of the night was "How Has Rotary Benefited your Life?"

Peter Darling started out by remembering Bill Leake encouraging him to be an active Rotarian. Peter has found that the program "Read to Me" has been very meaningful for him because it makes such a big difference in the lives of the children who are regularly read to. He told everyone that "Read to Me" needs more volunteers.

Judge Kathryn Nelson spoke next. She is the President Elect for Rotary 8 and has been a Rotarian for 21 years. She said that after the death of her husband, Rotary was a life line. She is busy over the noon hour many times, but has made great use of the 5 o'clock meetings. She has traveled to India as a Rotarian and has found the friends and experiences she gets in Rotary to be extremely enriching.

Linda Kaye Briggs joined for business reasons (she was "voluntold" by her boss in corporate non-profit) but Rotary has been so much more to her. She said Rotary was a "slow burn" but when it was cooked, it was: "WOW"!! Linda birthed the first Literacy committee. She enjoys being with people who are like minded in service.

Carol Webster first visited a rotary meeting as a child in Pakistan and remembers Sikhs, Hindus Moslems, and Christians all sat peacefully together around the table. She said Rotary is her secular religion and that Rotary gives one an avenue to give back, to help the world.

Lisa Mansfield recalled how Judge Nelson invited her to a Rotary Meeting. Lisa was impressed by the heart of service that so many people have in Rotary. She loves being a part of the World Services Committee. It feels good to her to help people all over the world. She shared about her involvement with Baby Court and Kathryn Nelson explained what Baby Court was to the group.

Bill Duppenthaler was in Young Life for 35 years. Carol Duris invited him to be a Rotarian. He started a group called Legacy Leadership which reconnects men to their faith and to one another. As he is embarking on his new journey, he has found the Rotary family has been a meaningful addition to his life.

Some of the names that were raised to be prospective Rotarians were as follows:

Chystina Solum, Amber Austin, Randy Johnso, Duke Paulson, Maureen Sorenson, Diane Clarkson, Frank Cuthberson, Sally Mednansky, Lauren Walker, John Rossman, Kris Allot, and Twyna Nobles.

The evening was rounded out by laughter and a mighty good cheesecake. Carol and Kathryn could not have been better hostesses.