



ROTARY DISTRICT 5010 - Alaska
“Rotary Helping Our Communities”
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20 Tips for a Successful Year as a Rotary Club President

We’ve gathered some tips from around the District about how to be a successful Alaska Rotary Club president. Successfully inspiring and motivating your 2020-2021 club team and developing future club leaders are probably your most important tasks during the coming year. When your club team feel personally fulfilled by working with you in Rotary, you and your club will both look good and you’ll achieve your goals.

Tips from 2019-2020 District Governor Andre Layral:

1. Asking your team for their candid thoughts on your proposals and club initiatives before publicly presenting and committing to them. To be successful, a proposal must have buy-in from club members. Often, the best projects are proposed by a club member passionate about something and willing to do the work.
2. Taking time at one of your first board meetings to review the club’s prior year club goals entered in Rotary Club Central and finding consensus whether these goals are still appropriate or should be changed.
3. Knowing what success looks like and knowing how you will measure it.
4. Having a clear timeline for the year and do what is urgent and important first.

Tips from 2017-2018 District Governor Col. Harry Kieling (USAF, ret.)

5. Be humble. Be kind. Take Action!
6. Building consensus. Remember, every Rotarian is a volunteer choosing to spend their time helping you. You can’t order a volunteer to do something. Your job is to get them to want to do it.
7. Using gently self-deprecating humor. It’s OK to be the subject of your own gentle joke about yourself, but avoid anything that might seem unkind or inadvertently hurt, put down, or embarrass others.

Tips from 2016-2017 District Governor Michelle O’Brien

8. Planning your year the best that you can, but being very flexible as things can change rapidly.
9. Showing appreciation for all Rotarians, even if they aren't your style.
10. Having friendly, receptive interactions with every Rotarian, not just friends and the club’s leadership.

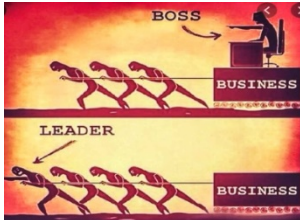
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11. Generously giving recognition and credit to others rather than trying to take personal credit for the efforts of others. Avoiding possessive terms like “my year”, “my board”, “my secretary”, etc. Remember that you’re the team’s representative and acting on their behalf.
12. Having an interesting program every week; starting and ending on time. That keeps Rotarians active.

13. Innovating and Evolving while keeping our best traditions. Find the mix that works for your club.
14. Service projects and good fellowship are the heart of Rotary and why most Rotarians join and remain active. These should be the focus of your year's activities and are the best way to improve membership.

Tips from Lt. Governor Rosie Roppel:

14. Leading from the front by example, not sitting back and "giving orders". That alienates members. Be the first person at a rainy day work project, the last to leave, and the last person in the food line.



15. Periodically reviewing our online resources for best practices and new ideas:

On the District 5010 web site: First Club Resources

<https://rotarydistrict5010.org/sitepage/club-resources>

President Resources

<https://rotarydistrict5010.org/page/president-resources>

PNWPETS Resources

<https://pnwpets.org/president-elect-resources/>

PNWPETS President training modules

https://pnwpets.org/modules_2020/

My Rotary Learning Center

<https://my.rotary.org/en/learning-reference>

Tips from Southeast area Assistant Governor Sharon Bergman

16. Delegating tasks and roles: You can't do it all and should focus upon leading the club. The Vice-President might focus upon weekly programs, the Immediate Past President for grants and project administration, and the President-Elect for service committees, which helps prepare them for next year.
17. Being upbeat, energetic, prepared, and enthusiastic when running your meetings and set a fun, positive tone, but don't monopolize the time. Ensure that every Rotarian has their time in the sun.
18. Making a big deal out of new members and Paul Harris Fellows unless they would prefer otherwise.
19. Being open to change and new ideas. Explore alternatives that might better suit some members.
20. Don't try to control every aspect of the club.