



ROTARY DISTRICT 6040

(Resources to Help You) Overcome Your Fear of Online Meetings

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With everything that's going on with the quarantine and social separation – Rotary Clubs around the world are looking for ways to engage their membership and continue their Rotary camaraderie and connection. Many have turned to online video meetings, such as Zoom. While it's not a perfect solution, it is proving to be a very adequate substitute in the interim before we can resume our full, in-person meetings.

As a District, we want to encourage and challenge you to jump into the world of online meetings. Following is a list of resources that will quickly bring you up to speed. And remember – your meeting doesn't need to be "perfect." Our members are friends and will celebrate with you the opportunity to get together in Rotary fellowship. Just begin!

Resources:

- A recent Rotary Zone meeting covered this topic
 - **Together, We Stay Connected: Tips for Rotary Clubs and Districts**
The video of the Webcast (featuring members of our own Waldo-Brookside Club!) is an outstanding resource, plus it offers a PowerPoint and additional PDF references. Visit the Zone 30-31 Web site at <https://www.rizones30-31.org/>
- Zoom offers an extensive array of how-to materials in their Getting Started section:
 - <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/categories/200101697>
- YouTube is an excellent resource, with many videos available to serve as an introduction to Zoom. For example . . .
 - George Kao: How To Use Zoom (plus Breakout Groups) -- Favorite Video Conferencing Platform <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6i-NA563Ojk&t=1360s>
 - In YouTube, search "Zoom Meeting Tips and Tricks."
- Learn by Watching!
 - Several clubs around District 6040 have already jumped into the world of Zoom calls – and are doing a great job of carving out their online space. You would be most welcome to sit in as a visiting Rotarian on any of these meetings to gather ideas for your own meetings. We're asking clubs which are hosting meetings in Zoom to post their meeting times and meeting I.D.s to the District 6040 Facebook page, to invite the District to "drop by."
- Take a look at Seth Godin's Blog: Zoom and Skype Call Tips -Excellent information!
 - <https://seths.blog/2018/09/how-to-be-on-a-zoom-or-skype-call-the-secrets-of-video-conferences/>