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Video Conferencing – *Staying Connected!*

It has been great to see just how many clubs (and District committees) have embraced the concept of connecting virtually. One club reported they had one of their highest attended meetings in quite some time and even inducted a new member. I have heard about clubs holding virtual socials and dinners to stay connected. Then there is the ingenious format the Barrie club came up with - a [YouTube meeting](#), that the members can view at their leisure. Many are including speakers...and above all are focussed on making them FUN.

Not already using Zoom, Google Meet, Skype, or some other platform, I strongly encourage you and your club to try it out. You could start off by asking to sit in on another club's meeting to see how theirs works. And you very likely have a tech savvy member willing to serve as the club's Virtual Meeting Coordinator.

There are many options to choose from...

- [District Zoom](#) - available to the clubs to use.
- [Clubs](#) - some have signed up for their own (free or paid) platform. I have created a [Club General Info template](#) and [Club Members Only template](#) that clubs can edit to incorporate the provider they have gone with.
- [Member Zoom](#) - Some Rotarians have made their business or personal video conferencing platform available to their clubs.

For more information about using Google Meet, available from Google Apps, at no cost for non-profits, meetings with up to 250 participants, and the ability to record and share on YouTube – please contact the Barrie-Kempfenfelt club [Secretary Robb Meir](#).

Yours in Rotary,

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