

The Rotary Advisor and Rotaract Club Relationship

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The WPI Rotaract Club

- Founded in December, 2014
 - 14 members, including 6 executive members
 - Students at WPI study engineering and sciences through 7-week term schedule
- Current project focus
 - Education and STEM awareness in the local community
 - Foreign aid for Syrian refugees
- Goals for this year
 - Increase club membership
 - Member retention
 - Image and reputation on and around campus
 - Engage in fundraising activities to support project work



Club Activities (To Present Date)

- EWB collaboration in Global Grant: Rainwater harvesting in Guatemala
- Community service
 - Mustard Seed
 - Food packaging
 - Breakfast events
- Humanitarian and Social Awareness Event: Together We Can
- Visioning and project selection



Visioning

- Special Rotarian ceremony designed to formalize club vision
- Ideally moderated by a Rotarian, but can be student-run
- Each member has input to voice opinions
- Vision statement is formed at the end of the process
 - Determines general direction of the club for the upcoming year
 - Open to change depending on the interests of the club
- Held annually for Rotaract as members change each year




Vision Statement

The WPI Rotaract Club will utilize the current academic year to develop a foundation for the club through long-lasting positive impacts in the WPI community that will raise awareness of our actions and enable us to pursue Rotary grants and larger projects in future.



SMART Action Plan

1. Research community service ideas
 2. Research recipients for care packages
 3. Develop fundraising plan
 4. Develop member retention/recruitment plan
 5. Establish contact w/ other Rotaract Clubs
 6. Pick a school to work with for local project
 7. Begin table-sitting activities at WPI
 8. Develop Rotarian mentor plan
 9. Create care packages for crisis areas
 10. Develop one year club budget
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Club Gains Through Rotary Advisor Assistance

- Better understanding of Rotary and its goals
- Open communication to seek guidance in club progress and development
- Encouragement to apply for Rotary grants and be actively involved
- Involvement in Rotary events and fundraisers throughout the year
 - Food packaging event
 - Scholarship breakfast
- Collaboration with Rotary on projects



Mentorship with WPI Rotaract

- Commitment is expected from both Rotary and Rotaract
 - Proper communication is key
- WPI Rotaract mentors
 - Carl Gomes and Steve D'Agostino served as mentors since foundation
 - Provided guidance and advice, offered inspiration
 - Club now mentored by Rodney White and Emily Buresh of Worcester Rotary
 - Currently are becoming familiar with the executive board and general club members
 - Have suggested areas of future focus, such as fundraising
 - Academic advisors from WPI: Prof. Lisa Stoddard and Prof. Blake Carrier
 - Provide a similar role to Rotary mentors
 - More aware of university logistics and rules



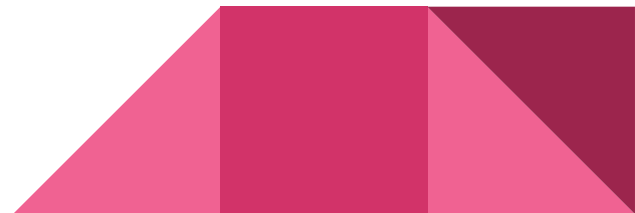
The Ideal Advisor-Rotaract Relationship

Do

- Encourage students to do more
- Treat students as young adults and potential future Rotary members
- Provide assistance when requested
- Suggest areas of improvement
- Develop a relationship with school administration
- Get to know the students

Do Not

- Assume Rotaract club members make the club their first priority
- Make executive decisions for the club without student input



Questions?