



Rotary District 5500 CLUB VISIONING FACILITATION Frequently Asked Questions

How can our club participate?

Club Visioning is an opportunity for your club to reach consensus on a focus and a vision for your future. It allows everyone to have an equal say. It values everyone's input. It is intense – and it is fun!

“Club Visioning” empowers Rotary clubs to determine their own vision and to work towards it. Club Visioning has been developed in North America over a nine-year period, and is currently assisting Rotary clubs in more than 50 Rotary districts across the USA, Canada and other parts of the world. The majority of clubs taking part in this program have achieved positive outcomes.

If your club wishes to participate – here are the steps you will need to take: Notify the District Visioning Coordinator of your interest -- Bob Shogren - cell (520) 603-6126, email bobshogren@cox.net.

- Ask club members to participate in a pre-event questionnaire (provided by the Visioning Team)
- Choose one club member to act as coordinator and contact (does not need to be the club president)
- The Visioning Event must be scheduled for a 4 hour block of time on a week night or weekend day.
- The club must secure a commitment from each participant to be on time and to stay for the entire event.

Some questions you might have:

Can we break this up into two sessions of two hours each?

It is not practical to expect to develop a five-year vision and action plan in shorter sessions. The program builds momentum throughout the evening to allow a consensus among all present.

Can you send me a written synopsis of the program?

Please read the article in the May, 2008 issue of The Rotarian, entitled “A Plan for All Seasons”.

What is the purpose of the Visioning Pre-event Club Profile and Rotary Visioning Questionnaire?

The Visioning Team needs some background and the perspectives of all of the club's members to prepare fully for your event. It also serves as a benchmark against which you can measure your future success.

Who and how many will you send as our Visioning Team?

We have a good number of fully-trained facilitators available to lead Visioning sessions. There are usually three facilitators assigned for a Visioning event.

How much will Visioning cost?

The only costs associated with Visioning are the costs associated with the production of the event, including some supplies, a projection screen, and two easel stands and pads event cost to the club over the cost of supplies. The clubs are expected to provide a meal for the training team (a “working meal” such as a sandwich buffet or box dinner is recommended for everyone). The visioning team facilitators will donate their time and travel expense.

Are clubs required to do this?

No, there is no requirement that clubs conduct a visioning event.

What will we actually have at the conclusion of the event?

The club will have consensus on a five year focus and action plan – as well as the tools and support necessary to further develop their action plan.

Will the Visioning Team return if we need them to do so?

Absolutely. In fact, a PowerPoint synopsis of the event and the results will be presented to your club following the Visioning event. Otherwise, your Visioning Team will be available to provide on-going support and follow up at your request.

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Why is the Visioning session being conducted?

Your Club has chosen to schedule the session because of its dedication to and desire to launch an effort to reinforce the planning principles promoted in the new ***Club Leadership Plan (CLP)***. This plan was announced at the 2005 Rotary International Convention. The first CLP recommendation is that each local Club develops a long-range plan to ensure continuity and consistency among leadership and programming and set the stage for future progress.

Who should participate from my Rotary Club?

The session is intended for all interested Rotarians in your club—from your newest members to your most tenured. The breadth and depth of the facilitation exercise is ensured when Club leaders and its opinion-makers participate. Participants will often represent current or past roles as president, director, and committee chair. Moreover, attendance is expected among present board members, the current president, president-elect, president-elect nominee, immediate past-president, and two other past presidents. Their collective involvement is essential.

Is there someone in my Rotary Club who will provide me more information?

Your club will have a “Coordinator” who will provide all the information and direction you will need before the session.

Where will it take place?

Your local coordinator will select a site that is comfortable, spacious, and convenient. Your coordinator will also take care of the meeting room environment. Our facilitation coordinator will communicate these requirements to your Club’s coordinator.

Who will conduct the session?

Fellow Rotarians who are interested in seeing individual Clubs grow will facilitate the program. They are experienced volunteers representing Rotary roles, including several PDG’s. They are experienced facilitators and knowledgeable about Rotary at local, district, and international levels.

What should I expect from the session?

The session will start at 5:00 PM with a light supper provided by your Rotary Club. You should expect the session to last 3 ½ to 4 hours. The location will be specified by your Club’s Visioning coordinator

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