Enhancing Your Rotary Club’s Public Image

Top 10 List of Best Practices

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Public Image is…

The way we present our club, our projects and programs within our group and to our community.

• To attract new members
• To attract people to our events
• To answer the question “What Is Rotary”
• We do that via our: website email newsletters social media posts flyers, brochures and ads
• Consistency is KEY to building a brand. Consistency builds TRUST in people as to who you are.

• Each Rotary Club has its own personality, its own history. It’s okay to use a historical logo here or there, but let it be secondary so you appear CURRENT, but still honoring your past

#1 Use the official Brand Logo
#2 Know your best resources

- It’s in your pocket
- Okay, it’s your phone…
- Mobile phones have great quality cameras for stills and videos
- Mobile phones make it easy to point, shoot and post quickly
- Mobile phones take us LIVE for even better engagement
#3 What makes for a good photo?

- Capturing the emotion in UNSTAGED moments, even if they’re actually staged.

- Understand photo composition and the elements of design.

- You can google tips on taking better photos. (Hint: don’t put your subject smack dab in the middle.)

- ZOOM IN!
  Seeing facial expressions = seeing emotions
#4 Write copy that puts the emotion to the 5 Ws

• Who, What, When, Where, Why
• Make a connection
• Tug at the heart strings
• Make someone chuckle
#5 Stay active on social media as best as you can

- Share the job between 2, 3 or 4 people so it’s not overwhelming

- TAG to take advantage of the wildfire way social media sends posts to others who don’t follow you

- SHARE with the District Pages! Let other Rotarians know the awesome stuff you’re doing. Just tag us! @RotaryDistrict6630.

- Share the JOY of being a Rotarian… the JOY of doing service work in hopes that it inspires others and maybe encourages new members.
#6 Become Friends with local press

- Read your local paper and see who’s writing about similar events and groups as Rotary.
- Create a media list.
- Email them a press release and follow up with another email or call.
#7 Create a PI Strategy and Calendar

- When to publicize events to public
- Plan posts that aren’t specific to a time or event. The more activity you have, the more you’ll rise in your followers’ feeds
- Planning and calendarizing multiple posts will make the job easier
- Makes it easy to share the workload
#8 Review Your Website

- Websites are the windows to a club, its members and its overall personality.

- What is YOUR club personality? Spend time deciding how you want to portray yourself on your website.

- Search other Rotary clubs for ideas.
#9 Make CANVA your new best friend

- FREE web app for designing attractive social media posts, images, flyers
- Has pre-set templates for a variety of social platforms
- Can add text and other graphics
- Can edit video
#10 Visit the NEW Brand Center

- SO much easier to navigate
- Easy to create branded graphics
- Easy to download images, videos, promo materials, etc.
Share with the world how awesome you are!