

Breakout Session - Service Projects

Discussion notes

Challenges

- Can't physically get to many places due to pandemic closure
- Hard to get people excited about a project when we aren't meeting in person
- How do people/groups in need reach out to Rotary for help
- How does Rotary get a project/support our community
- How to narrow club focus on projects - where is money and resources best directed
- What are other local groups doing - try not to duplicate efforts
- Where are needs in the community
- How to use our rotary influence in community
- Club approval steps/which projects are appropriate to support/align with club mission/goals
- Not all people in the club have the same passion
- Projects seem to be done by long term members, new members don't feel included or know what's going on

How are you finding projects

- Work with other clubs/cross collaborate on a bigger/regular project : Lak eSt Project
- Have a presence at the District Conference - tables/display/networking
- Base projects on your club's focus
- Creating awareness - create funding streams for "boots on the ground"
- Do in small bites - project every month, doesn't have to be major - meals, food delivery, building beds, playground equipment, municipal/park district sweat equity, tree planting, gardens, bike repair stations, project 360 (sandwich making)
- Add a plus 1 project - invite someone to join you!

How to Build Teams

- Search new members, invite to come along

- Create “Freshman Class” project to bond new members with experienced members - ie Rose Sale
- Mentorship program - assign new members to experienced members

See [My Rotary Link](#) - **Projects** for more info!

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