

7 Habits of Effective Rotarians

The idea for this article comes from Steven Covey's popular book entitled, "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People." Mr. Covey's research found that highly effective and thus successful people who made an impact in their various fields shared a specific set of character traits and habits. Over the past 10 years, leaders have written on the habits of effective Rotarians. This version is driven and adapted by some great work.

Vibrant Rotary clubs are driven by effective people. Let's look at the key habits.

1. **PARTICIPATION:** Effective Rotarians are engaged with a priority to attend club meetings and complete timely make ups. They are active on committees, fundraising and service projects. They are keen to attend all club events and district functions and even the Rotary International Convention.

2. **FELLOWSHIP:** Effective Rotarians enjoy and value their relationships and know that fellowship is a key to the value of Rotary. They go out of their way to talk to those whom they do not know and believe a stranger is just a friend they have not met yet.

3. **VOCATION:** Effective Rotarians respect every vocation. They firmly believe that each vocation provides a cog in the wheel and is important. They advocate living Rotary values and the Four Way Test in the workplace as part of excellence in each vocation.

4. **DISCIPLINE:** Effective Rotarians understand the value of self-discipline and know that productive accomplishments are hard to achieve without it.

5. **WORK, WEALTH AND WISDOM:** Effective Rotarians are purpose-driven in Rotary and contribute to success and impact with their resources. They are effective with the proper balance between their family, vocation and community.

6. **EMPATHY/SERVICE:** Effective Rotarians care deeply about helping others and seek to make a difference.

7. **IMAGE OF ROTARY:** Effective Rotarians know they are an important part of the great Rotary brand. They maintain a positive attitude and portray a good image of Rotary, both inside and outside the organization. They proudly wear their Rotary pin and clothing.

Effective Rotarians share their passion and pride with others. They tell their personal Rotary story. In so doing, they invite others to meetings and service projects to help grow Rotary, enhance impact and share the rewards of Service Above Self.

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