Monday, February 22, 2021

Dear Omar,

Welcome to the Rotary Club of Oshawa. You have joined an international organization of over 1.2 million “People of Action.” As a new Rotarian there are a TEN Items you can do to fast track your Rotary knowledge and better develop your Rotary network. I encourage you to work with your sponsor/mentor to complete these steps:

1. **Have coffee with three Oshawa Rotarians!**
2. **Oshawa Rotary Club webpage-** Google the Oshawa Rotary Club or go to [www.oshawarotary.ca](http://www.oshawarotary.ca) and save this website to your Favourites. I recommend setting up a Rotary Folder in your Favourites as you will have a few or many websites connected to Rotary!
3. **Club Runner-** This is the database many Rotary Clubs use to manage their membership. This database is also used by our Rotary Club District and Rotary International for registration at District and International events. Your information is private and confidential and can only be seen by yourself and limited number of Club (President & Secretary) and District officers for the purposes of managing the database. *I recommend that you work with your sponsor/mentor,* ***Rhonda Gorham,*** *to go online with Club Runner and set up your account.*
4. **Oshawa Rotary Club Ribfest Website-** similar to item #1 above go to [www.oshawaribfest.com](http://www.oshawaribfest.com) and save this website to your favourites.
5. **Oshawa Rotary Club Facebook Page-** If you’re already on Facebook, connect with the Oshawa Rotary Club Facebook Page where we post pictures of our weekly meetings and current events along with important updates from Rotary International.
6. **My Rotary-** This is the intranet for Rotarians internationally. There is a wealth of information on every aspect of Rotary. One of the many important features is the “Club Central Reports” where you can see the progress on our various club goals. *As mentioned above, I recommend that you work with your sponsor to go online and set up your account and access to “My Rotary.”*
7. **Rotary District 7070 website** Google the Rotary District 7070 or go to www.rotary7070.org and save this website to your Favourites. The District website keeps a calendar of upcoming events that are important networking, learning and fellowship activities of our Rotary year!
8. **Rotary Zone 28-** Rotary Districts are put together in zones creating the international network of Rotary. Our District 7070 is part of Zone 28 which includes all of Canada and parts of United States including Alaska. You can access the Zone 28 website by either googling Rotary Zone 28 or using the following link https://portal.clubrunner.ca/50077.
9. **Rotary Leadership Institute-** On two or three occasions per year our Rotary District puts on a Saturday full day workshop. You will need to watch for the upcoming events section of our District 7070 Website for dates and locations. The Rotary Leadership Institute is an excellent way to learn more about the many aspects of Rotary and enjoy the wider network of your fellow Rotarians of the other 54 Rotary Clubs of our District 7070. I encourage you to attend and take advantage of a great Rotary learning and networking experience!
10. **Rotary Direct-** The Rotary Foundation is one of the largest and best run Foundations in the world. The Rotary Foundation is the financial engine of Rotary and funds our many international projects such as International Peace Scholars, International Service Projects and the End Polio Campaign. I encourage you today to donate and support our important work through the Rotary Foundation.

Enclosed with your kit is an Organization Chart of our Club Executive and the many committees that keep our club ticking. Please review with your sponsor to see which committees you would like to work with. While we will make every effort to place you in the committees of your choice we may have to “draft” you into other committees like Ribfest where it’s all “hands on deck” as our major community event and fundraiser in August each summer.

Once again welcome to the Rotary Club of Oshawa. You have made a great choice to participate as a volunteer and make Oshawa and the Durham of Region as stronger community!

Sincerely,

President Trish Best

Club President

c.c. Rotarian Sponsor / Trainer