



The Arizona Rotary Leadership Academy

Course 1: How Rotary Works and AZ Rotary History: Its People and Events

SYLLABUS

GOALS

1. To become familiar with the history of Rotary International, with a special emphasis on the organization's history and growth throughout the years in Arizona.
2. To learn about, and honor, the Rotary leaders in Arizona who brought us where we are today as well as the Rotary events and programs that have had a positive impact on the citizens of Arizona.
3. To understand the reasons behind many of the changes undergone by Rotary in Arizona over the past 100 years, and how leaders can prepare to guide Rotary in Arizona over the next century.
4. To understand, and utilize, the resources and human factors in effective Rotary leadership.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Pre-class assignment: Review Rotary's history in general by visiting the Rotary International website and reviewing [Rotary's history under the "About Us" tab](#). (15 minutes)
2. Access and study the RLA online presentation, *How Rotary Works*. (Approximately 30 minutes).

Complete and submit to PDG Bret the 1-Minute Paper on the session.

Access and study the RLA online presentation, *A History of Rotary in Arizona—Its Leaders and the Events*. (Approximately 30 minutes).

Complete and submit to PDG Bret the 1-Minute Paper on the session.

3. Visit the [Rotary Learning Center](#) at My Rotary (you will need to sign in) and in the course catalog, click on “District Leadership.” You will see 29 courses on various district leadership roles. Choose a course that particularly interests you and complete the course. Once you complete the course, you will be able to download a certificate of completion. **Share that certificate with PDG Bret.** (Courses range from 15 minutes to 5 hours).
4. Visit the [Rotary Learning Center](#) at My Rotary (you will need to sign in) and in the course catalog, click on Public Image and enroll in the course, “The Rotary Brand.” It’s important that all Rotarians in Arizona – especially our leaders – understand the importance – and value -- of consistently promoting Rotary in Arizona as People of Action. **Send certificate of completion to PDG Bret.** (15 minutes)
5. Contact two past club presidents from your district (your own club is acceptable). Ask three questions: a.) what is their overall opinion of your district’s functions; b.) what do they think are the most important achievements of your district over the past 10 years; c.) if they had to serve as president again, what one thing would they do differently? (30 minutes)

Send a recap of your discussions to PDG Bret.

6. Each student will interview two assigned Past District Governors and submit a brief report on what you learned. During the interview it is suggested you discuss their goals, accomplishments, challenges, what made their year special and what single piece of advice most helped them prepare for their year in office. (Approximately two hours).

Send a recap of your discussions to PDG Bret.

7. Attend the September 23 live Zoom session on *Learning from the Past – Leading for the Future*. Agenda/invitation for the meeting will be sent out one week prior to the meeting. (Approximately one hour).

NOTES

1. All presentations (slide presentations) will be found on the RLA website for downloading.
2. For the live Zoom session on Sept. 23, a link and agenda will be mailed to you several days in advance.
3. Group assignments for the PDG interviews will be sent directly to you by PDG Bret.
4. If you have any questions, please contact PDG Bret at any time.

One-Minute Papers

Immediately following assignments 2 and 3, send PDG Bret a brief email with your reactions on the following:

- A. What was the best insight you received?
- B. What one thing NEW did you learn about Rotary in general, or Rotary in Arizona?
- C. Did you find any topic unclear or incomplete? If so, what was it?

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