

International Service Activities

Rotary club presidents and program committee chairmen are constantly on the alert for material which would be helpful in providing interesting club programs. Prominent magazines frequently publish interesting and informative articles relating to international service activities. Reprints of such articles often are available for the asking, and would provide excellent background information for a club program, a group discussion, fireside chat, or study of a particular phase of international service by the club's international service committee.

Nominating Committees in Districts

A few of the districts of Rotary International have committees for the nomination of the district governor. There is no uniformity in the procedure for naming these committees nor in their operation. Rotary International considers these committees entirely district matters and neither urges districts to have them nor endeavors to bring any uniformity into the naming and operation of these committees.

However, if any Rotary club or Rotarian desires information about the operation of the half-dozen or so district nominating committees which exist, the secretary of R.I. will, upon request, furnish such information as is available.

Senior Active Membership

I am at a loss to understand why people have the wrong conception about Senior Active membership. One does not lose his active standing by taking this type of membership. As a Senior Active member of my club I feel just as much obligation as I ever did. In addition to having all the privileges of a regular active member, I have this additional advantage: If I should move to another town, my place as a Senior Active member would always be open, whereas if I had a classification, this classification might already be represented in the club and thus I would be unable to become a member.

—Harry C. Bulkeley,
3rd Vice-President, R. I.

Rotary Is Not

Rotary membership is not a business asset, it is a personal liability. Rotary membership is not given as a recognition of past achievement. It means opportunity for future community service.

Rotary is not a debating society in which to settle differences or politics and religion or anything else.

Rotary is not an end—it is an ideal that grows daily.

—The Bound Brook (N.J.)
Rotarian

Rotary in Action

Springfield, Ohio, has a welfare committee, which has been functioning for 25 years. The club raises approximately \$2,700 a year for its crippled children work, employs an experienced social worker the year around, and provides her with an automobile. Recently the club gave \$3,000 to the City Hospital in Springfield, and this subsidy was accepted by the hospital as an aid in the establishment of a new department of physio-therapy for the treatment of infantile paralysis.

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Jubbulpore, India, finances a free canteen for troops in the local railroad station. Wives of Rotarians are on duty at all hours of the day and night to give the troops passing through a free cup of tea and a package of cigarettes.

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Medicine Hat, Alta., Canada, in 1943 held the largest and most profitable carnival in the club's history. The carnival is an annual affair. The net profit in 1943 was over \$7,000, and the club is happy to have this sum available for causes to help further the prosecution of the war and to improve social conditions and maintain morale on the home front.

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Launceston, Tasmania, Australia, Rotarians provided an amplifier for a local youth club, undertook the erection of buildings for a youth camp which was donated by a member of the club, now deceased, and arranged for repairs to the road leading to a boy scout camp.

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New Brunswick, New Jersey, Rotarians recognized the outstanding achievement of 66 local news carriers in selling over 6,000,000 ten cent War Savings Stamps since Pearl Harbor, by giving a Christmas party for the boys. A "certificate of recognition" was presented to each boy.

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Joplin, Missouri, Rotarians held their 28th annual Christmas party in December. It was a wartime party, stripped of all "frills," and the members had the satisfaction of knowing that their economies had made possible the salary of a "house mother" at "Teen Town" for three months, and the cost of a bus to transport blood donors to the Red Cross Blood Bank at Kansas City.

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Rajkot, India, purchased quinine for distribution among the poor.

Tried and True Methods

Noticing an increase of more than 50% in membership in the past six months, as well as an increase in club activity in the Rotary Club of Sunflower, Mississippi, Governor Daniel Boone wrote to the president of that club and asked how this had been accomplished. The president's reply is particularly interesting in that it proves once again that certain tried and true methods of Rotary club administration and procedure usually bring the same good results. Excerpts follow:

The progress of our club has been beyond my expectation. Our policy is to set a goal and then attempt to reach that goal.

After I was elected president of the club, and prior to my induction into office, I had the privilege and pleasure of attending our district meeting, and there I found such good fellowship and heard such inspiring addresses that I came home filled to overflowing with the spirit of Rotary. When I was inducted into office, I immediately began to try to impart this spirit to other Rotarians.

I was careful in the selection of committee chairmen. I placed on committees every member of our club and impressed upon each member that his committee was an important one, and that as a member of that committee, he had important obligations. . . .

We have insisted that our programs be given by local Rotarians, rather than by invited guests. It has been surprising how well this has worked. Men, whom you would least expect to attempt to make a talk would always bring us something worthwhile about their assigned subjects. . . .

We have tried to learn Rotary, live Rotary, and, as best we could, impart Rotary to others.

Bonds for the Foundation

Chairman W. W. Martin, of the Foundation committee of Rotary International, calls to the notice of all club officers the appeal of the Foundation for contributions of war savings bonds. "Serve two causes with one purchase" is the substance of the appeal. Purchase of a war savings bond registered in the name of the Foundation* serves the patriotic cause and serves the cause of Rotary.

It is the earnest hope of the Foundation committee that club officers throughout Canada and the U.S.A. will bring these thoughts to the notice of their entire membership and add their own personal urge to the members to act.

*Bonds should be registered as follows: Trustees of the Rotary Foundation, under declaration of trust executed November 12, 1931, and approved by the Board of Directors of Rotary International.