

with the handling of groups of men, as are you. We can't all have a good stock of appropriate stories, and tell them well, nor can we grab our hat and pull a rabbit out of it when we find ourselves in a hot spot. But, like the boy on the burning deck, we can have a bag of chestnuts handy for an emergency, which is sure to come some day, and then you will see how very useful they are.

Set Your Goal

Nothing is accomplished by chance; you know that as well as I do and have undoubtedly set up an objective for your year. The day I took over our club, I announced my objectives; in doing this, however, I tried to avoid setting up, in my enthusiasm, many things or any specific thing that might prove so difficult of accomplishment as to embarrass me in the future. My objective was - "To foster Rotary through the Charlotte Rotary Club"; this objective lent itself to interpretation and development during the entire year.

After your objective is announced, your ardent desire to carry it through will mean its success. And as you feel the thrill of accomplishment, you will work up the enthusiasm that is necessary to feed the desire and make your objective a developing proposition throughout the year. In this process, however, you will find that patience and time are also necessary, as well as the willingness to work, which is of prime importance.

Leadership is as necessary in the successful conduct of a Rotary club as anywhere else. Water does not flow above its source, so it is not to be expected that your club will advance beyond the point to which you lead it. And in leading it, use your splendid qualifications of leadership.

Your secretary is your most valuable helper and is ever ready to do what he can, so why not give him plenty to do?

Consult Your Directors, etc.

It is the duty of your directors to advise and guide you, which they will gladly do; however, you may have to compromise with them on occasion, as they have the same right to their opinions as you do to yours. I have found one of the best sources of information is the past presidents of the club; they possess the cumulative knowledge of their club from its start, and are flattered and happy to be consulted by you. One may even go further and say that the problems of a Rotary club are the problems of every member, and the more frequently your members are consulted, the more successful will be your year.

Meeting With Committees

I have mentioned time as being necessary for a successful year. You meet once a week. Your committees are constantly meeting. They look to you to meet with them, and the more frequently you can do so, the better they will like it.

Fireside Meetings

Perhaps no activity of Rotary contributes more to fellowship and friendship than fireside meetings. It has been said of one of our active national figures that "he surrounds himself with an atmosphere in which minds meet in confidence and tranquility." The fireside offers this atmosphere; can you picture a better place in which to discuss the problems of Rotary and service to your fellow man?

CLUB MEETINGS

Good Food

Let's look at a Rotary meeting: What is it? What do we do? Actually, we meet, eat, listen and go. What are the magnets that draw the fellows together for a Rotary meeting? Aside from the opportunities of fellowship,