# CLUB PUBLIC RELATIONS

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- Roles & Responsibilities
- Discussion on Components of Public Relations
- How can you help committee members serve effectively
- Goal Setting/ Action Plan/ Motivating
  Committee Members
- I Summary





#### ROLE



 Develop a plan to provide the public with information about Rotary and promotes the club's service projects and activities.



## RESPONSIBILITIES



- Achieving club public relations goals for the coming year
- Familiarizing yourself with RI resources
- Creating awareness of club activities among club members, media, and the general public
- Enhancing projects and activities to make them more appealing to the media
- Helping to create a public image conducive to membership development



#### COMPONENTS OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

- | Audience
- I Media
- News Releases
- Fact Sheets



### AUDIENCE

- Media (newspaper, radio, television)
- Local government officials
- Business community
- Civic leaders
- Community organizations
- People directly affected by Rotary service projects
- Students and educators
- Specialized media that cover a specific topic such as education or health





#### Media



Media is a broad term that can include television stations, newspapers, international wire services, the Internet, and the publications of other organizations and institutions.

Additional types of media include:

- Online publications
- Trade publications
- Public access cable stations
- Radio public affairs shows and talk radio
- Corporate newsletters
  - Nontraditional media such as billboards

### **NEWS RELEASES**

A news release is the most widely used means of sending information to the media. It can alert media to an event and serve as the basis of a news story. A good news release answers the basic questions of who, what, when, where, why, and how. Ensure that the release is objective and concise (no more than one page).





#### FACT SHEETS



A fact sheet provides basic information on Rotary, its history, objectives, and project emphases. Among Rotarians, fact sheets are used to educate new and prospective members; outside Rotary, they supply the media with background information, raise public awareness, and inform the general public of Rotary's activities. Find RI fact sheets at www.rotary.org.



## SERVING EFFECTIVELY



Before taking office, you have the following responsibilities:

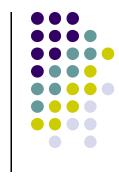
- Reviewing your committee's manual
- Attending the district assembly
- Reviewing your club's bylaws, which should contain information on your committee's purpose
- Working with the president-elect to recruit committee members based on their professional abilities and personal interests, and preparing them for the year
- Reviewing and establishing club long-range and annual goals with the president-elect using the *Planning Guide for Effective Rotary Clubs*
- Developing an action plan for your committee to achieve annual goals



#### SERVING EFFECTIVELY

- During your year as committee chair, you have the following responsibilities:
- Planning and conducting regular committee meetings and activities
- Holding members accountable for the responsibilities they've accepted
- Reporting committee activities and progress to the club president and board of directors and the full club
- Cooperating with the appropriate district committee on multiclub activities or initiatives
- Recognizing committee members' work and efforts





# ESTABLISHING EFFECTIVE GOALS



- To ensure that the goals established accurately reflect committee capabilities and club interests, committee goals should be
- Shared. Those who participate in setting a goal and developing strategies to achieve that goal are committed to implementing it. Consult with club leaders, club members, and district leaders in setting a goal.
- Measurable. A goal should provide a tangible point to pursue.
- Challenging. A goal should be ambitious enough to go beyond what the club has accomplished in the past.
- Achievable. Rotarians should be able to accomplish the goal with the resources available. Compare goals to previous goals achieved by the committee and the club.

Time specific. A goal should have a deadline or timeline.



#### **ACTION PLAN**



- **Developing an action plan.** The following steps can help you develop an action plan:
- Establish a time frame for each step.
- Determine who is responsible for implementing each step.
- Establish the criteria for measuring progress and success for each step.
- Consider the resources and tools available from your club, district, and RI to support the goal.
- Secure human, informational, and financial resources before taking action.
- Evaluate the success of previous goals and your current plan, making modifications as necessary.



#### MOTIVATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS



- Motivating committee members to follow the action plan.
  - Common motivators include:
- Belief that the goal will benefit the community and their club, district, and Rotary
- Opportunities for fellowship
- Opportunities for networking
- Belief that the goal is achievable and they will be successful
- Assignments that are challenging or use their expertise
- Recognition of efforts and time spent working toward committee goals
- Using these motivating factors can help maintain member commitment to Rotary and encourages continued participation in club activities.





# **THANK YOU**

