



Special Sessions ***Thursday, September 5, 2019*** ***Course Descriptions***

Essential Elements: The Trilogy

Public Image/Brand, Membership and Rotary Foundation District leaders will be part of in-depth sessions sharing best practices, successes, challenges and the latest information from Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation. Separate sessions are planned in the morning, with a combined session in the afternoon. These sessions will be facilitated by our Regional Leaders.

District Trainers

This half-day session specifically designed for District Training Leaders will focus on providing a better definition and role of District Trainers. The group will engage in a facilitated dialogue to share best practices and to identify opportunities to raise the role, priority and effectiveness of the District Trainer responsibility. In addition, District Trainers will have the special opportunity to meet with members of the Western PETS Alliance to discuss PETS, Pre-PETS and related training. This session's moderator will be Past RI Director Brad Howard.

Senior Leader Forum

Rotary Senior leaders will provide an update on new Rotary initiatives and programs, discuss the actions of the Council on Legislation and more. Rotary Senior leaders will take your questions, listen to your feedback and consider your input into these recent Rotary actions. This is your opportunity to directly interact with Rotary leadership so they understand your individual thoughts and concerns about the operation of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation.

These courses are open to all interested Rotarians and Rotaractors

Being an Effective Trainer

Facilitation is the process of guiding a meeting or discussion. Even if you have facilitated many times, this Session will improve your skills. If you are new to facilitation, you will learn the skills to increase your credibility and also to influence your participant's ability to retain knowledge. This Session will cover many subjects, such as "Preparing You for Your Role", "Characteristics of Adult Learners", "Hints For Success", "Nonverbal Communication", "Effective Questioning Techniques", "Handling Disruptive Behavior" and a host of other subjects. Whether you are a club president, district governor or a Rotarian that wants to improve your presence in front of a group, this Session will prepare you to be confident and enthusiastic about your presentation skills. In the end, you will become a more effective trainer and leader in both Rotary and your professional life! Past RI Director Steve Snyder will facilitate this session.



Events with Impact

Conducting District Conferences, meetings and recognition events that are memorable and effective is a true skill and a powerful communication tool. Through events we provide a multi-dimensional experience that touches our hearts and minds, connects and inspires us. Learn about creating outstanding events from Past RI Director John Blount, who chairs the 2019 RI Convention in Hamburg.

Public Speaking - Communication Tips and Methods for Public Speaking

This session is designed to build confidence, share tips and practice methods for speaking in public. For most people, it's their greatest fear, but it's an essential skill for Rotary leaders. Whether speaking to a room of peers or communicating the needs of a team, the use of techniques and skills will enhance your ability to effectively engage with people. This session will help you better understand how different people learn and how you can best impact each of these types by incorporating styles that are essential. We will discuss the importance of storytelling and importance of being vulnerable. Additionally, you will learn the formula for a proper introduction, a technique you can use when preparing in advance, or spur of the moment. It is succinct and designed to pique the interest of your audience and welcome the speaker prior to their presentation. PDG Shirley Grace will lead this session.

Servant Leadership

Servant leadership is a philosophy and set of practices that enriches the lives of individuals, builds better organizations and ultimately creates a more just and caring world. The servant-leader is servant first. It begins with the natural feeling that one wants to serve, then conscious choice brings one to aspire to lead. That person is sharply different from one who is leader first. The leader-first and the servant-first are two extreme types. Between them there are shadings and blends that are part of the infinite variety of human nature.

The difference manifests itself in the care taken by the servant-first to make sure that other people's highest priority needs are being served. The best test, and difficult to administer, is: Do those served grow as persons? Do they, while being served, become healthier, wiser, freer, more autonomous, more likely themselves to become servants? And, what is the effect on the least privileged in society? Will they benefit or at least not be further deprived? A servant-leader focuses primarily on the growth and well-being of people and the communities to which they belong. While traditional leadership generally involves the accumulation and exercise of power by one at the "top of the pyramid," servant leadership is different. The servant-leader shares power, puts the needs of others first and helps people develop and perform as highly as possible. – Robert K. Greenleaf in the Servant as Leader. Past RI Vice President Jerry Hall leads this session.



Images Telling a Story

RI staff photographer Alyce Henson will share her unique perspective on the Rotary world through the power of photography, along with tips for creating effective images of your own. “Capturing compelling images is one of the most important and universal ways to tell our story,” comments Alyce. A picture can indeed be worth 1000 words – join Alyce to learn how to harness the power of using images that tell a bigger story.

International Service Chairs

PDG Judy Byron will lead this interactive session focusing on the sharing of best practices for motivating clubs to get involved in small and large scale international service activities, acquiring strategies to work in partnership with fellow districts leaders to support service goals and the activities of the District Rotary Foundation Committee, and the establishing and managing district resource networks of local and regional experts with experience in project planning, Rotary’s areas of focus, and Rotary grants.

Peacebuilder Clubs

Learn about the growing number of Rotary Clubs both domestically and globally which have joined the family of Rotary Peacebuilder Clubs from expert PDG Mike Caruso. This designation was formed in response to an expressed desire to learn more about Rotary’s Area of Focus of Peace as well as to help foster the increasing interest in and support for The Rotary Peace Centers and the Rotary Peace Fellows Program. Rotary Clubs around the world have joined this group with the purpose of putting Peace into action in an organization that uses both District and Global Grants to partner together in helping to create a stronger culture of Peace in the Rotary tradition of Service Above Self and cooperation throughout the world.