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## CLUB DISCUSSION SESSION ONE

Well folks, I think what Sean put together for last week's session was a hit. Lots of great feedback in your comments as well as after the meeting. More to come this week as we finish up the questionnaire.

To briefly summarize some of the elements each group addressed so far from the Organizational Identity section:

Question 1: Why did you originally join Rotary?

- Get involved with the local community and pursue civic life.
- Great service organization that supported me, a new person in the community.
- Amber Alert
- Haven't joined yet, but interested in service and connecting with others.
- Was an Interactor, then a Rotaractor, and joined Rotary because of all the great international projects.
- Wanted to meet other people from town.
- Wanted to be a part of helping people.
- For the sociability, since I was already friends with several members.
- Networking with business professionals
- To learn about giving.
- Rotary's connection to Polio
- I had a free Monday.
- Impressed by the quality of the members and club projects.
- I came to America to do Polio research.
- To take my own service efforts and concentrate them with others.
- I was asked.
- Didn't know what Rotary was about, but got involved and really enjoyed it.

Question 2: How would you describe what Hamden Rotary is all about: who are we as an organization?

- Very involved with most avenues of service and hands on projects.
- A group of individuals working to help others.
- Serve the needs of children, the schools, and the library.

- A small group with a big impact.
- Ethics are very high.
- Everything is done for someone else.
- The right folks at the right time for the people who need it.
- Ability to identify needs and address them.
- The club appears to be a little bit adrift at the moment.
- We support local organizations, but because membership is declining, it's affecting our fundraising efforts.
- A service organization that raises money to help others in need.
- Does not have the fellowship that existed before.
- Dedicated group of people with different interests.
- Reaches out through Amber Alert
- Great International projects
- As a newer member, the club so far only seems to support long standing projects thru fundraising.

Question 3: What do you think are the best one or two aspects of us as an organization?

- Individual talents & caring people
- Experience
- Attempt to see community needs and address them
- Strong international service
- Both a Rotaract & Interact club
- A core group of dedicated people
- The Charm! *(Thanks, whoever said that ☺)*
- Some members are very active and effective
- A very friendly group
- A great tenacious core
- The water project

Question 4: Name two or three things you think the organization doesn't do well that you'd like to see changed?

- Can be expensive
- RI goals and local goals don't always mesh
- Shake up entrenched programs
- More hands on local projects
- More publicity
- Grow, nurture, and include new members, new programs, and new ideas
- Better publicity
- Clarify to others what Rotary is about
- Membership development
- Lack of new ideas and projects
- Failure in membership development



# THE CHARM



- Make the meetings more interesting
- New members
- Better and more fundraising
- More local projects
- Attract new members by showing relevance
- Support new ideas
- Too much doing things the way they've always been done.

Great discussion folks. This week we're going to dig deeper and answer the other seven questions. We'll get started promptly at 5:45.

## VISION PLANNING SESSION

I may be a little over the top telling you all about the vision planning session, but I'd like to take just a minute or two to refresh you about it.

Vision Planning is scheduled for next week Monday July 26<sup>th</sup> from 5 PM to 9PM, however please come no later than 4:45.

You will need to sign up in advance. I'll send a sign-up sheet around this week, although some of you have already committed to being there.

Please be aware that if you sign up, you're committing to stay the entire four hours.

Supper will be wrap sandwiches from Ray & Mike's Deli.

Estimated cost is \$10 a person based on anticipated attendance of 16 people. Costs may go down slightly if more people come. The maximum number is 20, so sign up quickly if you're planning to be there.

Once again, this session is especially valuable for club members who are not on the board.

RSVP by signing up this week at the meeting, or send me an email.

The list so far:

- Eric
- Jackie
- Rich
- John N.
- Cathy
- Cynthia
- A.G. Rick B.

## BOARD MEETING THIS WEEK

There will be a special board meeting this week with several key agenda items.

No Treasurer or Secretary reports are needed until the regular meeting on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## JOKE OF THE WEEK

Three sisters were sitting at the kitchen table. The first sister said, "I'm going upstairs to get my book." She got up and walked to the stairs and stopped abruptly.

"Was I going up the stairs or coming down?" she asked her sisters.

The second sister rolled her eyes and rapped the table with her knuckles saying, "Knock on wood. I hope WE never get as bad as her."

The third sister rose from the table and said, "You can say that again. Excuse me while I answer the door."

## MEETING SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Event
Mon	Jul 19 <sup>th</sup>	Club Planning Board Meeting
Mon	Jul 26 <sup>th</sup>	Club Vision Session (Led by District Facilitators) 5PM – 9PM <b>At Owen's Church</b>
Mon	Aug 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Board Meeting

## CAN'T MAKE THE MONDAY MEETING?

Town	Day	Time	Location	Address
Branford	Mon	12:15 PM	Italian-American Club	40 Hamre Lane
Hamden	Mon	05:45 PM	The Playwright	1232 Whitney Ave
North Haven	Tue	07:15 AM	Breakfast Nook	448 Washington Ave
New Haven	Tue	12:15 PM	Graduate Club	155 Elm St
West Haven	Wed	12:15 PM	App's Ristorante	283 Capt. Thomas Blvd
Orange	Fri	12:15 PM	Race Brook Ctry Club	246 Derby Ave
Woodbridge	Fri	12:15 PM	Coachman Square	21 Bradley Rd
E-Club (Dist. 7890)			<a href="http://www.rotaryclub7890.org/">http://www.rotaryclub7890.org/</a>	

*"In truth, people can generally make time for what they choose to do; it is not really the time but the will that is lacking."*

*~Sir John Lubbock 1834 – 1913 British Statesman, Banker, Naturalist*

Of the things we think, say, or do...

