



Memo of District Governor's Club Visit

Date of Visit: August 21, 2009

Rotary Club of Duluth Skyline

District: 5580

Board meeting on Thursday Aug, 20/09 at 6 pm at Sheraton Hotel
Assistant District Governor: Mark Erickson was not present at either meetings

Please mark the appropriate boxes. If you answer no to any of questions 1-19, attach a separate page explaining the circumstances.

Membership

1. Did the club achieve a net growth in membership? Yes No
2. Did the club implement a membership recruitment plan? Yes No
3. Did the club conduct orientation programs for new members? Yes No
4. Did the club achieve its membership goals for the year? Yes No

Comments: Club membership is slightly down (63 vs. 68) and the leadership is aware of it. They are working towards an increase the goal is to reach 68 by the end of the year. The club has a very impressive new member orientation program. After the inductee's name has been published 3 times, the prospective member then meets with a minimum 3 past Presidents for an in depth look into being a Skyline Rotarian. The inductee has a one week "thinking process" to accept. Throughout the year there are meetings, firesides, and community projects that can further the understanding of the new membership

Service Projects

5. Is the club engaged in community service activities? Yes No
6. Is the club engaged in international service activities? Yes No
7. Did the club achieve its service goals for the year? Yes No

Comments: The club is involved in reading to school aged children monthly and supports the local Food bank in a regular basis. The club provided with continuous support to annual bell ringing for the Salvation Army. They also participate in the annual Turkey baskets for families below 100% of poverty. The club in partnership provides with Fire Alarm devices for every family in the community and help organizing annual blood donors' drive. Internationally the club is involved in establishing two clinics in Bolivia and planning to complete the rebuilding effort for a hospital in Peru. They are also applying for ISTAR participant.

The Rotary Foundation

8. Did the club participate in Rotary Foundation programs this year? Yes No
9. Did the club achieve its goals for Rotary Foundation contributions? Yes No

Comments: The club's contribution to last year's APF averaged to \$160/R and total contribution was \$8,250. President Russ has set a goal of \$125/R or \$8,000. PDG Earle Rogers is the chair for the Foundation Committee and he is doing a fantastic job in motivating the membership in continuing their contribution. The club has an excellent record of PHFs: 59 sustaining, 4 major Donors, and 10 benefactors. They have very effective fund raising programs: Annual Peach Sale and 5K Run

Development of Future Leaders

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| 10. Did the club president-elect attend PETS? | x Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 11. How many club leaders attended the district assembly? | 3 | |
| 12. How many club members attended the district conference? | 4 | |
| 13. How many club members attended the district leadership seminar? | 1 | |

Comments: The club has produced a District Governor Earl Rogers (1988-89) and no subsequent advancement after that. Club leadership has recognized that and developed a succession plan to continue the 3 year preparation rotation for club presidents, starting with a year as secretary, one as president-elect and then as president.. The club encourages the secretary to attend PETS once before they will as president-elect. The club also covers the cost of District Conference expenses for club's executive board and any members experiencing the district conference for the first time. Current Russ Salgy is a very knowledgeable and organized Rotarian. His leadership will no doubt help the club to shine.

Criteria for a Functioning Rotary Club

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| 14. Did the club pay its per capita dues to RI? | x Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 15. Did the club meet regularly? | x Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 16. Did the club ensure that its members subscribed to a Rotary World Magazine? | x Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 17. Did the club implement service projects for local and/or international communities? | x Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 18. Did the club receive the visit of the governor, assistant governor, and any other RI Officer? | x Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 19. Does the club maintain general liability insurance? | x Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

How were your Visits Received by the Club

- I was very welcome.** ---- The club proactively contacted me in advance to present issues it wishes to discuss
- I was welcome.** ---- The club greeted me warmly and was adequately prepared to discuss its progress
- My visit was treated as an administrative obligation.** --- The club made minimal preparations and was not interested in "outside" suggestions
- I was not welcome.** ---- *Please explain on separate enclosure*
- The club refused to accept my visit.** --- *Please explain on separate enclosure*

What is your Overall Rating of the Club

- x **Excellent** --- The members of this club are informed and engaged in full support of the four elements of an effective club because they are to: sustain and/or grow their membership base; implement successful projects that address the needs of their communities and communities in other countries; support The Rotary Foundation through both program participation and financial contributions; and develop leaders capable of serving in Rotary beyond the club level
- Good** --- the members of this club appeared to be informed and engaged; however, the club could increase its effectiveness by focusing on (mark all that applies)
 - member education/orientation
 - increased service activities (International)
 - better integration of membership (fewer cliques)
 - increased fellowship activities
 - more regular change of committee leadership
 - other (please attach a separate sheet to explain)
- Adequate** --- The club functions, but needs significant improvement in the following areas (mark all that apply)
 - member education/orientation
 - increased service activities (International)
 - better integration of membership (fewer cliques)
 - increased fellowship activities
 - more regular change of committee leadership
 - other (please attach a separate sheet to explain)
- Poor** --- This club is in need of assistance because (mark all that apply)
 - The members of this club are neither informed nor engaged
 - Club factions and infighting prevent this club from functioning effectively
 - The club is stagnating due to lack of new members
 - The club is not involved (or minimally involved) in service activities
 - Club leaders have not attended district training meetings and are therefore unable to serve the club Effectively
- Nonfunctioning club** --- The club failed to meet the criteria established by the RI Board in its policy for a functioning Rotary Club (see questions 14-19 above)

Ajoy Chatterjee
District Governor's Name

Signed: Ajoy Chatterjee
District Governor's Signature

Addendum: Duluth Skyline Rotary Club is one of the top ranking Rotary Clubs in our District. Their programs are well balanced and have excellent fund raising activities. Club members are energetic and like to do community projects as well as international projects. The club is working with a Travel Agency to schedule travel to Bolivia Clinic dedication. They are also planning to meet with Animal Allies program people to plan and construct a trail system. The club made a commitment to host 2 programs a year dedicated to Rotary Foundation. The club decided to host an international projects special event once a year to educate/inform club membership. Governor was asked to provide with names of speakers to speak on for International Project s. As I mentioned it earlier, it is an excellent club and was a delight to pay a visit to the Duluth Skyline Rotary Club.

Signed: Ajoy Chatterjee