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THE KEY TO A SUCCESSFUL MULTI-GENERATION ROTARY CLUB

By Emmanuel Rey, member of the Rotary Club of Villa Devoto, Argentina

In 20 years as a member of the Rotary family, I have learned much. I began my Rotary journey as a member of Interact when I was 12, and six years later moved on to Rotaract. After passing the maximum age of 30 for that program, I proudly became a member of my Rotary club two years ago.

At first, I dreamed of building a big and youthful Rotary club, especially as I observed how hard it was for my fellow Interactors and Rotaractors to bridge the generation gap and become members of Rotary. But while I was still a Rotaractor, an old friend of mine gave me a new perspective. He said, "when I'm 30, I'm going to join a Rotary club with older people, to be the link with young people."

My friend kept his promise, and his words still ring in my mind. I have come to the conclusion that "youth is not a number, it is a state of mind," as one of my Rotary mentors, Enrique Blaistein, taught me. A club is not young by the age of the people it comprises. It is young by the characteristics exhibited by its members, such as dynamism, resiliency, strength, and a desire to work. In other words, the youth of a club is not the average age of its members, it is the spirit with which they work.

Membership diversity strengthens Rotary clubs. I had the luck to join the Rotary Club of Villa Devoto and I have friends who are in their 70s. We've been able to break down generational barriers and work together, learn from each other, join forces, and pool our knowledge to serve Rotary and enhance our personal and professional lives.

I have come to the conclusion that effective clubs are clubs that find a way to blend the knowledge and experience of older members with the strength and drive of younger members. This is the greatest challenge facing Rotary as an organization, and the success of any club depends on how well they do this.

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ROTARY CLUB OF KIMBERLEY
2017-2018
Chartered 20 August 1951
Rotary District 9370
RI President: Ian Riseley
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Club Board:
Barry Downs
Colleen Fairweather
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Pete van Zyl
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Club Meetings:
Kimberley Club
Mondays 12:45 for 13:00
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SHIFTIN' GEARS

DO YOU REMEMBER JEFF WHO WAS IN OUR ROTARY CLUB TEN YEARS AGO?

YEAH, I HEARD HE'S BACK IN TOWN.

I SAW HIM TODAY. HE STILL WEARS THAT SHABBY TWEED JACKET.

WHY DO YOU THINK THAT IS?

IT'S HIS RELIGION - HE'S AN ORTHODOX TIGHT ARSE!

PEETEE

CALENDAR & DUTIES

DECEMBER

Family Month

- 4 Dec: CLUB A.G.M. 12:45 for 13:00
5 Dec: Coffee Club Breakfast (No 10.00 coffee)
11 Dec: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00
16 Dec: Day of Reconciliation (Saturday)
18 Dec: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00
25 Dec: CHRISTMAS – No Meeting (Monday)
26 Dec: DAY OF GOODWILL (Tuesday)
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“You miss 100% of the
shots you don't take”

Wayne Gretzky

DUTIES

*If you are unable to do a duty, please
make arrangements for a substitute.*

WEEK OF 4 DECEMBER

FELLOWSHIP: Brenda Booth
CORPORAL: Colleen Fairweather
TUES COFFEE CLUB: NO DUTY

WEEK OF 11 DECEMBER

FELLOWSHIP: Amanda van Zyl
CORPORAL: Philip Maritz
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Barry Downs

WEEK OF 18 DECEMBER

FELLOWSHIP: Barry Downs
CORPORAL: Gill Quinn
TUES COFFEE CLUB: No Duty

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ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

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JANUARY

Rotary Awareness Month

- 1 Jan: NEW YEAR – No Meeting (Monday)
8 Jan: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00
15 Jan: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00
22 Jan: BOARD MEETING 12:45 for 13:00
29 Jan: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 09 Dec Shirley Maritz
09 Jan Charles Parsons (Honorary)
15 Jan Maryna Thomas
22 Jan Amanda Van Zyl
22 Jan Herbie Booth

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 12 Jan Peter & Maryna Thomas
22 Jan Ken & Gill Quinn

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

- 24 Feb 2014 Colleen Fairweather

COFFEE CLUB BIRTHDAYS

- 20 Dec Alec Woodrow
27 Dec Chris Marnitz
07 Jan Dave Thomas
13 Jan Jannie Jacobs
16 Jan John Paton

MEME OF THE WEEK

