

The Top Ten Ways To Get the Most Out of Show Me Rotary, And a Bonus!

1. Download the phone app with the program and review the program at home.
Come prepared with at least one question about your club's biggest challenge - membership, member engagement, venues that are limiting growth, signature projects, developing youth programs, budgets, etc.
2. Bring your club's next president or an emerging leader in the club - you have two registrations that are pre-paid. Plan with that person about the questions that each of you will ask others. And each of you should have a different "success" to share.
3. Come prepared with at least one question you can ask people at your table during meals, district meetings, and presidents' trainings. Ask them about their clubs' biggest successes or what their clubs do really well. Give them an opportunity to shine and yourself an opportunity to learn.
4. Ask the presenters the hard questions that come from club leadership. If you have a question, you can rest assured that someone else in the room has the same question.
5. Talk to presenters before or after their presentations. All of them will have been working for weeks - even months- on their presentations and will appreciate the opportunity to respond to specific questions or help you find resources. Ask for their business/contact cards.
6. Bring business cards or contact cards with your information - they are easy to give out when you want someone to send you more information.
7. Make your assistant governor your new best friend - or at least get their name and contact information. They are your district governor's right hand person and can be a great resource for you during the next Rotary year.
8. Meet club leaders who are geographically close to your club and make plans to take two or three of your club members to one of their meetings during the 2018-19 Rotary year. You may be surprised in what you can learn by visits and becoming friends with nearby Rotarians. There may even be some joint projects in your future.
9. Go by the vendors and assess whether some of the recognition items would help your club celebrate or recognize your club members.
10. Dress in whatever manner is comfortable for you. It is a well-established adult learning principle that you learn more when you are comfortable. Bring whatever helps you to relax and engage, such as Doodle pads, your computer, scratch pads, your favorite pen, water bottle, play list on your phone (to listen to during those bathroom breaks). If you need a fresh air break - step outside during the breaks and breathe deeply. Or take a quick brisk walk inside or outside of the hotel. Or you might find a beverage. Make the schedule work for you - at least as far as you can.