

WINDSOR ROTARY JUNE 2020 Survey

WRITTEN REMARKS

Thoughts on Zoom Meetings

Programs have been good! Discuss ideas 4 next yrs fundraising.

Only use Zoom when other in person options are unavailable. For example, meet outdoor in a park or back yard.

I love that it's all online. I think some online games might be fun or some way for us to talk to each other or let us get to know each other better like we would if we were sitting at a table.

Get efficient with screen sharing(?), we've had quite of bit of deadtime waiting for the technology to be operated properly.

Yes I believe the meetings can and should be hybrid with Zoom available for the long term.

Like: great speakers from distant places. We should get a team to help JB do more of it. I like the RI leaders we have had as well as Lakeport's meeting.

We're good. Keep the mix up.

I prefer meetings in person, not very interested in Zoom meetings. Thanks!

While I've found the Zoom meetings to be important and necessary during shelter-in-place, I would be concerned that combining in-person and Zoom over the long term would drain away in-person attendance to the point that fellowship would significantly diminish.

I don't necessarily wish to return to in-person meetings immediately upon release of the County's shelter-in-place.

Inviting remote speakers increases the pool of available speakers.

Even though I haven't been able to join all the meetings, I'm happy either way; I think you have done a great job, on all counts!

I've been very impressed with the Zoom meetings. It has allowed us to get great speakers we would not normally be able to get.

I definitely think we can combine Zoom and in person meetings. Need to think through the logistics and the internet connection at Charlies.

I have enjoyed the zoom meeting only because it makes my life easier.

I miss the interaction at our regular in-house meetings.

It would be fun to change it up.

I suggest some training on how to be on zoom. There are simple techniques for lighting and camera position. I find it distracting when looking up noses or when the person is sitting in the dark.

Zoom meetings are great! Maybe make one a training class for members not familiar with zoom!

Zoom meetings have been great & fun, however, they cannot take the place of the fellowship present at in person meetings. I am happy we have had Zoom meetings to keep us connected.

Zoom meetings are a good tool to be able to have guest speakers that are out of area.

They seem to be running smoothly with interactive venues and options.

The Zoom meetings are serving the purpose in the interim. They do not take the place of the face to face contact and fellowship building of the live meeting.

Good job of providing entertaining screen options for announcement.

I am waiting for in person

I think meetings are going well especially under these circumstances the past 3 months.

Comfortable with in-person meetings once restrictions are lifted?

"No concerns" or "none" (7)

Not until numbers show a constant decline. This may not be until next yr.

I would be open 2 an outdoor meeting with proper social gathering. Maybe in the grove area at Charlies

Will we have to use an app to share with a club designate that provides a clean bill of health prior to participating?

We are responsible adults, if anyone doesn't feel well, stay home.

Just because you can does not mean you should. I have personal risk factors that I need to consider. I understand there are those among us who are at higher risk.

Provide hand sanitizer and perhaps in the beginning do temp checks

Don't know yet

Don't know how you can eat breakfast and wear mask at same time.

Not enough space in that room at Charlie's to social distance.

I'm not willing to make exceptions for people who don't want to comply.

Concerned about spending that much time (hour) With all those people.

Hybrid approach so those who are uncomfortable with coming to meetings live can still zoom.

No issues, assuming we would follow all the health orders/protocols.

I miss the camaraderie of our face-to-face weekly meetings. I trust the staff at Charlies to observe protocols that will keep the food service safe.

I would like to see a touch free thermometer so we can check temps before people enter. Social distancing is going to be difficult. We would probably need to do it without food for a while so we can wear masks. This would also let us be more spread out.

Any chance we could do it outside either on the patio or in the space where we held the candidates forum for a while?

My issues are related to having everyone on board with adhering to the rules and regulations as set by the Medical personnel...

issues with regards to how our tables are set up, the personal space, the buffet meals, (in some case) visitors)...coupled with the health conditions and fragility of some of our members...

I'd want to have reached the CDC guidelines (< 1 R value, 14-days of declining cases, etc.) but with distancing .. outside would be nice, too, as masks probably won't need to be worn. I wouldn't expect things to get back to "normal" until after there's a vaccine (or we've all had it ;)

I would prefer whenever possible to have in person meetings outside at this point and allowing distancing.

I think that in person meetings are more expensive and cumbersome than the online/zoom meetings. Because of that there should be a revised schedule utilizing both modalities.

Breakfast Buffet and self serve beverages.

Many (if not most) of our members are compromised because of our age and the Sonoma County Public Health guidelines are predicated on the "average" population with a bias towards reopening. I have no urge to push opening up until we have a vaccine and/or herd immunity.

The food service and distancing would make it a much different setting.

Service activities – comments

I believe that we can engage more of our Hispanic Community with an international project that they help direct.

I believe the robotics sponsorship is important.

More "Obstacle" programs and mentoring so we can really help people who need it. One kid going to college can change a family's future and we can be part of that.

Our club always wants to push the limit of doing too much. I'm volunteering my time and really like our club but I don't like being pressured to be the most outstanding citizens of the world.

I'm not even a year old yet. I have nothing to add. It all seems great.

One of Maureen's goals engaging more with the community still resonates strongly with me. I think there is energy in an Auction on the Air where tables are partially or completely offered by what in the past would have been beneficiaries (Scouts, 1st Grade class rooms, baseball teams, I have worked out a few details if there is interest.

More short-term hands-on activities with different opportunities to participate (4)

I'd love to see more options, and I think there'll be more buy-in/support if people can cheerlead for it right off the bat .. it's always nice to judge projects ahead of time, rather than having it fall off the map down the road. I've been proud, though, of the activities we've accomplished/completed!

I feel like I am too new to really comment on this.

Make sure everything is on the calendar and we know if we can attend!

Our activities with youth need to be continued with a better relationship with the school District promoted. We need to start and sustain an Interact Club on WHS campus.

This year has been a great year for hands on service. At least, until the virus. Partnerships with the students are great.

"Food security drive" comments:

- The food security programs are good and appear to be working.
- The Food Drive has been very successful and given us a lot of good exposure. With so many of our normal service activities on hold, I'd like to figure out something else we can be doing that helps specifically with the impacts from COVID. For example, the schools and town are going to be facing big budget cuts. Are there things they need we can help with?
- Food security drives - need to gauge how often and when
- How can we further support the local businesses to get back on their feet?

Misc Comments on desired activities:

- Veterans support once the new housing project is complete
- Help in the new Construction/Build academy at WHS
- Interactive social activities; Focused fundraiser activities (e.g. margarita Booth);) and Food drive, Scholarship, Mentoring Youth; variety of service activities to attract all Club members at some level.
- More people doing more things; Track participation. What gets measured . . .
- Enjoyed the helping hands project, not sure if we tried to do too often with too few hands, maybe offer a Spring clean up for seniors, limiting the project and work days . . . could involve students with to establish relationships.
- Toys for Tots (with fire district)
- Connect for success (digital divide is so striking now and is a tragedy for many youth in our community.)
- E-interact Club (comment below)

Club participation in various service activities

I strongly believe we should start an E Interact club. I believe we would get a head start on other clubs and have the tools and background to help. I will explain further if there is interest.

The success of the Rotary Bar shows that we can engage the town.

Youth are an obvious focus, but I'd love to see [even more] additional branches (like seniors, homeless, etc.)

I am new to rotary and have attended very few in person meetings. I am still getting a feel for how things are done and where I am most comfortable stepping in.

The former "Circuit Rider" in Windsor has several programs for youth, young adults and seniors, programs we could support but not have to create or provide all the man power.

Fundraising. Which kinds of activities are you likely to prefer and join in on?

I would like us to look at other alternatives to a major fundraiser instead of a dinner/auction. There were some creative ideas a couple years ago - like a town "garage sale".

We're only going to be motivated to go after the "big bucks" if we have a signature project, and the "big bucks" donors are only going to be motivated with a signature project. However, let the project come to us, it will be obvious when it does. Maybe it's this year maybe it's 2028, we don't have to try and solve it all today, but we do have to maintain consistency with our community service.

Always the chicken-and-egg thing about big events and whatever cause they're for. I gather that was our problem with having a major event or skip it this year. Personally I don't always need a particular project for motivation to give. Windsor Rotary Club Foundation has built trust in the community and I am OK with donating in order to keep our general service purposes going. This is how most solid charities work.

There is energy in an online auction that partners with what would have been recipients. Take them fishing instead of giving them fish. They will bring support and we will all have fun.

I remain concerned about the impact of making "asks" to our membership. It has the potential to be divisive. Some of those who give may feel absolved of the responsibility to fully participate in Club activities, while those who don't give may not feel fully engaged in the Club.

Direct give or fundraiser . . . both good. People expect to give to the community service orgs that they join. Asking is more direct and ultimately can get more results, but events are fun and build camaraderie too. Most of the dollars come from us and our friends, either way.

Most charitable fundraising is from personal asking and direct donating. Events are fun but emphasizing causes and increasing our profile is more important.

Mini fundraisers are great - but if we have a big fundraisers - these are great supplemental events that provide social activities and might be "direct fund" kinds of events (i.e. all proceeds go to....)

I have volunteered to help with smaller fundraisers for Windsor club and have been researching virtual fundraising ideas.

I raised my hand that time Pres. Maureen asked if people really meant it about "I'd rather write a check." I stand by that. Fundraisers are a lot of work for the money, and no wonder whoever did it last year didn't want to do it again. I will attend and spend, but I'd rather put my time into my business or actually helping people.

I enjoy the annual fundraiser, even with all the work, but feel they have been most successful when the project was something the community supported. Possibly annual is too often unless big project, like Windsor Rotary Aquatic Park.

How pleased and/or satisfied or happy are you with your current Rotary membership experience?

We are making the best of a tough situation. Miss in person. Highly recommend outdoor meeting when appropriate.

People are kind, focus is good. I love that no one is Political or assumes everyone feels the same way about anything except serving. It feels safe.

The pandemic has put a gray cloud over everything, so it's kind of an unfair question. We have a way above average Rotary Club that I enjoy, but the zoom is only a wee bit better than nothing at all. Human interaction with our friends is imperative. We all are going to need to learn to live with this virus like others that we've learned to live with. There's no reason that Rotary, internationally, could lead this mindset.

Satisfied in that I have looked around and Rotary is the best place to put my effort. I am less than satisfied with the fact that I know we have more potential. That should not be construed to be a criticism. This club has grown up and evolved even in the relatively short time I have been here. We have provided leadership and support not only for our community but also for the District. It is time for some "us" time to refocus and really organize for the future.

Unfortunately I joined just before the crisis struck so I have not been able to get involved

I have found myself basically taking a break from Rotary within this current pandemic. Taking more time for my family and work life. Still love my Rotary family and all that we do!

Love the fellowship, the opportunity to participate in a range of activities, proud to be a member.

Overall I'm happy but I feel like we lack focus in our service projects. People want to feel like they are part of something "bigger than themselves" and while the small projects are great, it doesn't have that draw / thrill of being part of something truly significant. For those who were involved in the Balloon Classic or the skateboard park. There was a real sense of accomplishment that in my opinion has been lacking for many years.

It's been a challenging year for all of us - in that we have not been able to "get together" and move forward as a group....I am happy with Rotary and look forward to more time in getting to know the new members, working on committee activities and sharing our experiences

It continues to be awesome, even if we can't hug each other in person. :)

I have enjoyed all of my interactions as a Rotarian.

Every year is different and we all have the opportunity to participate to make it a great club. "Thank you for holding down the Fort"!

I am looking forward to more personal contact and getting to know more about the club, the club activities, and the members.

I love the Windsor Rotary! I wish I had more time to do more for the club! I appreciate everyone's efforts and that there is a solid group of people that make things happen!!

Becoming a member of Rotary Club of Windsor has been one of the best things I have done. As in life involvement ebbs & flows, however, the support, friendship and acceptance is constant. It is also rewarding to know you are working with a group of people that are always working to improve our world for everyone.

After ?? years in the club I still feel the club is not very inclusive. There is an element of the old guard that isn't open and welcoming. How many years does it take to feel welcome?

It is a great club and the members are exceptional.

Tough year to assess membership experience. When able, we need to increase the opportunities for fellowship and service in the Club. We can do better because we have done better. Good job of recruiting new members given the current circumstances. I believe members are hungry for more hands on activities. Look at the response to Vittoria's graduation shout out.

I like the new rotation of 4-Way Test and other Rotary sayings into the opening. Rotary is are not a school, military or government organization.

We should say the pledge of allegiance at every meeting. The implication that the 4 way test is equivalent to the pledge is, IMHO, a disrespectful display of hubris. I find it so distasteful that my attendance has been down this year.

Great job on a great year!

I am enjoying my time with Windsor Rotary. I am a new member and am looking forward to getting to know everyone and learn more about our service and ways that I can get in involved.

Ideas, suggestions:

I'd love the singing to stay.

I would like to see some of our past YE sons and daughters "check in and do an update or a craft talk

I think we need to have a small task force nail down how we can do "Blue Cups" A pseudo raffle/door-prize and fines & Happy dollars.

I have some thoughts on streamlining Sunshine reporting guests and announcements.

I would like to propose an SOP for inviting a guest.

I would propose a lunch meeting once a month to see what people think # who participate.

I would like to propose an evening meeting with a speaker that would be specially scripted to appeal to appeal to spouses and alumni at some interval say once per quarter. Call it a social

Rather, perhaps we could transition back to in-person by combining with Zoom over about a month or so - with the goal of ending Zoom after a reasonable transition. (Refer to the following question.)

I think as we get back together the Zoom concept might be a good alternative once a month to attract a speaker that is not in the area to give us greater options.

I would love to see a "where are they now" with prior youth exchange students. Especially because the program is shut down this year so we won't have one "live".

1 meeting a month zoom, 1 social gathering a month, 2 regular in house meetings with possibly a project meeting every quarter.

Could be fun to do some breakout rooms - like having a club assembly.

Craft talks by our newest members would be a good way for us to get to know them better.

Lively speakers and more attention to Avenues of Service on a regular basis.

More member breakout sessions and conversational participation

I think it would be advantageous to have "break out" rooms once in a while to encourage more interpersonal exchanges in a small group rather than the whole gang

inviting individuals who could not normally attend our meetings in person - to speak...former student exchange students, Former Peace Scholars, individuals with whom we have done grants or exchanges, etc.