

## Exploring Innovative Meeting Formats (ARCs Julie Clark and Monique Hodges)

### District Leadership Summit (DLS) July 15, 2020

### Rotary Multi-District Training Institute (RMDTI) August 1, 2020

### July 15, 2020 “Chat” For Innovative ideas (“Chat” from RMDIT August 1, 2020 follows)

**19:18:48** From DMC 6270 Cathleen Christensen: Our District Trainer, Tech Chair 81 just collaborated to present a webinar last night on the technical aspects of holding hybrid meetings. It is the First of several planned under a series titled "Helping Rotarians Connect"

**19:19:59** From Linda Kemp, District 6450 Membership Chair: Our club held a meeting with another area club with a Rotarian presenter who is a therapist to help us with flight/fight mode we are experiencing during this social distancing went into effect. It was well received, and we needed to hear what was going on for us on a physical level.

**19:20:47** From DMC 5960 Steve Griffith: D5960, 100% of the clubs are meeting in some format. We just sent out a letter to presidents saying they should be careful about going back to face-to-face meetings without offering an online option.

**19:21:46** From Atka Khanolkar Rotary District 6000 (Keokuk): Invited informational speakers from other clubs from around the world. WE had gone on a Friendship Exchange to South Africa and all the members attended the meeting in South Africa. It was a surprise and a great reunion. Hybrid meetings

**19:23:04** From DMC Bunny Pratt Bryan TX D5910: We are using the Club Runner Volunteer module to RSVP for our hybrid club meetings since we need to provide a head count for lunch order as well as determine space count for social distancing guidance. It also helps us know who is planning to Zoom in to the meeting instead.

**19:23:33** From Lyle Staab DG 6440: The document from Zone 25b-29 providing guidance on the decision to resume in-person meetings is terrific. We provided it to all our members. < RC note – the document will soon be made available under the Member tab / Downloads at [www.zones25b-29.org](http://www.zones25b-29.org) >

**19:24:20** From Sina Tidwell: My Club has always offered hybrid option since Chartering in January of 2019, and prior to Chartering. We started with Facebook Live and now use Facebook Live and Zoom.

**19:27:14** From Kurt Harper PDG 5680: My home club is large (400 members) so, we went to using Zoom Webinars.

**19:31:15** From DMC 5610 Carmen Hansen: Our club had transition social at the county fair grounds

**19:31:24** From DMC 5960 Steve Griffith: What percentage of Rotary members join primarily because of the meetings? We spend a lot of time talking about meetings, our motto is "Service Above Self."

**19:31:34** From DMC Bunny Pratt Bryan TX D5910: We had a themed Happy Hour social for Cinco de Mayo hosted by the district. We did 3 prizes for participation (Spec's gift cards). We collected food and drink recipes and shared them via slides during the event and asked the contributor to talk us through. We used Zoom whiteboard to draw together for fun. We highlighted every person and had them share a person, place, or thing with the audience.

**19:32:21** From Atka Khanolkar Rotary District 6000 (Keokuk): We had a historic gavel exchange with all the Presidents and Pes. It was great turnout. 300 members attended. Rotary District 6000

**19:33:14** From Wendy Bowman (DMC 5970): Our district has a directory of club meetings so those who's clubs are not meeting can join another meeting in the district.

**19:35:56** From DGN Boward Templin - District 5810: 5810 is having our monthly 'Roundtable' meetings on Zoom

**19:36:25** From DGN Dan Steele 5790: Internet access in rural areas can be very challenging. I have taught district grant certification in my truck near a cell tower using my phone as a hot spot.

**19:36:37** From DG Tom Gump, D5950: We had our District Gavel Exchange on FaceBook and YouTube. Here is the link: [https://youtu.be/\\_VH9gclGGdU](https://youtu.be/_VH9gclGGdU). We had over 800 watch.

**19:39:57** From DGN Howard Templin - District 5810: 5810 did a DG pin exchange virtually. They set it up, so it appeared that the DG handed the pin to the DGE and DGE to DGN.

**19:41:25** From Atka Khanolkar Rotary District 6000 (Keokuk): Virtual auction hand crafted jewelry and raised a lot of money that went for a great cause.

**19:42:45** From DMC Bunny Pratt Bryan TX D5910: GoToMeeting has a conference call option so that maybe an alternative to a video meeting.

**19:43:35** From Sina Tidwell: One of my area clubs meets at an event venue and now does a brown bag lunch.

**19:45:25** From DMC 5610 Carmen Hansen: Many of our clubs may not be meeting, but they are doing service work together.

**19:46:11** From DGN Boward Templin• District 5810: Rotary Club of Dallas board members called all the members to check on them and then encouraged us to call other members.

**19:49:14** From Enrique Medellin Brownsville Sunrise D5930: What do you think about a member that just pay dues but never attend meetings or service projects?

**19:50:37** From ARC Andy Hagan Zone 25Ba 29: Reach out to them and strike a conversation with them and seek out their passion and explore opportunities for them to be engaged.

**19:51:25** From Justinn J. Jones, Reg36 Tech Support: Ask them why they joined and why they stay? Maybe it's a new opportunity for them to serve in a new way!

From DGN Boward Templin District 5810: At the Governor visits, I've been encouraging they go to the Learning Center for all the resources.

**19:52:29** From DMC 5960 Steve Griffith: Although I don't personally believe in meeting attendance requirements, I do believe in participation requirements

**19:54:16** From DGE 5580 Keith Brokke: Those members not attending should be informed of corporate membership, so someone from their business place can take advantage of sharing meeting info.

Here is the Zone link for Membership resources  
<https://zones25b-29.org/page/welcome-to-rotary-membership>

Here is the Rotary International link for membership resources

<https://Rotary.org/membership>

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**09:40:43** From DMC 5890 Stacy Brevard: D5890 has zoom meeting, hybrid meetings and meetings in which they are sitting outside in lawn chairs social distancing.

**09:40:52** From Chuck Udell, AG - District 5710 - Leawood Rotary Club: lot of clubs are doing hybrid meetings including online socials

**09:41:02** From Bill Bexley ADG 5810 Flag Chair Carrollton-Farmers Branch: We just started Hybrid meetings. We have had to invest in better equipment (camera, mics, etc) to have a quality meeting.

**09:41:14** From Lynne McNamee: Use Ted Talks for speakers - already looking at a screen, so get best from the best...and not restricted by time a speaker is available. Added benefit - builds fellowship because people are talking to one another versus Q&A to a speaker

**09:41:43** From PDG Ean Sullivan District 5810 Membership: One of our best programs was a presentation by a Rotarian in Kenya presenting on using puppets to teach Covid education. He shared his screen and showed puppet videos he created. He is available to other clubs if wanted. Contact me for his contact info: [ean@cinco.net](mailto:ean@cinco.net)

**09:41:46** From Chuck Udell, AG - District 5710 - Leawood Rotary Club: not only more involvement and speakers from anywhere

**09:41:54** From ARC Kurt Harper: My club is very large, and the majority of members do NOT want to meet live yet. So we use the Zoom Webinar format with speakers. Attendance has been growing from the early Covid days.

**09:43:19** From Bruce Arfsten: We're going from Zoom-only to hybrid meeting this week and would be interested to hear about equipment others are using.

**09:44:02** From Lynne McNamee: When doing hybrid, think about where your cameras are...don't just show the back of peoples' backs...and project the faces in the front of the room of those online. Don't forget to get the online folks for Happy Fines and Q&A.

**09:44:41** From Alka Khanolkar: One club had four meetings on one day for fellowship. You could go to any of the meetings. District 6000

**09:44:58** From PWRC Laura Johnson - Plano TX: Weekly Zooms with guest speakers. We do zoom happy hours once a month. Recruiting volunteers from service projects that we partner on and also through Interact/ Rotoract. We have grown membership by 10 people during Covid.

**09:45:20** From Barry Curlee, PDG, Austin TX: Rotary club of Austin did a virtual wine tasting with about 25% attendance. Everyone was able to drive home safely.

**09:48:16** From PDG / DMC Larry Petrash: Outdoor meetings for projects, many virtual meetings and a few are not meeting

**09:48:29** From Lynne McNamee: Have more than one camera and make sure good audio.

**09:48:52** From Luis C. Member Chair: Our members are our most important asset!!

**09:49:20** From Carmen Cuneo: Clubs not meeting should join clubs who are. Great way to meet new people.

**09:49:33** From ARC Andy Hagan: Zoom meetings have allowed our clubs to expand their reach beyond our geographic areas and invite Rotarians and guests from RI and even other countries

**09:49:50** From ARC Jeffrey Reed D6270 Wisconsin: Hybrid meeting: use OWL 360 camera + iPad with camera + PC for hosting on zoom

**09:49:54** From Chuck Udell, AG - District 5710 - Leawood Rotary Club: regarding equipment for hybrid - ideally should have a mic at EQ table so all on zoom can here

**09:50:22** From Barry Curlee, PDG, Austin TX: We have <Zoom> break out meetings for fellowship for about 10 minutes that have been very popular to keep us in touch with one another. Groups of about 7 or 8.

**09:51:39** From Chuck Udell, AG - District 5710 - Leawood Rotary Club: Andy, you are right about attending from different countries - I have been attending the eClub of CapeTown South Africa - great opportunity to find partners for Global Grants

**09:51:56** From PDG / DMC Larry Petrash: My club is small but has good attendance at club meetings. Use Ted for programs, also outside speakers from anywhere (a great capability of virtual meetings).

**09:51:56** From Bill Bexley ADG 5810 Flag Chair Carrollton-Farmers Branch: We purchased the following: A video camera on a tripod, wireless mics, and computer speakers so we can hear those that are participating. We project the computer screen on a big screen.

**09:51:57** From PWRC Laura Johnson - Plano TX: If tech knowledge is an obstacle, members should reach out to family/friends who are tech savvy to help them get setup.

**09:52:13** From Judy Hutcherson: our club has started a volunteer effort to track and trace for Covid in our community

**09:52:17** From Lynne McNamee: Promote in person people to engage in chat with zoom/ online folks

**09:52:45** From Luis C. Member Chair: Crisis brings progress. Albert Einstein! I see this happening to us in Rotary and our businesses.

**09:53:15** From Bettsy Pizana: agreed with Luis, we need to make innovations. This is the opportunity.

**09:53:50** From DG Xavier Toson - D5840: I'm currently hosting my DG visits by area. We're bringing clubs together in the hopes of creating engagement, synergy and collaboration for service projects.

**09:54:24** From DMC Bunny Pratt: Having a multi-club meeting is a great idea for small clubs that may need technology help. The District could offer to help host that for them.

**09:55:28** From Craig Loughery 5580: Pizza in the Park... (BYOB)..program was planning and abbreviated "visioning"...

**09:55:44** From ARC Andy Hagan: Zoom meetings enabled and supports the idea of "Rotary Service and Connections without Borders!"

**09:56:36** From ARC Monique Hodges:  
<http://myfreebingocards.com/>

**09:56:53** From PDG / DMC Larry Petrash: As DMC, we have District-wide meetings, which have been well-attended. We plan more in the future. Some clubs, which have not been meeting, are feeling a stronger need to meet. They are beginning to get the message COVID-19 exposure is going to be around a while and we have to adapt

**09:57:19** From DMC 5890 Stacy Brevard: We've used Sporcle Party App (free) for a great trivia game. So much fun and super easy

**09:57:23** From Lynne McNamee: Think about Rotary as a whole, not just individual clubs or districts. I've discussed Rotary with lots of people literally around the globe, to help them get connected to a local club...it will come back in the end

**10:01:51** From Jean Jones - Midland, TX D5730  
Membership Chair: Another reason for low virtual attendance is that professionals have to attend so many zoom meetings for their businesses that they don't want to attend a zoom Rotary meeting.

**10:03:08** From Lynne McNamee: Yes @jean...but what level of engagement are we filling? Entertainment? How to? etc.

**10:05:43** From RMO Emily Tucker: The RC of Chicago Lakeview has started adding "quarathemes" to their meetings where each member competes by choosing a unique background (or even costumes or props) based on the theme. The winner gets a gift card and selects the "quaratheme" for the next meeting. Just something to keep things fun!

**10:05:44** From Bill Bexley ADG 5810 Flag Chair Carrollton-Farmers Branch: I think some smaller clubs have met in a parking lot and circled their cars like a tailgate party.

**10:07:26** From DMC Bunny Pratt: We did a scavenger hunt too and awarded gift card prizes by mail for winners.

**10:07:37** From Lynne McNamee: Tie in with service...e.g., learn a new skill about crafting and making cards...which then can be provided to a nursing home or assisted living facility, etc.

**10:10:37** From 5930 Victor Trevino Next Gen 🌀 : Our club had a trivia night where the questions were Rotary related

**10:10:49** From Lynne McNamee: (Ooh, have folks arrange their cars like the Rotary wheel, get drone footage, to post online/ social media)

**10:11:17** From PWRC Laura Johnson - Plano TX: Moving forward our club will continue Zoom in combination when we meet in person again, so all members are included if they can't be physically present. We want to keep all members engaged and be inclusive as possible.

**10:11:17** From Brian Shepard-Club Pres. Elect: What safeguards are the in clubs meeting in person using? Are you requiring temp checks, social distancing, and mask? My club has already around 7% positive covid -19 case with our membership

**10:12:15** From DMC Bunny Pratt: Polling Zoom  
<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/213756303-Polling-for-Meetings>

**10:12:15** From ARC\_Monique Hodges: Zoom Breakouts. -  
[https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206476313-Managing-Video-Breakout-Rooms?mobile\\_site=true](https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206476313-Managing-Video-Breakout-Rooms?mobile_site=true)

**10:12:44** From DMC Bunny Pratt: Zoom Whiteboard Annotation (Drawings) <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/115005706806-Using-annotation-tools-on-a-shared-screen-or-whiteboard>

**10:14:42** From Lynne McNamee: @chuck if you google for a company that does drone footage...a lot of videography companies have drones. Include checking those who do wedding videos, as their business has been decimated but a number have drones.

**10:16:00** From PWRC Laura Johnson - Plano TX: Zoom means no drive time. Better utilization of time management

**10:16:02** From RMO Emily Tucker: I heard from a club that had tried one meeting back in person. They spread out tables to be 6 or 8 ft apart and only had 3-4 people per table. Everyone wore masks, and they didn't do their typical lunch buffet.

**10:19:44** From 01 ARC Kurt Harper: WE tried ONE hybrid meeting for my large club for the pin passing. Live attendance limited to incoming and outgoing board members and officers, our 10-top tables had 3 people each, spread farther apart than normal; box lunches.

**10:22:21** From Chuck Udell, AG - District 5710 - Leawood Rotary Club: The Foundation Grant Modules especially for Global Grants are great courses. I also liked the AG training as well.

**10:22:21** From ARC Monique Hodges: Zone site that Julie is referencing <https://zones25b-29.org/page/welcome-to-rotary-membership>

**10:24:56** From Bill Bexley ADG 5810 Flag Chair Carrollton-Farmers Branch: How are club recruiting new members during Covid

**10:27:46** From Lynne McNamee: @Bill using my Rotary Zoom background for ALL meetings, not just during Rotary meetings, has a) given the opportunity to talk about Rotary with large groups (on networking calls, for example) and b) when people post screen shots of calls, the Rotary background pops amidst people's homes, beach scenes, etc.

**10:27:47** From Chuck Udell, AG - District 5710 - Leawood Rotary Club: Alice, for me Rotary has been so inspirational and learning new ideas and meeting amazing people worldwide! Rotary Rocks!

**10:28:19** From Carmen Cuneo: I think great speakers are a good opportunity to invite guests. Meeting must start on time and be professional. You can have specific "Invite a Guest" meeting.

**10:28:44** From Carmen Cuneo: You can invite guest speakers from anywhere in the world

**10:29:31** From Carmen Cuneo: Let's Grow Rotary!

**10:30:13** From PWRC Laura Johnson - Plano TX: Recruit through social media. Recruit when serving. We also revamped our website which shows all our service projects and we had 2 people join from website alone.

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