

## A Wonderful District Assembly

On a beautiful Saturday morning in the Spring, dedicated Rotarians from all over District 6460 gathered to answer the questions, "What more can I possibly learn about Rotary and why am I here?" These volunteers could have been home doing all the many chores a Saturday would offer. There are flowers to plant, grass to mow, and golf balls to chase, but instead these Rotarians chose something different.

The purpose of a District Assembly is:

- To prepare incoming club leaders for their year in office and build their leadership team.
- To give the district governor-elect and incoming assistant governors and district committees the opportunity to motivate club leadership teams and build their working relationship.

Notice the word prepare in the first purpose and the word relationship in the second.

As your club meets weekly through the year, there are many things that happen. There is the weekly fellowship with friends. You meet to consider how to serve others. You meet to continue the many projects and purposes your club has established over the years. Your club president has prepared an agenda for the meeting. Your club committee chairs have prepared goals for their committees. Your club secretary has prepared a list of members to record attendance. Your club treasurer has prepared a list of who still owes money for the recent fund-raiser. Someone has prepared the meal.

As your club members gather, they share stories with one another and catch up on what is transpiring in each other's life. They are interested in each other because of the relationship that has been built over the years of pursuing common goals. Your district committee chairs have goals and they are the sum of the goals of the club committees. Your district committees exist to help your club achieve its many goals.

This is why your district continues to plan and prepare district meetings. We are not trying to find ways to "take up your time", but rather to try to find ways to make your club officers and committee chairs better prepared and more effective. The result of your club members attending District Assembly and the District Conference (in addition to all the other district events) is your club will be stronger and more effective.

Please consider what your community would be like if your Rotary Club did not exist. Remember George Bailey wishing that he had never been born? Instead of wishing he had never been born, he came to realize that with all the problems he faced, it was a wonderful life. With all the problems your club may face, please keep moving forward and make your club stronger and more effective. When you see a district meeting scheduled, do what you can to have your club members attend and your club will have a wonderful year.