

RESOLUTION 17R-13

To request the RI Board to consider emphasizing the sequence of the five core values

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of La Crosse, District 6250, USA

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1 WHEREAS, the membership of RI should be aware of the five core values of the
2 organization, and

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4 WHEREAS, Rotarians should be conversant with the proper expression and
5 possess an understanding of the five core values of RI, and
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7 WHEREAS, the proper expression of the five core values of RI should be
8 consistent with the other foundational documents of the organization, and
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10 WHEREAS, the Object of Rotary, one of the foundational statements of RI,
11 clearly enunciates that Rotary involvement begins with fellowship which, in turn,
12 creates opportunities in each of Rotary's Five Avenues of Service, and
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14 WHEREAS, in its historical development, Rotary began as an opportunity for
15 fellowship, leaders were identified, an ethical model was created, diversity was
16 promoted in the recruitment of new members, and the foregoing resulted in
17 opportunities for service
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19 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
20 International consider emphasizing that the proper sequence for the expression
21 of the five core values of RI, in all forms of communication, shall be: Fellowship,
22 Leadership, Integrity, Diversity, and Service.

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

23 RI's four foundational statements, or precepts, provide guidance and support to
24 our aspirations in advancing the ideals of Rotary. They are the Mission
25 Statement, The Four-Way Test, the Object of Rotary and the five core values of
26 the organization.

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28 There should be consistency in the expression and full understanding of those
29 foundational precepts by those who are members of RI. The stated Object of
30 Rotary begins with the "development of acquaintance," a synonym for fellowship,
31 that creates opportunities for service provided by our members in our

1 communities and the international community. Integrity is central and gives
2 strength to the moral authority of Rotary. The adoption of this resolution will tie
3 the five core values of Rotary with the Object of Rotary and promote a more
4 complete and comprehensive understanding of Rotary's core values among our
5 members.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

6 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.