

MEMO

TO: Rotary Club
FROM: Board of Directors
RE: Adopted Policy Regarding Non-Rotary Announcements at Club Meetings
DATE: Adopted at the February 20, 1991, Board of Directors Meeting
Reviewed and reaffirmed at the April 12, 2006, Board of Directors Meeting

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM:

From time to time, the Kalamazoo Rotary Club has received requests for announcements by members with regard to activities that are not approved projects of the club. Any previous policy regarding this problem has faded into the historical background, because of the rapid growth of the club.

Many club members have voiced the concern that these announcements are diluting the thrust of the Kalamazoo Rotary Club's Projects. An average club member has difficulty discerning the approved club projects from other projects that are being brought to the club's attention through podium announcements, sign-up sheets and other types of activities during the Club Business Agenda. Many of the older club members recall that the club has traditionally maintained the policy that only club-approved projects can be discussed or presented during the Club's Business period.

It would seem appropriate to re-establish a policy that can be understood and endorsed by all club members.

ADOPTED CLUB POLICY:

1. Announcements, solicitations, sign-up sheets, handouts, petitions and the like regarding activities which are not sponsored and/or endorsed by the Club are not permitted during the club meeting.
2. The President may periodically designate a segment of the Club business meeting for announcements by members. Announcements made during this agenda period should pertain to charitable, or community activities of general interest. The announcement must not exceed one minute in length and will be made by the member standing at his/her table. A fine should be paid by the member.
3. Solicitation at the doorway to the Club meeting room will only be permitted for service clubs which have received prior approval from the Club President. The Sergeant-At-Arms will monitor and enforce this policy.
4. Activities relating directly to sponsored and/or approved projects and activities may be conducted with the approval of the President. Requests for such activities should be submitted to the President at least three days prior to the meeting.