

Rotary



As Rotarians, we know the power of Rotary is all about our members. It is bringing together our unique life experiences mixed with our talents, skills and passions. It is with truth and fairness that we build goodwill and better friendships to benefit all concerned. Rotary International has made Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) a priority, and District 6940 has done the same. The commitment to DEI on the part of RI is clear and emphatic. In their recently updated DEI statement, RI states:

At Rotary, we understand that cultivating a diverse, equitable, and inclusive culture is essential to realizing our vision of a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change....In line with our value of integrity, we are committed to being honest and transparent about where we are in our DEI journey as an organization, and to continuing to learn and do better.

Rotary District 6940 is equally and emphatically committed to this DEI journey. Under the leadership of District Governor Dr. Larry Kubiak, the District has established a DEI Committee, and the Committee has been actively engaged on these efforts.

Specifically, the Committee has developed and promulgated a survey to learn more about these DEI issues within our District. The District Governor, the DEI Committee Chair, Irvin Clark, and the full DEI Committee are encouraging all Rotarians within District 6940 to complete the DEI survey at: https://fsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_czRfQwJRz7eoaea. If you prefer to complete a hardcopy version of the survey, please contact DEI Committee Chair Irvin Clark at iclark2@fsu.edu or 912-844-2018 (cell).

While the issues and conversations raised in these DEI efforts and the survey may be uncomfortable and challenging, they are essential issues for our organization to address. As stated by RI's Immediate Past President Holger Knaack, "Rotary is learning. We know that this journey will take time and lead to challenging conversations, deep self-reflection, and new opportunities for discovery and growth."

The District 6940 DEI Committee hopes you will join us and be a part of our journey. To be a part, we ask that you take the time to provide your feedback via the DEI survey by Thursday October 25, 2021. If you have any questions, concerns, or if you would like to engage further on these essential issues, please contact DEI Committee Chair Irvin Clark at the email address above.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Dr. Larry Kubiak

District Governor 2021-2022