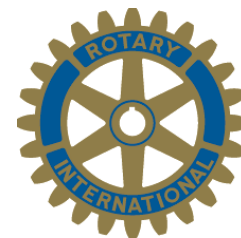




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Guidelines for Email Etiquette

Considering the fact that Rotary is a professional organization and we as members are using each other's email addresses as part of that organization, I thought it would be a good idea to include some guidelines for their use.

Here are some suggestions for using email tactfully, gracefully, effectively, and safely:

- Don't send confidential or secret information (such as credit card information, Social Security numbers, or passwords) through email. Email messages are more like postcards than sealed letters; they pass through many computers to get to their destination.

- Never use email to harass others or otherwise use it in such a way that it will bother people. Limit the number of email messages you send and save.

- Don't send email to large groups of people who might not be interested in your message. **Never** send spam mail, and remember that any form of chain mail is illegal. If you do legitimately need to send email to a large number of people, place all but one of the addresses in the blind carbon copy ("Bcc:") field of the message. If the addresses are on the "Bcc:" field rather than the "To:" or "Cc:" fields, a reply to the message will go only to the original sender, not to the entire list of addressees. When replies do go to all of the original addressees, each reply is also considered a mass mailing.

- Pause before you send an email message you might later regret. Avoid personal attacks (in Internet parlance, flames) on others. A good general rule is: If you wouldn't say it to a person's face, don't send it.

- Identify yourself in the body of your message, especially if your username is something like joe29. Using a signature is one way to do this.

Rotary Programs



Aug 4 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Program to be announced.

Aug 11 Moonlight Restaurant

Board of Directors Meeting 5:00 p.m.
 Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Program to be announced.

Aug 18 Rolling Hills

Steak Fry at the Rolling Hills Golf Course Club House 6:00 p.m. A golf outing will precede the meeting. Contact Richard Johnson for details.

Aug 25 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Ed Morrissey will present the St Baldrick's Foundation project.

Sep 1 No Meeting

Labor Day

Sep 8 Moonlight Restaurant

Board of Directors Meeting 5:00 p.m. District Governor, Richard Passmore, will present his message from the District. Students of the Month for September will be introduced.

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Golf Tournament Results

The Rotary golf fund raising event was a big success again this year. The estimated net profit was around \$8,800. This year's committee would like to thank everyone involved.

"A" Flight Results



1st - Pat Moore, Pat Gable, John Zim, Shane Smith

"B" Flight Results



1st - Don Emde, Blake Arment, Ron Stacey, Dennis Reilley



2nd - John Hopkins, Michael Hopkins, Dan Morrelli, Marshal Witzbeighe



2nd - Brock Hendricks, C. Lombardi, K. Cartee, A Robinson



3rd - Bob Epple, Steve Rice, R. Powles, Steve Brennigan



3rd - Sam Stemm, Jay Stemm, Little Sam Stemm, Nick Darr

- Include information in the subject line of your message to help recipients decide when (and whether) to read your message.
- When you reply to a message, include an excerpt from that message. Your reply will make more sense. However, if the message is long, don't excerpt the entire text, especially if all you are posting is a short response.
- Body language and tone of voice don't come across in email. Be more careful than you are in conversation. Don't type in all capital letters; YOUR MESSAGE WILL LOOK LIKE YOU'RE SHOUTING! Some people make use of smiles to better convey emotion; for more information, see [What does the emoticon :-\) mean?](#)
- Don't send messages you wouldn't want forwarded (at least not without a "For your eyes only" notation). Think before you forward! Do you have the sender's permission?
- Learn the difference between replying to a whole group of users and replying to just the author of a message. Does everyone in the group need to read your response?

What is a troll?

In email discussion lists, online forums, and [Usenet newsgroups](#), a troll is not a grumpy monster that lives beneath a bridge accosting passers-by, but rather a provocative posting intended to produce a large volume of frivolous responses. The term can also refer to someone making such a posting ("a troll") or to the action ("trolling", "to troll").

The content of a troll posting generally falls into one of several categories. It may consist of an apparently foolish contradiction of common knowledge, a deliberately offensive insult to the readers of a newsgroup or mailing list, or a broad request for trivial follow-up postings. The result of such postings is frequently a flood of angry responses. In some cases, the follow-up messages posted in response to a troll can constitute a large fraction of the contents of a newsgroup or mailing list for as long as several weeks. These messages are transmitted around the world to thousands of computers, wasting network resources and

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Sep 15 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. The Mural Committee will make a presentation to the Club on a proposed mural for downtown Alton. The committee has selected a building site, a mural for the side of the building, and a mural artist. They will also discuss the cost of the project, the time line and proposed fund raising efforts. In addition to the Mural Committee the artist of the proposed mural and the artist who will actually paint the mural will be on hand to answer any questions and/or address your comments concerning the project.

Sep 22 Rolling Hills

Steak Fry at the Rolling Hills Golf Course Club House 6:00 p.m. A golf outing will precede the meeting. Contact Richard Johnson for details. First Quarter Club Assembly

Sep 29 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Our speaker will be Bethany Boyer-Rechlin, a local student who participated in a Rotary-sponsored youth exchange program in Norway three years ago, will discuss the impact that experience had on her.

Bill Hoagland - Program Director



costing money for people who pay to download email or receive Usenet news. Troll threads also frustrate people who are trying to carry on substantive discussions.

People post such messages to get attention, to disrupt discussion, and to make trouble. The best response to a troll is **no** response. If you post a follow-up message, you are contributing to the resulting clamor and most likely delighting the troller. Before posting a response, consider the following questions:

- Have responses already been posted by others?
- Will my post add any information that others are not likely to be aware of already?
- Is the issue resolvable, or will discussion turn into name-calling?
- Should I send private email instead of posting publicly?
- Will I later regret the contents of what I am posting?

Please deal with trolls constructively, and do not participate in trolling. You will help make mailing lists and online forums much more enjoyable venues for discussion.

from <http://kb.iu.edu/data/aemp.html>. an Indiana University website

St. Baldrick's

Update

It appears that our fearless leader has set a great example for the rest of us.



April Report

Previous Balance	\$30,889.79
cleared payments	11,211.40
cleared deposits	3,900.22
Cleared Balance	23,578.61
uncleared payments	1,756.02
uncleared deposits	2,048.00
Account Balance	23,871.59
New Payments	0.00
New Deposits	579.00
Ending Balance	24,450.59

Club Officers 2005-2006

President.....	Scott Neudecker 5212 Richland Woods Dr., Alton, 462-4697
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Rod Elias-3rd yr	Ebony Huddleston-2nd yr
Dick Jones-3rd yr	Brian White-2nd yr
Sam Stemm-3rd yr	Dave Walker-1st yr
Ken Spells-3rd yr	Chris Fox-1st yr
Gail Weinrich-3rd yr	Brock Hendricks-1st yr
Jasper Fisher-2nd yr	Michael Osborne-1st yr
Martha Morse-2nd yr	Tom Turpin-1st yr
Alan McBride-2nd yr	Josh Farley-PP