

Rotary Club DBQ Fun & Frolic Guidelines

Fun & Frolic is a short portion (3-5 minutes) of the Dubuque Rotary club meeting where members lightheartedly share amusing anecdotes, news stories, play on words or interesting information. After the presentation, each club member is asked to contribute (at least \$2.00) to the table bucket. The Member Minute and Fun & Frolic will alternate week to week.

A member volunteering to provide Fun & Frolic (F&F) is asked to follow these general guidelines:

1. F&F should enliven the group by using clean and appropriate humor, fun facts, interesting stories, and general uplifting anecdotes. We recognize that the nature and function of Fun and Frolic is to inject humor into our proceedings. Humor can be subjective and we cannot expect to avoid someone being offended if they choose to do so. However, care should be taken to present material that is in good taste and is appropriate for a "G" general audience.
2. In choosing to lead the Club in some lighthearted fun, it is important to keep the Rotary Four way test in mind:
 - -Is it the Truth?
 - -Is it Fair to all concerned?
 - -Will it build Goodwill and better Friendships?
 - -Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?
3. F&F material should never make fun of or attack a particular ethnic or religious group.
4. Humor surrounding the topic of politics generally is acceptable. Commenting on current issues is acceptable if it balanced and fair. Rotary is not a political organization. We therefore do not wish to show favoritism to one political movement or party over another. Attacks on specific political candidates or parties are not acceptable.
5. Stories, jokes, poems, or anecdotes that seek to demean, discriminate, or parody individuals or groups on the basis of gender or sexual orientation should be avoided. Overt sexual references should not be a part of any presentation.

It is important to remember that, as a voluntary service organization, the club is comprised of individuals from diverse backgrounds. Quite often we are frequented by guests, prospective members, and visiting Rotarians and we want them all to leave the meeting feeling as though Dubuque Rotary members treat everyone with dignity and respect. The entire audience, members and guests, of the meeting should come away from Fun & Frolic having laughed or been enlightened in some way and no member or guest should ever feel uncomfortable by what was presented during F&F.