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topic on the Fellowship Forum, and members have a week to weigh in. They attend the weekly meeting by commenting on the thread.

In your community

Misha Garafalo, president of the Rotary Club of Shorewood, Illinois, USA, surveyed members and learned that they wanted more opportunities to connect with the community. So she took Rotary on the road with field trips to local government agencies. The trips brought members together with service-minded individuals outside their usual circle.

Other clubs have experimented with once-a-month, agenda-free, after-work meetings where members can enjoy an evening of unstructured conversation.

In my own club in San Luis Obispo, California, USA, some of the most involved members are those who gather each week at a cigar shop. The city has a lively farmers market every Thursday evening that brings locals downtown to enjoy barbecue and live music. Without fail, certain Rotarians wander from the market to the cigar shop, owned by one of our founding members. They chat until closing time, with the informal get-together sparking more service project ideas than I can count.

This humidior-as-incubator phenomenon was not engineered by collaboration experts or corporate thought leaders. It's an organic gathering of civic-minded friends — a lot like the original Rotary meetings that took place in Chicago more than a century ago, when Paul Harris and his friends got together to think up ways to improve their community.

By Kim Lisagor, a freelance writer and member of the Rotary Club of San Luis Obispo Daybreak, California, USA

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The Rotary Club of Frankfort Meets Every Wednesday at the Capital Plaza Hotel From 11:45 a.m. Until 1:00 p.m.

**Frankfort Rotary Club website: <http://www.frankfort-rotary.org>
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NEIGHBORING CLUBS

Monday:	Eminence-Henry County Public Library	12:00 noon
	Owenton-Smith House	12:10 p.m.
Tuesday:	Lexington Sunshine-LaFayette Club	7:00 a.m.
	Georgetown-Golden Corral	12:00 noon
	Shelbyville-Centenary United Meth.	12:00 noon
	Versailles-At the Hospital	12:00 noon
Thursday:	Lawrenceburg-Anderson Public Library	12:00 noon
	Lexington-Fasig Tipton	12:00 noon
	Louisville-Galt House	12:10 p.m.

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Next Week's Speaker

Ben Reno-Weber is a Kentucky native who graduated from George Washington University with a degree in International Affairs. After university, he worked for the World Bank in Washington DC, and in the Balkans where he focused on microfinance and small/medium business development. He graduated the Harvard Kennedy School of Government



and Harvard Business School before joining the Boston Consulting Group. As a consultant he worked with groups ranging from industry associations to federal agencies to charter schools.

In 2010, he returned to Kentucky to join the KY YMCA as Chief Executive Officer. His organization is a financially sustainable social enterprise focused on using out-of-school time to develop a culture of civic engagement and servant leadership in middle- and high-school students, and young adults. (Basically, he attempts to develop young Rotarians.)

Make-ups for Feb. 5

Kristin Cantrell Louis McClain
Don Dampier

Attendance Percentage: 58%

Make-ups Needed for Feb. 12

Paula Alexander	Lloyd Hillard
Larry Arnett	Carmen Inman
Clay Barkley	William Legg
Beth Basler	Ann Maenza
Nathaniel Bebe	Derek Mallow
Brian Booth	Jonathan Mays
Bobby Bowers	Louis McClain
Richard Boyer	Scott McCoun
John Browning	Cindy McKee
Dan Bruning	Derek Napier
Bob Bullock	Michelle New
Sara Butler	John Norfleet
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Don Flinn	John Opsata
Gregory Fuchs	Carol Palmore
Larry Hadley	Josian Passalacqua
Mark Hampton	Tim Rose
Jeff Hancock	Gordon Saks
Leslie Hibbitts	Phillip Shepherd
Regina Stivers	Richard Taylor
Mary Thomas	

Monthly Board Meeting

The monthly board meeting will be Monday, February 17 at 5 p.m. at the Red Cross Headquarters, 318 Washington Street at Broadway.

Well Said...

Non-violence leads to the highest ethics, which is the goal of all evolution. Until we stop harming all other living beings, we are still savages. -*Thomas Edison, inventor (1847-1931)*

My country is the world, and my religion is to do good. -*Thomas Paine, philosopher and writer (1737-1809)*

Embrace spontaneity to spark ideas for your club

Apple co-founder Steve Jobs told his biographer, Walter Isaacson, that creativity is the result of spontaneous meetings and random discussions. "You run into someone, you ask what they're doing, you say 'wow,' and soon you're cooking up all sorts of ideas."

Rotary club meetings tend to be structured for efficiency. A certain amount of casual dialogue happens as members trickle in, but it often ends when the official meeting begins. With a bit of effort, though, we can create opportunities for the sort of interactions that may inspire the next great idea.

In your meetings

Your club's physical meeting place can make a big difference, as can the arrangement of furniture. The Rotary Club of Newcastle Enterprise,

Australia, had traditionally arranged the dinner tables in a large "U" formation, which helped club members see the guest speaker but limited dinner conversations. "Some members always chose to sit next to a particular friend, meaning they only spoke to one other person," says club president Julia Brougham. The club boosted discussion by adding smaller round tables where members can chat with six people at once.

It also helps to find a space that feels like a clubhouse: comfy and private. The Rotary Club of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, USA, has its own room at a local park. "Our meetings are typically boisterous, even rowdy," says club historian Bill Phillips. "I think we would be more reserved in a public setting, and we would

**Mark Your Calendar:
17th International Dinner**

Our International Dinner will be Thursday, February 27, 2014 at the Capital Plaza Hotel. Hospitality starts at 6 p.m. (cash bar) with the dinner and program at 7 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Dr. John D. Stempel, Senior Professor at the University of Kentucky's Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce. The cost will be \$25 per person and sign-up will begin at the Feb. 5 meeting.

lose much of the character of our club."

Online

Though it may seem counterintuitive, communicating by email or social media between meetings can increase interactions among members. "What we gain is a more continuous connection," says Caroline Haythornthwaite, director of the School of Library, Archival, and Information Studies at the University of British Columbia. "We're more able to stay in constant contact."

The Rotary E-Club One of District 5450, Colorado, USA, has more than 70 members on five continents. Because they interact almost entirely online, club leaders work to make conversations lively. Every Wednesday the club secretary posts a member-suggested

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