

Rotary Club of Port Macquarie Sunrise

S.T.A.R. Program

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Special Training for Action in Rotary

The S.T.A.R. program was first developed in 1976 by the Rotary Club of El Paso Texas USA and adopted by the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie Sunrise in 2005.

The program is designed to provide Rotary knowledge to new Rotarians and encourages researching the history of Rotary. Who started it, where, when, why? What has been achieved by Rotary until now, and what are the future programs?

It is designed to give new members the knowledge and confidence necessary for them to be active Rotarians and empower new members with the knowledge and confidence to become Rotarians in name and spirit.

We prepare approximately twelve questions on different subjects; they can be researched on the Internet or with the help from their Mentor. Every new Rotarian has a Mentor allocated to them. It is important to make a new Rotarian welcome in the Club, as well as making sure they know what is expected from them.

We meet once a month at someone's home and compare the answers we may have found (or not), and discuss any other issues of importance at the time. It is very informal, no test. We also have seasoned Rotarians that join us at our STAR meetings because they also like to know more about Rotary's History.

The program has 12 modules over a 24-month period. (your Club's history, Rotary history, Avenues of service, District 9650, Club service, Community service, International, The Foundation, Vocational, New Generation,)

All new members are expected to attend each of the above meetings once in a 24-month period.

They are requested to research the answers to 12 questions each month.

In addition they are expected to attend at least one make-up meeting at another club (accompanied) and attend a Board meeting.

They are also encouraged to attend our District 9650 Annual Conference, a District Function or a District Assembly.

The S.T.A.R. program has proven to be a very effective tool for creating a better informed membership and preparing members for club leadership positions.