

RESOLUTION 17R-04

To request the RI Board to consider retaining original membership information for returning members

Proposer(s): Rotary E-Club of 9790 Latrobe, District 9790, Australia

Endorsed by: District 9790 through a ballot-by-mail, 12 June 2017

1 WHEREAS, many past Rotarians who have resigned in good standing have since
2 been sought out and encouraged to rejoin as members, and

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4 WHEREAS, these members have shown themselves to be a valuable resource
5 based upon their experiences and expertise, with a willingness to take on
6 leadership roles, and

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8 WHEREAS, although club records may contain initial membership numbers and
9 starting dates, these are not included in records provided to ClubRunner, and

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11 WHEREAS, as a consequence, it appears that we do not recognize and, therefore,
12 appreciate their past service, although past records are retained and provided for
13 Rotary Foundation contributions and recognitions

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15 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
16 International consider collecting and retaining initial membership numbers and
17 starting dates of returning members and then making these available for use in
18 ClubRunner.

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

19 Individual clubs can energize Rotary with the return of past members, who are
20 now seen as an important field for membership acquisition. Many of these will
21 have left Rotary in good standing but were unable to retain membership due to
22 past attendance rules and expectations or were frustrated with both the previous
23 lack of change within clubs and the inability of clubs to adapt to the needs of
24 society. Many of these past members are still vibrant and self-motivated citizens
25 with great Rotary experience, keen to make a contribution. Now is not the time
26 to ignore their past service with the allocation of a new membership number and
27 a joining date commensurate with their re-entry into Rotary. To publish their
28 original details via ClubRunner will give due recognition to them and enhance
29 their standing, motivation, and self-worth; it will be fair to all concerned.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot
- 2 be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of
- 3 support provided by the RI Board to accomplish this goal.
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- 5 If there is an increase in membership, there could be an increase in revenues.