

Dear

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FELLOWSHIP ENHANCEMENT FOR THE ROTARY CLUB OF KU-RING-GAI - "SOCIAL ROUNDERS"

I would appreciate your thoughts on an idea to enhance fellowship in our club (including partners), in a different and low cost way. We tend to gravitate towards the familiar face - that with which one feels more comfortable and subconsciously avoid the less familiar one. However, can you remember an occasion when you were pleasantly surprised to discover something interesting you previously did not know about a person? Here is your chance to re-live that time. **JOIN "SOCIAL ROUNDERS"!**

How it Works.

Early in July I propose to ask those club members who wish to participate, to put their name in a 'hat'. Names will be drawn at random **in groups of four** (i.e. four couples). Each couple in each group will be asked to host the other three couples in their group in either 'Round 1', 'Round 2', 'Round 3' or 'Round 4'.

Each 'Round' is a three month period. That is, if you are allotted to host 'Round 1', you have to invite the other three couples in your group to some social activity at your home within the first quarter (Jul, Aug or Sep). You then will be invited to attend the second couple's home in the second quarter and so on, until the four couples have met four times in one year and each couple has hosted the other three once.

IT IS **NOT** A COMPETITION TO SEE WHO CAN PUT ON THE MOST EXPENSIVE FORMAL DINNER.

SOME IDEAS FOR THE HOSTS:

NOTE - THINK OF THE SIMPLEST WAY TO ENTERTAIN 8 PEOPLE AT YOUR PLACE.

- A barbeque breakfast one Sunday morning in one's back yard, with orange juice, AND (just to get the conversation going!) - a taste of something I have not had for 20 years - fried black pudding, garnished with parsley and tomato, or
- Pre-dinner drinks and snacks, or
- Afternoon tea, or
- In the middle of winter - a soup night, or
- A casual dinner, or
- If that is a bid difficult to arrange at your place, then you might try a picnic with the four families at a local park, or
- If you own a boat have an afternoon out together.

DISCUSSION POINTS

- Small gatherings encourage more interesting conversation.
- 3 couples or 4? (With three you get to meet the others only three times a year - perhaps not frequently enough to achieve the aim.)
- Each couple bring a 'course' to help the host with cooking. (NO - because then the partner gets involved in cooking four times, rather than once).
- It is NOT intended that you meet at a restaurant, rather than at home. (Home is the best environment to get to know someone better.)

RULES

1. A club Coordinator will be appointed, whose duties will include coordinating the drawer, overseeing meeting arrangements and making rules that may be required from time to time.
2. Changing the meeting time to another quarter is allowed ONLY on the concurrence of the coordinator.

3. The nominated host for each round is responsible to contact the other three and coordinate a suitable date to meet.
4. The host is to advise the Coordinator as gatherings occur.
5. No money is to change hands.
6. It is not to be BYO - if you think you will be offered Mongolian Yak juice - tuff!
7. Restaurants are not to be used.

I have seen this idea work very successfully in two other clubs. Please give it some consideration return the enclosed questionnaire to me, to enable planning.

Please tear off and return the coupon below.

Kindest regards,

Bob Ivey, President Elect 1998-99

TO: Bob Ivey
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"SOCIAL ROUNDERS"

(Please tick a box)

Yes. Please put my name in the hat in July.

No. Sorry, but we are unable to participate.

NAME

COMMENT