



Club President Guide

Facilitating a Club Discussion About Dare to Dream Film

Dare to Dream. How Rotary Became the Heart and Soul of Polio Eradication, is a full-length, 56-minute, documentary about how Rotary became engaged in polio eradication. The film is intended to educate, motivate, and entertain your club members. The film can be used to retain current members, recruit new members, and enhance your community's awareness of Rotary.

The film is also a fundraiser for Polio Plus. Please encourage your members to purchase the movie individually so that they can learn the rest of the story. The movie has a big finish that you won't experience by only watching the first 16 minutes of the film.

Note to Club President: To facilitate a discussion means you are actively LISTENING to the comments and opinions of your club members. You ARE NOT TALKING except to clarify thoughts and opinions of others and to move the conversation forward. Your role is to encourage others to speak. Your challenge is to engage those members who typically don't venture an opinion. **Good questions to ask are:**

“Who agrees with Joe’s opinion?”
“Who disagrees with Mary’s opinion?”
“Is there another way of looking at this problem?”
“Who thinks they could have done it better?”
What would have happened if they did it differently?”

There is an art to a respectful conversation where members are encouraged to voice differing opinions without dissolving into an argument. Your job is to make certain that the tone of the conversation remains constructive and civil. At the same time, passionate expressions of opinion should be welcome.

Because the movie excerpt is sixteen minutes of content and an additional two minutes of credits, in a time-constrained meeting you will want to stop the video once the credits begin to scroll. You might consider limiting your introduction of the film and saving the time you have for a discussion about the film afterwards. A sample introduction might be:

“Today we are going to watch an excerpt from an exciting new documentary about how Rotary became engaged in polio eradication. Rotary announced the goal of eradicating polio for all the children of the world in 1985, so it’s easy for many of us to take Rotary’s involvement with polio eradication for granted. Let’s watch this 16-minute excerpt from the full-length movie and then I would like to get your thoughts about it afterwards.”

Sample questions :

- What did you think of the film so far?
- What surprised you about the story so far?
- Are Rotary clubs required to give to the Rotary Foundation or to give to Polio Plus? Why not?
- The 75th anniversary fund was supposed to raise money over two years and spend it in five years. Could our club fund a project in a similar way? Why or why not?
- Three consecutive RI Presidents supported the new 3H program. Should we plan for a multiple year project in our club?
- UNICEF and the WHO didn't want to focus on eradicating a single disease after small pox was eradicated. Do you think Rotary leaders were smart to advocate eradicating polio when public health officials wanted to promote primary health care?
- There was only one proposal for the 3H committee to evaluate when they decided to accept the proposal to do polio vaccinations in the Philippines. If you were in their position, would you have been concerned that Rotarians weren't interested in doing 3H projects?
- Polio had been eradicated in the developed world for so long that many people have no memory of the disease. Do you think non-Rotarians are interested in Rotary's engagement with global projects?
- Do you think the younger generation has a different perspective on global service projects than the older generation? Why or why not?
- Do you think Rotary leaders should have polled the membership about the 3H program before they announced it? Do you think Rotarians would have been in favor if asked?
- Should Rotary do another global service project after polio eradicated? Why or why not?

You will only have time to discuss three or four questions with your club before the end of your club program. Don't feel obligated to use these questions. They are just suggestions. Before you adjourn the meeting or move on to other club business, please be sure to:

- Ask your club members to purchase the movie at daretodreamfilm.com
- Remind them that their \$25 purchase includes a tax-deductible \$18.75 contribution to Polio Plus.
- Let them know that the story gets even better as the movie goes along and they will want to know the ending.