

Rotary Club of Palgrave?s Weekly Rotary Minute

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It is amazing the similarities between Scouts (including Beavers, Cubs and Girl Scouts) and Rotary.

Ceremonies are important: Both organizations use special occasions to remind them of the brotherhood/sisterhood of members worldwide; and rituals provide atmosphere and combine members into a cohesive unit.

Formality in presentations and rituals: Scouts have badges as do we; and the essence of a ritual is that the participants (and observers) know exactly what is going to happen ? as in weekly meeting agendas, Rotary grace, happy bucks, fines etc.

Scouts have various forms of ?totem poles? and flags as Rotarians do.

Scouts are encouraged to bring family members and friends to their meetings and ceremonies, as are Rotarians.

Scouts have ?investitures,? Rotary has ?inductions.? It illustrates the importance of the formality of recognizing the value of new members to our respective families.

Rotary is the adult version of Scouts as we are all kids at heart.

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