

Locality of a Club

Whenever you meet a Rotarian from another club, you should be able to tell which city his / her club is in based on the club name. We are with RC Taipei. We have baby clubs named RC Keelung, RC Tainan and so on. One of our sister clubs is RC Kyoto in Japan. Those names tell the locality of these clubs. RI requires that each club must adopt a name that identifies it with its locality and insert the name in its constitution.

Each club is organized and exists in a locality. The locality can be any area where a sufficient number of business and professional people can be found to form a club to serve the local community. It can be as specific as RC JFK International Airport in NY, or as general as RC San Francisco which covers the whole big city.

A club name should be easily identifiable on a map of the area, so that someone unfamiliar with the area can determine the club's general location. In a locality with more than one club, additional clubs shall use the locality's name plus some other designation to distinguish it from the other club(s) e.g., RC Taipei North or RC Taipei West.

Due to the dense population in Taiwan, the locality of a club often overlaps that of other clubs. In Taipei alone, there are more than 160 Rotary clubs. Besides, Rotarians are so creative that they are rarely satisfied with name of a street or a community as their club names. Therefore, the naming rule is being bent a little bit. The result is that many clubs in Taiwan pick their city as their locality, followed by a term that they think can best represent their clubs, not necessarily a designation to locate where they are. There are RC Taipei Golden Eagle, RC Taipei Diamond, RC Taipei New Century, RC Taipei Tokai and many more.

When you are confused with locality of the names, don't bother to find out exactly where those clubs are. Just keep in mind that, as proud Rotarians, we serve beyond the locality by doing good in the whole world. We all belong to Rotary International!