



Encourage? Or not Encourage? That is the question.

When kids go to their parents, grandparents or great-grandparents and say I want to be this or do that, do they get behind them and encourage them? or not really encourage them and try to convince them to do or be something else? I'd say they encourage.

“From a small seed, a mighty trunk may grow. – Aeschylus”

By encouraging our new, young, and current members to speak up and share ideas, a mighty club may grow but the rest of us must be there alongside them giving them encouragement to try their ideas. It's said all too often, “that won't work, we've already tried that or something like that.” Just because it's been tried before, some years past, doesn't mean that it won't work now.

What does it hurt to try? If you try and it doesn't work quite as planned, then you have something to work on for the next time to improve until it works. Thomas Edison made many attempts to improve the light bulb. He tried several different things, but he didn't give up. Thomas Edison was impressed with Henry Ford's internal combustion engine automobile and encouraged its development.

“Celebrate your successes and failures; both require great courage. – Unknown

“Even a journey of a thousand miles starts with a first step. – Unknown
We need always to be taking that first step, looking for and asking others to join with us to help our communities and surrounding communities.
I want to thank all those clubs again that have met my 3% challenge! Great job, but don't stop there!!

Put Ruritan In Your Heart and join us in Winston-Salem January 11-14, 2024.

Let's have a wrap-up Ruritan 95th, Rudy 35th, and Foundation 55th Celebration! I'm going to enjoy a few Krispy Kreme doughnuts ☐