



DISTRICT INFORMATION

Stop struggling with Clubmate/RI-CAS

It's hard to share the workload when your club administration software is only available on one computer. With RI-CAS, the program and data end up on the Club Secretary's computer. Anything that goes in, the Secretary has to enter. Any reports that come out, the Secretary has to generate, print and distribute.

Now, we have a new product available to all clubs in the district. Every club member can

access their own information and update it. Club officers can get reports directly, without going through the Club Secretary, from wherever they might be – home – office – on the road, as long as they have Internet access. The Pmail feature allows email service to individuals or groups such as committees or even the whole club, and individuals can opt out of Pmail blasts.

It's easy to generate Birthday and anniversary lists, club committee assignments, membership directories complete with pictures, weekly and monthly attendance reports and much more. There are hyperlinks available for your club website to automatically display web pages with the club calendar or officers list and more. You can see pages like this now on the district website that show the district calendar or club meeting places, instantly updated by entries made by many Rotarians throughout the district. Security access levels that vary according to position assure that informa-

tion is available to those who need it without exposing it to everybody.

So what's it cost? Basically, nothing. The district has already loaded the database with information from the RI database, the district directory, and other sources. If you have been very thorough in capturing information in the RI-CAS software you may find that you have more data than we have stored. Generally it will just take a few mouse clicks to make up the difference, but if there is a lot, your club can opt to have the data imported and merged for a one time charge from the vendor of \$200.

What about other options? Well, there is a treasurer module that will keep the club books and integrate member billing with the attendance module. The vendor charges each participating club \$156 annually for this module, or it can be available for less if more than 16 or 17 clubs in the district enroll for the option.

If you don't have a club website the vendor has available hosting arrangements for simple template driven websites at a small cost per club. Enhanced websites are also available for those clubs that have someone with an interest and a little technical ability to expand the offering.

**How can our club get started? Just have the Club Secretary contact
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