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October is Vocational Service Month!

What is your classification? It’s a routine question in Rotary. There have been a few clubs who questioned the relevance of this system. Before we arbitrarily ignore the classification system of Rotarians, let us reflect about how this system is responsible for developing a well-balanced club, and how this system will assist us in having representatives of the professionals and business people of the community in which the club is located.

The classification system is a great tool to assess the talent for membership and an entry into discovering qualified individuals who meet the standard of Rotary. Take a look at the classifications in your club that are vacant. Perhaps this simple task will lead you to discovering another Rotarian. This month’s video at <http://youtu.be/lKgXq-ZpoA> provides some ideas.

What is your club doing to acknowledge the talent and service of its members during *Vocational Service Month*?

Here are some possibilities:

1. Recite the 4 way test every Rotary meeting. (Yes, some clubs do, but not all.)
2. Ask a Rotarian to research and tell the story of the development of the 4 way test.

It’s an interesting story to share and with a good story teller, takes about 5 minutes.

3. Distribute the *Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions* to all members. For your convenience, it is printed on Page 4 in this newsletter. This declaration is a reminder about Rotarians high ethical, moral, and business standards. It’s on my office wall and is a reminder about how we engage in our vocation. Do your members have this and display it as a daily reminder?
4. Visit a place of business for one of your meetings this month. Learn more about the Rotarian and their place of work.
5. Perform a service project around vocations. Job fair, job shadowing, can you think of others?
6. Revisit the “classification talk” and ask a longtime Rotarian to update the club about their vocation. It is fun and informative for all members, especially for newer members.

Read this list and pick out a few ideas to celebrate Vocational Month and then interject variety into your Dagwood club meetings for October!

Let’s see what we can do for Rotary!

District “Guv” Georgene Hildebrand

Using Vocational Service to Build Peace

Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka

In Japan, we place great importance on the value of work. Whatever we are called to do, we should do it to the very best of our abilities, with dignity and with pride. Whether the job is running a country or shining shoes, there is honor in every vocation.

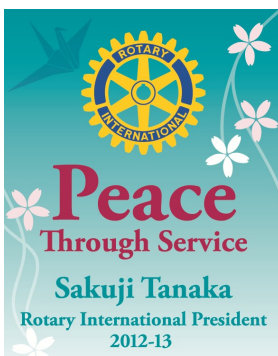
I grew up embracing this belief, but I had never stopped to contemplate it. One day, in my third year of Rotary, we had a speaker at our club who talked about the purpose of one's livelihood. He asked, why do we work hard? What is the importance of our work.

I had never thought about this before, I never saw it as a question, We work to earn money. We work to be successful. We work because it is required of us. To me, this was all.

On that day, I learned about the idea of vocational service. It was the idea that through our work, we can serve others. We think about others' needs, and grow to care more for the needs of our communities. We build positive connections between people, and a more peaceful world.

This is the idea that has changed my life. It did not change how much I worked, or how hard I worked. But it changed why I worked, and how I experienced my life. It has made me see a higher purpose in everything I do.

The idea of Service above Self is an idea that is unique to Rotary. But it is an idea that can be embraced by anyone. And I believe very much that in Rotary, and beyond Rotary, we can build Peace through Service.



Peace Through Service Project

What has your club selected for your Peace Service Project?

If you haven't yet selected a project OR if you're not sure what project to undertake to complete this challenge, contact Chair Ruby Iwamasa at rubiawamasa@chartermi.net. She has many ideas!

40th Anniversary Celebration

Michael Elliott, Public Relations Director

Members of the Rotary Club of Saginaw Valley, Michigan gathered on September 25, 2012 to celebrate their 40th Anniversary.

The historic event took place at the Saginaw Country Club and was attended by 40 current members, friends, and spouses to celebrate the founding in 1972 of the local Rotary Club that serves both Saginaw and Thomas Township.

Current President Richard Boudiab welcomed everyone to the anniversary dinner and thanked all of the previous Club presidents "who made this special occasion possible." President Boudiab commended his predecessors for their dedication to the Rotary motto, "Service above self."

The highlight of the anniversary celebration was a review of the local Rotary's historical milestones by Jack Cleveland, the only remaining charter member of the Club. After saluting those Rotarians who helped the Club become involved in the local communities that they serve, Jack Cleveland said the future appears bright for the Club and "that he looks forward to the 45th anniversary."

The Rotary Club of Saginaw Valley meets for lunch every Monday at 12:00 noon at Horizons Conference Center and welcomes visitors who are interested in Rotary.

Rotary District 6310 Sixth Annual *FOUNDATION RECOGNITION GALA*

It's not too late to make your reservation for the Friday, October 26 celebration of our District's achievements!

The event will take place at Zehnder's of Frankenmuth, with cocktails (cash bar) from 6:00—6:45 p.m. and the dinner and program from 7:00—9:00 p.m. The cost is \$35 per person or \$250 for a table of eight. Deadline for reservations is October 19th.

Mail your check made payable to Rotary District 6310 with reservations to: Bill Parlberg PDG
334 Queens Creek Drive
Frankenmuth, MI 48734

For credit card payment, call or email: bill.parlberg@zehnders.com or 989-652-0425

We hope to see you there!

Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions

As a Rotarian engaged in a business or profession, I am expected to:

- 1) Consider my vocation to be another opportunity to serve;
- 2) Be faithful to the letter and to the spirit of the ethical codes of my vocation, to the laws of my country, and to the moral standards of my community;
- 3) Do all in my power to dignify my vocation and to promote the highest ethical standards in my chosen vocation;
- 4) Be fair to my employer, employees, associates, competitors, customers, the public, and all those with whom I have a business or professional relationship;
- 5) Recognize the honor and respect due to all occupations which are useful to society;
- 6) Offer my vocational talents: to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community;
- 7) Adhere to honesty in my advertising and in all representations to the public concerning my business or profession;
- 8) Neither seek from nor grant to a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship.

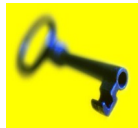
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3 keys to ensuring ethical behavior in the workplace

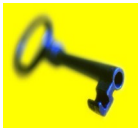
A 2009 article in *Forbes* magazine on leadership suggests that ethical business practices depend on three things: honesty in use of language, insistence on proper behavior, and a refusal to allow gray areas.



Use honest language: "One of the most important things a leader can import to his or her organization is an honest and explicit use of language." Expose the unethical consequences that may be concealed in such euphemisms as "strategic business practices" and "competitive advantage." Use your power of language to make a clear statement of your ethical position.



Insist on proper behavior. "Behavior results from values, yes. But values can result from behavior too." Make ethical practices a standard component of your employees' performance expectations to help them develop and strengthen their personal integrity.



Refuse to allow for gray areas. "While moral absolutism may sound like an archaic and austere concept...it's exactly what is needed to establish a clear, strong, unwavering voice for doing the right thing."

Mendhro, Umamah, and Abhanav Sinha, 2009. Three keys to staying ethical in the age of Madoff. *Forbes*, 6 February. www.forbes.com/2009/02/06/ethics-corruption-india-leadership-corruption09_0209_mendhro.html



Youth Exchange Students with DG Georgene, First Gentleman Jim, and Rotarian Chaperones Mike, Joe, Dianne, and Jim

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)

Nineteen Rotarians attended the exciting RLI at Delta College on September 29! If your club is not listed below, then make the move to the next offering in Battle Creek on Saturday, October 13. Sign up online at www.rigreatlakes.org. You will find it worth of your investment!

Congratulations to the following Luann clubs who responded to the invitation to send 1-2 members:
Bay City, Bay City Morning, Birch Run, Durand, Mt. Pleasant, Oscoda, Pigeon, Pinconning/Standish, Saginaw, Saginaw Sunrise, Sebewaing, Shepherd, and Vassar.



The RLI was a fantastic experience! The sessions were informative and engaging, and we also had the opportunity to meet and network with other Rotarians from our District. It was a day well spent learning more about our organization. I highly recommend it to all!

Dee Brock

Opportunity to travel, see, and serve in India

Attached to this newsletter is a document entitled the Rotary Dream Team - India in Feb. 2013. It includes meaningful participation in a Polio NID, hands-on work to build a water harvesting dam, and a tour of some vibrant cultural destinations in incredible India!

Caro Club

The Caro Rotary Club recently made its annual donation to the Imagination Library, established by Dolly Parton to promote early childhood literacy for children by providing free age appropriate books from birth to age 5.



Pictured from left to right are Caro President Barbara Haranda, Suze Walker accepting on behalf of Imagination Library, and Treasurer Jerry Bernhardt.

Saginaw Sunrise Club

The Saginaw Sunrise Club will once again be giving dictionaries to all the third graders in Carrollton and Zilwaukee elementary schools for their "dictionary" project in October.

The club's major fund raiser "Jazzy Wine Affair" — a wine tasting with Jazz music in the background — will take place Thursday October 11 (cute date 10/11/12) from 6 to 9 p.m. at Apple Mountain. The chefs there will provide heavy hors d'oeuvres.

The proceeds will go to building reading lofts to encourage reading in local elementary schools.

Find the misplaced names

From the many entrees from members who discovered the names of Past District Governor Allan Nietzsche, District Governor-Elect Duane Reyhl, and District Governor-Nominee Dee Brock in the September District Dispatch, the winner was Andreas Teich of the Rotary Club of Bay City. Congratulations!

Now, can you find the three misplaced names in the October edition? Send your entry to District Administrative Assistant Connie Deford at conmd@concentric.net or connie.rotary6310@gmail.com.

Good luck Garfield hunting!!!

Youth Exchange – Taylor Shuler

Midland Rotary to Alsheim-Gronau, Germany



Raising our flag in my new country! I've been here in Germany for two months now and I have loved every second of it. For the past two weeks I have been away with all of the other inbounds. To my left is one of my great new friends Beth, she is also from America. We were on our way to visit castles, take hikes, and spend time together. Everyone is great...everyone is crazy!

I remember as an outbound watching all of the inbounds hugging and crying when it was time for them to leave to go home. They couldn't wait to see each other again. When it was time to go home from these two weeks, I did not want to leave. Even though we were meeting again in another two weeks, I didn't want to let go. I love being an Inbound.

Yesterday Paulina and I went to a grape harvesting party at an acquaintance of my host family and cut grapes from the vines. Paulina is an inbound from Chile, and is another great friend of mine. Afterwards we went to see how wine was made! It was really fascinating. While I was there, people would ask, "So who is the American girl?" I've never been so proud to raise my hand! I am definitely representing America well here. Raise your flag! As one of the students said "It's not a year within a life, it's a life within a year." I absolutely love it, and we should tell our outbounds that!



Put these dates on your calendar!

- October: Vocational Service Month
- October 12: Strategic Plan Update, Midland Community Center
- October 24: Membership Webinar
- October 26: Foundation Gala for District 6310 in Frankenmuth MI
- November: Rotary Foundation Month
- November 30 – Dec 2 Peace Forum, Berlin Germany: Peace Without Borders
- January 25-27 Peace Forum, Honolulu Hawaii; The Green Path to Peace
- February 23: World Understanding and Peace Day; Rotary Birthday
- March 14-16: President-Elect Training, Kalamazoo MI

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We encourage the submission of articles. Please provide information and pictures for a future District Dispatch to:
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