

Announcing the



Vocational Service Award

What IS Vocational Service in Rotary?



Vocational Service

Vocational Service is one of Rotary's Avenues of Service. Vocational Service calls every Rotarian to:

- aspire to high ethical standards in their occupation;
- recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations, and;
- contribute their vocational talents to the problems and needs of society.

Now you can nominate an outstanding Rotarian in *your* club who exemplifies these Vocational Service characteristics.

For decades, District 7500 has participated with the four other NJ Districts in a statewide Vocational Assembly each year. Each club was invited to submit a nominee and then one winner was selected from each District.

But over the years, attendance dropped significantly, and 80% of our District's clubs responded last year that they wanted to pull out of the New Jersey Vocational Assembly in favor of a new way of recognizing Vocational Service. So District 7500 will be doing it our way this year.

First: We are not asking you to take a weekday to attend another meeting in North Jersey. And you will not have to sit through speeches from five Districts. Our Vocational Awards will be presented at an event you already attend: the MidYear Assembly on January 30, 2017.

Second: Rather than big one "winner," which infers that all the other fine nominees were losers, EVERY club winner will be recognized as one of our Rotary District 7500 Vocational Service Award winners.

What's next?

1. Read the award criteria on the following page.
2. Have your club Board nominate an Active member.
3. Complete the Nomination Form and submit it to Norman Mackey, District 7500 Vocational Service Chair, 14 Andover Drive, Medford, NJ 08055. Only **ONE** winner per club, and nominations must be received prior to December 1st 2016. You may submit your nomination by mail or by email to MackeyNR@gmail.com
4. Advise your club winner, their family and your club members to plan to attend the awards banquet at La Bove Grande in Lakehurst on January 30, 2017.

Award criteria:

Vocational Service was Rotary's first focus when it started in 1905. For more than 100 years, Rotarians have used the Four-Way Test as a checklist for everything they think, say, and do. Rotarians have used their businesses and professions to demonstrate high ethical standards to those they employ, serve, and do business with in the community. Rotarians who exemplify Vocational Service use their vocations to mentor others; they demonstrate leadership skills, and the highest integrity, and they give back to the community and the world beyond with volunteer service and other acts of generosity.

We are less interested in a person who is paid to oversee volunteers or to run a non-profit agency and more interested in a Rotarian who "walks the walk" because of a personal commitment to Vocational Service.



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Club Name		
Name of Club Nominee		
# Years a Rotarian		
Nominee's Vocation		
Nominee's Address		
Describe how nominee demonstrates leadership skills in his or her workplace		
Describe how nominee has acted as a mentor or helped develop the career paths of others		
Describe how nominee has lived the Four-Way Test and demonstrated ethics and integrity in his or her workplace		
Describe how nominee serves his or her trade or professional association		
Describe how nominee has used volunteerism or material contributions to improve the community		
Signed by Club President		(print name)
Date signed		
Date received by D7500		

(attach additional page if needed, but no more than 4 pages, total, please)

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Please print below in 300 words or less, why your club chose this member as your Vocational Service Award winner