

ROTARY MOMENT

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Vocational Services

This month's Rotary Moments Theme is on "Vocational Services". I have to admit I wasn't really sure what I would write about related to this topic. I usually have a vision before I sit down to start to craft the monthly theme content, not this month!!!

When I search Avenues of Service, Vocational, I was pleased to learn that this avenue is actually at the root of much that we do in Rotary. Of course we all have a vocation and in fact we are classified as Rotarians based on that vocation. We come together to learn about one another through our classification talk. I was relieved at quickly had more inspiration than one could ask for! The first important item I ran across was the following

Rotarians are to encourage and foster:

- Ethical Standards in business and professions
- The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations
- The dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve our society

The Four-Way Test

The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships. The test has been translated into more than 100 languages, and Rotarians recite it at club meetings: Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the **Truth**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all Concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Rotary Name

The name "Rotary" originated with the practice of rotating meeting sites among members' places of business. That tradition remains an excellent way for Rotarians to share their vocations with their club.



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I Like Me 2014

Did you know: Rotary has a Code of Conduct?

As a Rotarian, I will...

- Exemplify the core value of integrity in all behaviors and activities
- Use my vocational experience and talents to serve Rotary
- Conduct all of my personal, business and professional affairs ethically, encouraging and fostering high ethical standards as an example to others
- Be fair in all dealings with others and treat them with the respect due to them as fellow human beings
- Promote recognition and respect for all occupations which are useful to society
- Offer my vocational talents: to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community
- Honor the trust that Rotary and fellow Rotarians provide and not do anything that will bring disfavor or reflect adversely on Rotary or fellow Rotarians

So far, about morals, I know only that what is moral is what you feel good after and what is immoral is what you feel bad after.”

— Ernest Hemingway, *Death in the Afternoon*

Vocational Programs of FW Rotary

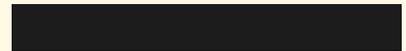
For many years the FW Rotary Club has helped shape the hearts and minds of the children in our community. Sharon Badanai has chaired the I Like Me book Committee and Dictionaries for as long as I have been a Rotarian.

Sharon takes extra special care in selecting the school each year and gathering Rotarians to read to the children. It is one of those events that demands all members and spouses in attendance as well as some church choir members!!

This program provides books with each child's name in the content, for some this may be the only book they own. Reading at literacy is so important in defining to future for our children. I like me also speaks to self esteem and bullying which are also big concerns in today's society.

I have had the pleasure of participating in this event a couple of times in recent years. The joy and appreciation of the children is heart warming. Such an amazing example of how Rotarians can help children to grow into successful adults through the gift of literacy.

Sharon you are an exemplary Rotarian, you approach all of your Rotary work with passion and commitment we are fortunate to have you as a member of the FW Rotary Club and I am particularly thankful to have you on the board during my presidential year.



Vocational Training Teams (VTT)

These teams help to fulfill Rotary's long standing commitment to vocational training. In 1965 the Group Study Exchange Program took shape whereby young professionals had an opportunity to travel to another country and observe other professionals at work. The VTT program takes this to a new level whereby professionals may in some cases take on hands on work in aboard, share best practices, etc.. The Rotary website tells us that a successful VTT program increases the capacity of the host community to solve problems and improve the quality of life.

Grants are available to support this important initiative:

District Grant VTTs

Requirements: District grant VTTs must support The Rotary Foundation's mission to promote goodwill and peace, improve health, support education, and alleviate poverty.

Packaged Grant VTTs

Requirements: All packaged grants are carried out with a strategic partner, who defines the general scope of activities within one or more areas of focus, develops the relationships with the local professionals, and ensures that the outcome will be sustainable. Rotarians build the VTT with Rotarian and non-Rotarian participants who have the appropriate skill set for the training. For example, working with the strategic partner Mercy Ships, Rotarians assemble teams of medical professionals who perform or assist in life-changing surgeries and provide skills training to local health care professionals.

Global Grant VTTs

Requirements: Global grant VTTs must align with one or more areas of focus, build the capacity of either the team members or the benefiting community, and have a sustainable and measurable impact. The VTT must be sponsored by Rotary clubs or districts from two countries. The grant may support the travel of more than one team.

Suggested Ways to put this avenue of service into action (Taken from RI Document "An Introduction to Vocational Service"):

- Talk about your vocation in your club, learn about fellow members occupations
- Use your skills to serve the community
- Practice your profession with integrity, and inspire others to behave ethically through your own words and actions
- Help a young person achieve his or her career aspirations
- Guide and encourage others in their professional development