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Vocational Service - Program Building

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It has been said by Rotarians that vocational service or service through the medium of vocation is the first principle upon which Rotary exists. Further, that Rotary's future as a permanent institution depends upon its contribution to that phase of activity. With this in mind let us review the activity of Rotary clubs in promoting this all important phase of Rotary. Is it not a fact that clubs have neglected this work, the very heart of the Rotary movement, in favor of other fields already occupied by other organizations which quite frequently are better equipped to do the job? What then, has been the cause of this reaction to vocational service, and what can be done to make vocational service attractive? Rotarians who have studied these problems have offered varying opinions. Some believe that the average club member is satisfied with his own conduct in business and, therefore, does not feel the need for such an activity in Rotary. Some believe that club members actually resent the subject because it deals with the way in which they conduct their businesses which to them is a private matter. A large group believes very firmly that the field of vocational service has never been thoroughly explored and that there are many avenues of this subject little known at this time which will appeal to the average Rotarian.

Efforts have been made by program building bodies to discover new ways of approaching the subject to inspire Rotarians to activity. These efforts have been many and varied and have resulted in bringing vocational service to the position it now occupies. The methods thus far employed have been greatly handicapped by the fact that vocational service committees are short-lived and are not in existence long enough to become fully acquainted with much detailed knowledge of the technical phases of the subject. As a result, the theoretical side of the subject has enjoyed careful attention, but the practical side, the one in which the appeal to the business person must be found, has been neglected. The time has now come when the need is felt for elevating vocational service to the position in Rotary that it deserves and which must be reached if the movement is to continue to grow as it has in the past.

The Four-Way Test 四大考验 Sì Dà Kǎo Yàn

Of the things we think, say or

我们说的做的要符合:Wǒ men Shuō de Zuò de Yào Fǔ Hé: 1. Is it the truth? 是真的吗? Shì Zhēn de ma?

- 2. Is it Fair to all Concerned? 是公平的吗? Shì Gōng Píng de ma?
- 3. Will it build Goodwill and better Friendships? 是善意的并促进友谊吗? Shì Shàn Yì de - Bìng Cù Jìn Yǒu Yí ma?
- 4. Will it be Beneficial to all Concerned? 是对大家有利吗? Shì Duì Dà Jiā Yǒu Lì ma?



One of the first steps in this movement has been inaugurated by the Vocational Service Committee by the Rotary International. This Committee is of the opinion that the vocational service program should retain all of the fundamentals of vocational service, and at the same time be made as practical as possible bringing out the point that the goal of all business is profit and that the application of the ideal of service in business will result in success expressed in monetary terms. 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.
- Rotarians, clubs, and districts should implement the following strategies in their support of Vocational Service:
- Strengthen the emphasis on vocation and classification in new member recruitment and induction.
- Identify means of emphasizing vocation in club activities.
- Create a stronger emphasis on business networking with integrity in Rotary at the club and district level.
- Focus more attention on business networking with integrity as a means of attracting and mentoring the new generation.
- Emphasize the connection between the Four Way Test and "The Rotarian Code of Conduct" and their importance to the values of Rotary.

When professionals join a Rotary club, they do so as a representative of their classification - their particular business or profession.

Rotarians have the dual responsibility of representing their vocation within the club and exemplifying the ideals of Rotary within the workplace.

One of the central goals of Vocational Service is to promote and advance Rotary's high ethical standards. Two useful tools Rotarians have to assess these standards are "The Four-Way Test" and "The Rotarian Code of Conduct".

January 26 th	Fellowship	Simply Thai, 5F, 1266 Nanjing West Road 五楼,南京西路1266
February 2 nd	Induction & Member talk	Marriott City Center, 19:00
February 9th	No meeting due to Chin. New Year	./.
February 16th	Building an Organization that Outlives It's Founder / Tom Stadler	Marriott City Center, 19:00

January 19th 2015 Visiting Rotarians

Dr. Fred Heismeyer RC East Wierita KS #5690

Members: 20 Visitors: 1, Guests: 6, total 27 Saddle money: 1,700 RMB



Highlights from the last Meeting

At the last meeting we had a small group of 27. Jasmine Jin was invited by President Dean for the 4-Way Test. Afterwards Dean proceeded to introduce visitors and guests, there were no banners exchanged.

Collecting happy money with the saddle taken up by Randal Eastman, supported by Tom Stader. RMB 1700 contribution from such a small group is really good and shows how much happiness there is in Rotary: Terri was happy about being back after such a long time; Tobias was happy about the coming holiday; Speaker Alan was happy to meet and share again; Philipo was happy about the coming Qigong program; Andrew was happy about the adopt a school program.

We then were treated to an excellent speech given by Alan Leung, his 2^{nd} time to present at an RCS meeting.

His presentation covered Alan's high profile engagements as sports psychology trainer in addition to being a fitness trainer. He then proceeded to explain

- What is mental toughness and why important
- How mental toughness helps to overcome challenges and achieve goals.
- Mental toughness is not magic power and we can exercise it.
- Mindfulness and how to improve it via meditation. Meditation is going to be the next health revolution
- How to, through meditation, push away negative thoughts and focus on positive thinking and what you want to achieve

Dean adjourned the meeting by toasting everyone who had braved the cold to join this meeting.



Club Information

Alan, Linnet and Sam

Officers & Boardmembers

Dean Merritt – President
Andrew Hill – President Elect/Club Admin
Terri Lau – Vice President
Linnet Kwok – Hon. Secretary
Yvon Russon - Treasurer
Tiffany Storey
Alejandro Buriel Rocha
Thilo Koeppe
Marjorie Woo
Frank Yih (PP)

Basic Info of our Club

First chartered on 1 October 1919, re-chartered on 8 February 2006 Number of active members – 74 Number of honorary members – 6

Contacts

The club meeting is a dinner meeting every Tuesday at Marriott City Center Shanghai

西藏中路555号No. 555 Middle Xizang Rd

(18:30 cocktails, 19:00-20:30 dinner)

Contact the club administrator Vivian Huang at RSVP@rotaryshanghai.org, +86 13501672753

Committees and Directors

Club Administration Committee

1st Tuesday of each month, 17:30 Chair: Andrew Hill <u>rotary1617@hotmail.com</u>

Membership Committee / PR Committee

2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, 17:30, dining room Chair: Alexandra Taulin <u>alexandra.taulin@yahoo.fr</u>

Community and International Service Committee

1st Tuesday of each month, 17:00 Chair: Alejandro Buriel Rocha alejandro.buriel@smlchinaconsult.com

Youth service committee Last Tuesday of each month, 17:00

Chair: Motohiro Yamane yamane@tmish.com

Rotary Leadership Award

Committee Chair: OPEN
The Rotary Foundation Committee

Chair: David Smith dave@smithorchards.com

Percy Chu Awards

Chair: Marjory Woo marjorie.woo@lmi-china.com

Rotary Club of Shanghai West Wednesday ,18:30-20:30 Location: Shanghai Pullman Hotel 位置:上海中星鉑爾曼酒店

Address: No. 1 Pubei Road, Xuhui District, Shanghai 上海徐汇区浦北路1号

For more information please contact President Richard Zi Email: zishanghai@hotmail.com

Rotary Club of Shanghai Pudong Lujiazui Thursday, 19:00-20:30 Location: Radisson Blu Hotel (Pudong) in Thumb Plaza, Pudong, Shanghai, 位置:浦东大拇指广场 证大丽笙酒店 1199 Yingchun Rd. (close to Fangdian Rd.) 地址:迎春路1199号(靠近芳甸路) If you would like to attend Rotary Pudong Meeting Please contact President Patrick Hopkins

Email: pjhopki@gmail.con

Fresh Start Rotary Club of Shanghai Friday, 7:45-9:00 am Location: 2nd floor, Element Fresh, Jing An Kerry Center 位置:新元素静安嘉里中心店二楼

位置: 制ル系肝女衆至中心冶二校 Address: No.1551 Nan Jing Xi Lu ,shanghai 地址: 南京西路1551号

For more information about Fresh Start and for anyone interested to attend, please visit http://freshstartrotaryshanghai.org/

