



**The President's Corner**

October is Rotary International "Vocational Service Month". Basic to Vocational Service is "The Four Way Test". This 24-word test of the things we think, say, and do is a convenient and effective instrument of Vocational training.

- Is it the Truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Members also are expected to adhere to the "Declaration of Rotarians in Business and Professions" which Rotary has officially adopted to foster high business standards and ethical practices. Two of the following guidelines included in this Declaration we are expected to do as a Rotarian engaged in business or profession are:

- Consider our vocation to be another opportunity to serve.
- 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.

We practice Vocational Service in our daily working schedule, but are we not selfish if we don't try to share the Rotary philosophy of fairness and truth with our friends and particularly the youth of our community? This month attend an Interact or Rotoract meeting, become involved in a youth activity, and share your vocation with a school career-planning event, in other words, practice our motto "Service Above Self".

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**Declaration of Rotarians in Business and Professions**

The Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions was adopted by the Rotary International Council on Legislation in 1989 to provide more specific guidelines to the high ethical standards called for in the Object of Rotary:

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

- Consider my vocation to be another opportunity to serve.
- Be faithful to the letter and the spirit of the ethical codes of my vocation, to the laws of my country, and to the moral standards of my community.
- Do all in my power to dignify my vocation and to promote the highest ethical standards in my chosen profession.
- Be fair to my employer, employees, associates, competitors, customers, the public, and all those with whom I have a business or professional relationship.
- Recognize the honor and respect due all occupations that are useful to society.
- 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.
- Adhere to honesty in my advertising and in all representations to the public concerning my business or profession.

Neither seek from nor grant to a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship.

**KEEPING IN TOUCH! A MESSAGE FROM FORMER AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR EVA MACGILLIVRAY.** *Eva represented our club and district as an Ambassador of Goodwill in 1996-97 studying in France. Norm Miller received this message:*  
Greetings All!

I hope this note finds you all well. AS for your dear scholar, life has been pretty exciting. I have just received a promotion to eMarketing Manager at Thomson Learning and I am just about to send off my Grad School Application to the University of London.

What my main purpose here is, however, is to exchange this flag from a Turkish Rotary Club. About a month ago, I returned from a fabulous trip around Turkey with my older sister, Paula. Why Turkey? Because Paula, a Political Observer with the UN, is posted in Tajikistan and can get to Turkey fairly easily. And so we met in Istanbul. Truly a remarkable city where ancient Roman Cisterns, chador-wearing Muslims, hip, rich Italian-suit-glad yuppies, nightclubs and baklava meet on the Boshorus.

The friends we met took us in as family, and even strangers were interested in our impressions of their country-which they feel has been given much "bad press". And indeed it has. I would, though recommend the destination to anyone.

Oh yes...the flag...We stayed in a small charming hotel owned by a Rotarian. He spoke fluent English (as do most Turks) and Japanese-and married a Japanese tourist who now lived in Istanbul w/him and their 8 year old daughter- who also spoke 3 languages. He hopes one day to move to the USA so that his daughter can go to school here.

If you could please send a flag to them (or me to passon) that would be great.  
Best wishes,

Eva

*Editors note: Norn Miller has sent one of our club flags.*

**HISTORICALLY SPEAKING**

Something very unusual happened to Mission Viejo Country almost half way through the seventies! The Rewarding World of Rotary thrust out its many spokes to gather in many forms of public and private life:

These included a baker, a banker, teachers, restaurateurs, clergy, an accountant, an attorney, an exporter, a retailer, a soldier, a manufacturer, an insurer, a post master, a stock broker.... A total of 27 hail and hardy souls to become the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo.

It was Tuesday September 17 1994 in the Patio Room at the El Adobe de Capistrano, in San Juan Capistrano that our club, sponsored by the Rotary Club of San Juan Capistrano and The Rotary Club of Laguna Hills at this Charter Banquet became part of Rotary International and a moving force in our community!

The early years were a struggle for club service.....within two years our membership dropped to only 16 Rotarians...and then as the seventies came to a close, our club struggled to survive with only 19 members!

The eighties brought reinforcements and we saw numbers in the thirties and forties and in the nineties as many as 50 pair of hands reached out to serve our community as well as do vocational service and International projects.

**Service and projects over the last 25 years such as supporting:**

- Saddleback Valley Education Foundation
- School District Volunteer Work
- MV Teen Center "Kelly's Place"
- El Toro Chamber Singers
- YMCA
- Model United Nations
- Scholarships to High School Students and College Students including teachers
- Tree Planting Projects to Save Planet Earth
- Inner Wheel
- Promoting the 4 Way Test
- Esperanza School Special Olympic P'Cake Breakfasts
- Veterans War Memorial
- Mission Viejo Library
- March Against Drugs
- Fourth of July Street Faire
- Youth Activities such as Little League
- Interact Club of MVHS
- Speech and Singing Contest for HS students
- Ambassadorial Scholarships worth over \$20,000 to college students
- Aid to Earthquake victims in Turkey, and Colombia
- Aid for Hurricane victims on our East Coast as well as Central America.
- Children's Christmas party for Esperanza students .(Continued next column)

**COMING EVENTS**

**WEEKLY PROGRAMS**

- Oct 5 Fred Buckhalter-"A Lesson in Determination
- Oct. 12 David Stokesbary M.D. on Magnetic Healing.
- Oct. 19 Irwin Bornstein, Finance Director City of Mission Viejo on City Hall building alternatives.
- Oct 26 District.Govenor . Judy Prather Visit

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

- Oct 10 Pancake Breakfast
- Oct 23 Walk Against Drugs
- Dec 4 Trip to Door of Faith Orphanage
- Dec 19 Christmas Party-Deans Club
- May 04 2000 Mayor's Prayer Breakfast
- May 4-7th District Conference
- Mission Inn , Riverside
- May 20th District Assembly
- June 4-7th R.I. Convention
- Buenos Aires, Argentina

**BOARD MEETINGS SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH  
7AM WILE RESIDENCE**

**WHITE ELEPHANT**

October

- Oct 5 Rich Frieder
- Oct 12 Bob Germeroth
- Oct 19 Ed Heeren
- Oct 26 Jack Keegan

Friendship Exchange with Poona India RC and building of restroom facilities for girl students as well as helping to collect and ship 6,000 lbs of clothing to the mountain people of India.

Friendship Exchange with Libano, Colombia, SA RC and helping to supply funds for the building of 25 destitute families living in very bad conditions in a neighborhood (Santa Rosa Barrio) on the outskirts of Libano (Pop.20,000).

Corazon Project--building of homes in Mexico..hands on! Door of Faith Orphanage...Free eye examinations and glasses as well as Christmas gifts...hands on! Food to neighborhood aid stations such as Adopt-A-Neighbor. Clothing Sweater drives Helping to eradicate Polio plus other childhood diseases not only in this country but also throughout the world. Children's Christmas party for Esperanza students. Sponsoring and hosting of the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast for our Eleventh year...which prayers have helped us in all our accomplishments as a service club.

*Our club, like most clubs, must grow in membership at least ten percent a year to offset normal attrition. This requires a continuous, concerted effort on the part of all members.*