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## Vocational Service Month

The term “vocational” comes from the root word “vocation” which is derived from the Latin ‘vocatio’ which refers to a ‘calling’. However, the terms ‘vocational’ and ‘vocation’ are better understood when compared to the words ‘professional’ and ‘profession.’

A profession is something one does to earn a living. Thus, we have ‘professional athletes’ and ‘professional writers.’ Contrast this with ‘amateurs’ who are into sports or literature for enjoyment. Since professionals use their skills for their livelihood, they have to attain a higher level of expertise than others. However, a professional still falls short of those who embrace a ‘vocation’; who are into something because it is what gives their life meaning. So we have priests who have a ‘religious vocation’, and physicians with a ‘healing’ vocation. St. Paul, after his conversion, made preaching God’s word his ‘vocation.’ At the same time, he was a ‘professional tent-maker.’ Paul Newman, the Oscar-winning actor, has acting as a vocation. In his 1950’s movie, ‘The Hustler’, he realistically portrayed ‘Fast Eddie’ an expert pool player. When ‘Fast Eddie’ girlfriend, a writer, wondered why he devoted his life to just ‘pool-shooting’, he replied defensively, “even brick-laying can be elevated to an art form, if one puts his heart and soul into it.” Well said, as all ‘true art’ is a vocation.

On the other hand, ‘vocational’ is often understood as something less than ‘professional’. A professional is usually someone who went through at least four years of college before hurdling a professional regulatory exam. A vocational course is much shorter and there is no need to pass an exam in order to work. Thus, an architect and an electrical engineer are profes-

sionals whereas carpenters and electricians underwent vocational courses. With that clarification made, it must be stated that Rotary recognizes the dignity of all useful and honest occupations.

The English language can be tricky but Rotary covers all bases when it refers to “Vocational Service”. In our club, under ‘Vocational Service’ we do Career Guidance and Placement Seminars to help high school and college graduates choose their vocation or profession. We hold ‘Job and Trade Fairs’ for the unemployed. We have the ‘Rotary PDG Rudy Nisce Foundation’ providing college scholarships while many of our members sponsor Vocational scholars. We continually hold Livelihood and Training Courses ranging from candle-making to care-giving. We give out awards to recognize and encourage deserving workers and professionals. Lastly we promote the ‘4-Way Test’ which was first proposed by RI President Herbert Taylor as a guide for ‘dealings’ in the workplace and business world.

In 1905, a lawyer named Paul, this time Harris, formed a club with four friends for purposes of Fellowship. Because of this, it is said that Club Service, which encompasses Fellowship, takes precedence over the other ‘Avenues of Service.’ Note, however, that Paul Harris did not band together with fellow lawyers but with a tailor, a coal merchant and a mining engineer. Even then he was thinking of an organization composed of members of different occupations to act as ‘pillars’ of the community. Today’s Vocational Classification system continues this early Rotary tradition of bringing people of different expertise for purposes of service. In a sense, service and ‘community’ building is the real ‘vocation’ of all true Rotarians.

Editor Jerome Gaerlan

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## Lawyers are no angels – Part II

•And God said “Let there be Satan so people do not blame everything on me. And let there be lawyers so people do not blame everything on Satan”

♦After starting her own business, an investment counselor found out that her business was going so well that she needed to get in-house counsel. So she began interviewing young lawyers. “In this business,” she stated to one applicant, “our personal integrity must be beyond question. Do you consider yourself an honest lawyer, Mr. Yabes?” “I certainly do!” replied the lawyer. “I am as honest that after my father loaned me one million pesos for my education, I paid back every peso after my first case.” The impressed investment counselor asked, “What was your first case?” The young lawyer answered, “my dad sued me for the loan.”---contributed by VP Rey Nisce

♦A man accidentally bumped a pedestrian with his car. He rushed the victim to a hospital. The doctor on duty examined the victim and said that he was all right. “Are you sure that he is not hurt doctor?” The worried driver asked. The doctor answered, “If you want to find out if he is really hurt, I think you should ask his lawyer.”---contributed b PP Jerome Gaerlan

Dir. Alan D. Sy

## TEST

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it is?

10.This magazine, with a worldwide circulation of nearly 8 million, is one of the most respected magazines in publication and features brilliant photographs and articles on the wonders of nature, and educates readers about the cultures and regions of our world. What is it?

*Answers next issue*

Answers last issue:

- 1.Nike
- 2.NBC
- 3.McDonald’s or McDonald’s Restaurant
- 4.CBS
- 5.Apple or Apple Computers
- 6.Paramount or Paramount Pictures
- 7.Coca-Cola
- 8.Starbucks Coffee
- 9.Toys R Us
- 10.Playboy or Playboy Magazine

Dir. Jerry Parlan

## COPE

(Crosswords & Other Puzzles for Enthusiasts)

## BRAIN TEASERS

- 1.There is one word in the English language that is always pronounced incorrectly. What is it?
2. A man gave one son 10 cents and another son was given 15 cents. What time is it?
3. A boat has a ladder that has six rungs, each rung is one foot apart. The bottom rung is one foot from the water. The tide rises at 12 inches every 15 minutes. High tide peaks in one hour. When the tide is at it’s highest, how many rungs are under water?
4. There is a house with four walls. Each wall faces south. There is a window in each wall. A bear walks by one of the windows. What color is the bear?
5. Is half of two plus two equal to two or three?

*Answers next week*

# TIPS

(**T**idbits, **I**nformation & **P**ractical **S**uggestions)

## Goodness Over Dishonesty

Today, I will choose; goodness over dishonesty.

I will go without a peso before I take one dishonestly. I will be overlooked before I boast. I will confess before I accuse. I choose goodness.

The money I lose now, I can gain later. Character is what I keep forever.

God is faithful, He has never let me down and He never will

But character that is destroyed and a reputation damaged will affect my life and the future of my family. So forget the dishonest peso and

take care of your character.

I will be careful to return company properties.

I will not paid be on my expense account.

I will not shortchange my customers nor take advantage over my supplies.

I will not betray the trust of my spouse as I try to be a model parent to my children.

It's strange that officemates talk about the future, businessmen speculate about the future, and friends plan for the future.

Yet every time I look at my children, I see the future.

---Francis J. Kong

PP Albert Dy

# TEST

('Ten Exercises for Students of Trivia)

Rotarian Ruel T. Tana

## Trivia on Magazines and Publications



Check your local newsstand and belly up to the challenge to test your knowledge of popular magazines.

1.This magazine began publication in 1953 and today is one of the most widely read publications in the United States. In 2000, it merged with Gemstar.

Can you name this weekly?

2.Henry Luce and Briton Hadden envisioned a news magazine that did more than report the news. It would interpret it for them. Can you name their magazine, which has been one of the most respected news publications for 75 years?

3.This magazine was first published in 1954 covering the world of sports but is also widely known for its annual issue of another nature. What is it?

4.This magazine was first published in 1922 by DeWitt and Lila Wallace and sold exclusively through the mail. It is now one of the largest selling magazines in the world and prints 48 editions in 19 languages, and is sold in more

than 60 countries. Can you identify this 'small' magazine?

5.The first edition of this notorious magazine hit the newsstand in December 1953. The cover shot, a now famous calendar photo of a beautiful blonde, was produced on the creator's kitchen table in his South Side apartment. Do you know this world-famous magazine?

6.The very first issue of this news magazine, printed in 1933, pictured 7 photographs from the previous week's news on the cover. Can you guess what it is?

7.A Conde Nast Publication established in 1892, features the latest in fashion and reports on the changing role and concerns of women. What is it?

8.A publication under the AOL-Time Warner umbrella is a magazine launched in 1930 and a leader in business and industry reporting. What rich sounding magazine is this?

9.Today's largest-selling young women's magazine in the world was founded in 1886 and acquired by Hearst in 1905. Do you know what

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# C.P.R. (Club Pass & Review)

Asst. Sec. Mike Paderon

President Rex Mendoza calls the meeting to order. It could have been just the usual Tuesday gathering, but it wasn't. The Dream Team was in high spirits as they animated this week's regular meeting with Rtn. Frederick So as Day Chairman & Master of Ceremonies. It was encouraging to see our new Rtn. (or Rev?) Wynie Manansala giving a solemn opening prayer & the Four-Way Test. "Dreamer Boy" PP Kit Purganan gave the welcome greetings.

Towering with their spirits high, the Dream Team started to infect all those who were present when they led the Club Singing to the tune of "Roll on Rotarian"! And we went higher as Rtn. Dave Parkman facilitated the Friendship Session. It was entertaining and uplifting as well.

Since the month of October is Vocational Service Month our young and dashing President Rex once again asked and encouraged every Rotarians to take part in the different activities

and projects initiated by our Club during this whole month. He is counting on each one of us! Why? Because together we can realize this year's theme of sowing more and more "seeds of love."

The club was very fortunate to have PP John Paul Cadaing from Rotary Club of Midtown Tarlac and the District Chairman for Recreation & Fellowship as our Guest of Honor & Speaker. He reminded as the true essence of being and becoming a Rotarian. In his words, he acknowledged the many men who have already set the example and are worthy following. They are PDG Ces, PP Cres, PP Aldy to name a few. They have paved the way towards the ideals of noble Rotarianism. That it isn't enough to invest just your time and money but every act of service should be done in the name of love. And this is SERVICE ABOVE SELF! They believed in Sowing the Seeds of Love! As President Rex adjourned the meeting, every Rotarian present; knew in his heart that whatever we dream and aspire for is not far from reality if we become true Rotarians.

## WE CARE

(Weekly Cartoon Editorial)



## e-QUIP

(Quotes from the Internet)

Sec. Reggie C. Chan

*"FAITH makes all things possible. LOVE makes all things easy. HOPE makes all things bright."*

-Anonymous

## Club FulFILMent



Career Guidance in DMMMSU High School



Career Guidance in Lorma High School

Medical & Dental Mission in Agoo



Voice of the Youth Provincial Competition



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### PRESIDENTS' CORNER President Rex O. Mendoza, Jr.

To the District Chairman of Vocational Service, PP Mely Alfonso, welcome to our Club and may your visit inspire us to work more and be proud more of our chosen profession.

The past week has been very tough on the attendance of Rotarians in different Club projects. The series of club projects brought a very low percentage of participation of Rotarians in some activities. Is it because a lot activities have been scheduled? Or maybe wrong timing or scheduling? Or poor information dissemination? Or failure to sustain the interest of the members? Whatever would be the reason, we just hope that you Rotarians can share with us ideas and projects that will inspire more to join us in the community work. Be with us during our Fellowship night on November 4, Tuesday

at PP Arsing Ignacio's residence at 7:00 PM. Let sit down, talk and share.

The past week has also been very tough on health, both for Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike. One after the other, we got sick. Time and money loss were significant not to consider the stresses that it brings to our family and the pain to our physical body. My dear Rotarians, please consider giving more attention to your selves while we can still do something.

To our members and friends who are sick at the moment always remember that you are with us in prayers.

To the family of PP Cres Fernandez and Ann Lina, our Condolences. May your mother, Luisa Fernandez rest in peace!

## R2 D2

(Review of Rotary Details & Dynamics)

PVP Frank C. Buenaventura

### Declaration of Rotarians in Business and Profession

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, to the spirit and to 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, whom I have a business and 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 to young people, to work for the relief of 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 and profession;
8. Neither seek from, nor grant to, a fellow Rotarian, a privilege or advantage, not normally accorded others in my business or professional relationship'.