



**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 7210
DISTRICT VOCATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE
VOCATIONAL SERVICE AWARD**

November 2009

The Second Avenue of Rotary service -- Vocational Service -- is a core service area of Rotary supporting the application of "service above self" in pursuit of all vocations.

Rotary clubs and their members are charged to conduct their business and professional affairs in accordance with Rotary principles of high ethical standards, recognizing the worthiness of all useful occupations and the obligation to contribute one's vocational talents to the problems and needs of society.

District 7210 will honor one Rotarian and one non-Rotarian, from within the District's boundaries, with an Award of Excellence for their Exemplary Vocational Service in their community at the District Conference in May.

The award will be presented to individuals that: (1) exemplify "service above self," (2) have shown outstanding achievement in their vocation by encouraging high ethical standards, and/or (3) dignified that vocation as an opportunity to serve society. Specifically, the nominees must have provided a service or carried out an act, or acts, above and beyond normal job duties and have stimulated change and/or made a difference within the community.

The District Vocational Committee is very excited to bring this new program to our District. It illustrates the importance of the High Ethical Standards Rotarians live by; something not often illustrated in local or world news these days.

We ask Club Presidents to distribute nomination forms to your members. Each club is to choose one Rotarian and one non-Rotarian nominee to be submitted to your Regional AG (by January 15, 2010). The nomination forms will be checked for completeness and accuracy and a single nominee in each category would be selected regionally. The AGs will then submit their Region's nominees to the District Vocational Committee **(by March 15, 2010)** who will choose one final winner for each award, to be announced at the District Conference.

Yours in Rotary,

David Green, District Governor 7210
Penny Byron, District Vocational Chair

Committee: Tamton Mustapha PDG, Phillip Schunk DGE, Bruce Cohen, Evan Golar, David Hart, Cathy Parlapiano, Steven Quesnel, Jane Schunk, Jonah Triebwasser.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

My fellow Rotarians:

There are many service organizations in the world today, but none so old or so successful as Rotary. There are many reasons for that, and Vocational Service is one of them. This year, **I wish you to place a special emphasis on Vocational Service**, which is sometimes the forgotten Avenue of Service in Rotary.

High ethical standards in business and personal life are still as important today as they were in 1905. Indeed, many of the problems our world is facing today have been caused by the failure to observe such standards in business affairs.

Vocational Service, in Rotary, means that we are committed to honest business and unassailable ethics, and that we are equally committed to using our vocational skills and advantages to help others. The idea is simple enough – but it is unique to Rotary.

Many service organizations are open to anyone who wishes to join. That has never been the case in Rotary. Rotarians only seek out as members those who are qualified – those who have the character, the ability, and the resolve to make a real contribution to their club.

I have long believed that **the bedrock of Rotary is our commitment to ethical behavior**. It has been **putting what's right above what's convenient – and Service Above Self – that has made Rotary different from the rest**. That is why we must always remember that whatever we do, we are each the public face of Rotary. We are each the standard-bearers of our organization. What one member does, for good or for ill, reflects on all of us.

So much of what we've achieved as an organization has come about because of the trust the world has in Rotary and in Rotarians. That trust has been a major part of our success in polio eradication – the fact that we are known in every community, and known to be people of goodwill and good hearts.

If we wish to see our organization grow and prosper, we must keep Vocational Service front and center in our minds and actions. We must seek out skilled and determined men and women of character. We must do what is right, even when it is inconvenient. And we must always, always, put Service Above Self.

John Kenny
President, Rotary International
October 2009

<http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/RotaryLeadership/RIPresident/Pages/messages0910.aspx>

Sample Vocational Service Projects: Business Person of the Year, Career Coaching, Career Speakers Bureau, High School Career Trade Show, Dictionary Project, Four Way Test Program, Distinguished Citizen of the Year, Most Improved Student Program, etc.

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2009-2010 Nomination Form
For Outstanding Vocational Service



*** Submit to Regional AG by: January 15, 2010 ***

Assistant Governors:

- Region 1: Elena Mosley: elenamosley1@verizon.net
- Region 2: Jeanine Lindhorst: Jeanine@westwoodrealty.com
- Region 3: Jonah Triebwasser: RedHookRotary@gmail.com
- Region 4: Tansukh Dorawala: dorawalast@aol.com
- Region 5: Nick Constantino: nickc@frontiernet.net
- Region 6: Candace Behensky: candacebehensky@rocketmail.com
- Region 7: Martin Vigdor: mvigdor@greenchimneys.org
- Region 8: MariEllyn Thurston-Donnellan: mariellyn1@aol.com
- Region 9: Drew Kessler: drewkessler@randmortgage.com

The Rotary Club of _____ Region # _____

Hereby nominates: _____

Rotarian _____ **Non-Rotarian** _____

President's Name _____ Date Submitted to AG: _____

President's Signature _____

AG's Name _____ Date Submitted to District: _____

AG's Signature _____



District 7210 Vocational Service Award

To further Vocational Service as a core service of Rotary, District 7210 will present an annual Vocational Service award to a **Rotarian** and a **non-Rotarian** within District 7210's Regional boundaries that:

- exemplify "service above self"
- have shown outstanding achievement in their vocation by encouraging high ethical standards
- dignified that vocation as an opportunity to serve society

Specifically, the nominee must have provided a service or carried out an act, or acts, above and beyond normal job duties and have stimulated change and/or made a difference within the community.

Please attach a separate sheet including the following criteria:

- 1) Nominee's name, address, telephone number, and email address.
- 2) Two references the District Vocational Committee can talk to if further information is needed. (Include name, phone number, and email address.)
- 3) What service(s) or act(s) did the nominee provide/perform?
- 4) What audience(s) was (were) served and how many people were reached?
- 5) How did the nominee make a difference in the community?
- 6) How did the nominee's service(s) further the Rotary ideal of 'service above self'?
- 7) How has the nominee encouraged high ethical standards?
- 8) How has the nominee offered their vocational talents to the community within the District 7210 Region? (To provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others, or to improve the quality of life, etc.)

(Note: no posthumous recognitions will be awarded.)