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By Vocational Service Director - Kamal Chuganey

It gives me immense pleasure to address this month's focus: Vocational Service.

One of our main projects for this Rotary year is the "Mentoring Program."

The 3-Part Vision of the Mentoring Program:

- A program to impact on the development of the young people of St. Kitts in ways that lead to positive enhancement of their preparedness for entry into the workplace and in areas of education, and personal effectiveness.
- To be a resource to young people by exposing them to the world of work at an early stage, guiding them to acquire skills and attributes sought by employers and which enable individuals to make informed choices.
- To create a pool of trained volunteers to act as Mentors, forming a commitment to provide guidance, leading by example and demonstrating skills of befriending and counseling, whilst maintaining confidentiality, who through their relationship with their mentees, help to raise self-esteem, build confidence as well as widen the horizons of the young person.

Over the last few weeks, I have been doing a significant amount of research on Mentoring, and have indeed acquired quite a bit of knowledge. There are many young people in our society who lack the guidance and assistance that is needed for positive development. The good thing is that, with proper communication and a healthy partnership with your mentee, we can make a world of a difference to these young people. Today, there are already a few Rotarians and even some non-rotarians who are part of Mentoring / Guidance programs with young people. To these very individuals, I tip my hat and I commend you all.

Let us "Lead the Way" and be an influence in the lives of the young people of our society so that they can meet the challenges of tomorrow.

In closing, I leave you with a few great words from a pioneer of truth, non-violence, and a charismatic personality in the history of mankind.

Be the change you want to see in the world. ~ Mahatma Gandhi

"October is Vocational Service Month"

Excerpt from Rainier Rotary Club 5030
http://www.rotary5030.org/rainier/vocational_service.html

The second of the four Avenues of Service, Vocational Service fosters and supports the application of the Ideal of Service in pursuit of all vocations. Inherent in the Vocational Service Ideal are:

1. Adherence to, and promotion of, the highest ethical standards in all occupations, including loyalty to employers, employees, and associates, and fair treatment of those with whom one has business or professional relations;
2. The recognition of the worthiness to society of all useful occupations; and
3. The contribution of one's vocational talents to the problems and needs of society.

Vocational Service is the responsibility of both a Rotary club and its members. The role of the club is to develop projects that help members contribute their vocational talents. The role of members is to conduct their professional lives in accordance with Rotary principles and to share in projects which the club has developed.

Vocational Service evolved from the classifications principle - a feature originally unique to Rotary that limits active membership to one representative from each business or profession. This one-member, one-classification system remains the basis for each Rotarian's personal obligation in Vocational Service - to serve as a representative of that classification within the club. This knowledge and experience gives each club the resources to complete projects that address all aspects of the second Avenue of Vocational Service.

Something to Ponder:

Do we have a cross-section of members from our community's professional population?

Fact: Of the 29 broad categories of occupational categories by RI, only 11 are currently filled.

Occupational Categories by RI		
# Rotarian	Broad Category	# of rotarians in category
1	Banking and Money Management	12
2	Marketing and Sales	9
3	Legal	5
4	Architecture and Engineering	4
5	Accounting and Financial Services	3
6	Medical/Health Care	3
7	Transportation	3
8	Agriculture, Fishing and Forestry	2
9	Manufacturing	2
10	Real Estate	2
11	Insurance and Risk Management	1
12	Advertising/Public Relations	0
13	Art and Design	0
14	Clergy and Other Religious	0
15	Computer and Information Systems	0
16	Communications/News Media	0
17	Community and Social Services	0
18	Construction, Repair and Maintenance	0
19	Education	0
20	Entertainment and Sports	0
21	Food Industry	0
22	Government	0
23	Human Resources/Personnel Management	0
24	Management and Administration	0
25	Military	0
26	Protective Services	0
27	Science, Math and Technology	0
28	Service Industries	0
29	Social Sciences	0
Total Number identified in RI form		46

RI President's monthly message

Rotary Youth Programs

Programs like Interact, Rotaract, and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) have tremendous value, not only to their participants, but to the future of Rotary. By introducing volunteer service at an early age, these clubs teach the lifelong lessons of Rotary: the satisfaction that comes from helping others and the fun of good work with good friends. Everyone benefits, including the communities, the young people, and the Rotary clubs that sponsor young people. These benefits are immediate, in terms of the work members do and the lessons they learn, and they are long-lasting, in terms of raising a new generation of potential future Rotarians.

Programs like Rotary Youth Exchange and The Rotary Foundation's Ambassadorial Scholarships open everyone's eyes. Exchange students and Ambassadorial Scholars further their educations while fostering international understanding, gaining new appreciations of their homelands, and building bridges to new and different cultures.

Club News

Mentoring Program

A briefing meeting of the mentees, their parents and the mentors took place at the Basseterre High School on Tuesday, October 17, 2006. Director Kamal, Guidance Counsellors Claudine Saunders & Ms Gloria Mills, Rotarians Percy and Avonel were among the attendees. Two non-Rotarians, Mr Leon Bullen and Ms Emefa Sewordor, who have agreed to be mentors, were also at the meeting. There were eight students and about four parents. To date ten students are currently in the program.

Ms Saunders started the meeting, and then Ms Mills gave a talk on the program for about 15 minutes. Director Kamal then briefed the meeting about the mentoring program and informed everyone of all persons expected to be involved in the program. The floor was then open. One concern mentioned by a parent was the commitment of absentee mentors in the program.

Junior Achievement Program

The Junior Achievement Program Awards took place on October 10, 2006. Jacquan Cole of the St Theresa's Convent School accepted awards for the most outstanding school and the most outstanding financial report. Convent School also won this award last year.

The Basseterre High School received awards for the highest profit and the highest return on equity, while the awards for the most innovative business idea and the best business plan were presented to the Cayon High School and the Gingerland High school respectively.

There were 96 students from the six participating schools in this year's program.

Members of the public and private sectors attended the ceremony. President Tapley attended on behalf of the Rotary Club of St Kitts.

Induction Ceremony

Dr. Garfield Alexander – Medical Services
Kerryanne Amritt – Legal Services
Rosalyn Hazelle – Social Services

will be inducted on November 2nd, 2006.

New Membership Incentive Programme

One of the ten vouchers has been used to date.

The vouchers are available to any member at the third luncheon meeting that he/she invites a prospective member.

Nomination Day

A Nomination Committee consisting of a few Past Presidents, the current president and president-elect was formed. A meeting was held on October 17, 2006 to discuss possible nominees for the posts of President-elect and Vice President in particular. The names will be presented on **November 2nd**. However, the floor will be open to all members to nominate someone else if they so desire. It is recommended that the person you select accepts the nomination before the meeting.

Article I. Election of Directors and Officers, Section 1 states:

“At a regular meeting one month prior to the meeting for election of officers, the presiding officer shall ask for nominations by members of the club for president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and four members of the board of directors. The nominations may be presented by a nominating committee or by members from the floor, by either or by both as the club may determine. If it is determined to have a nominating committee, such committee shall be appointed as the club may determine. The nominations duly made shall be placed on a ballot in alphabetical order under each office and shall be voted for at the annual meeting. The candidates for president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer receiving a majority of the votes shall be declared elected to their respective offices. The four candidates for director receiving a majority of the votes shall be declared elected as directors....”

Elections will take place at the Annual Meeting/Club Assembly on November 30th.

Headlights – Rotary News

- ✓ RI launches new electronic publication, Rotary International Interactive.
- ✓ Dong Kurn Lee, a Rotary Foundation trustee and a member of the Rotary Club of Seoul Hangang, Seoul, Korea, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2008-09.
- ✓ Rotary-UN Day is 4 November.

For details visit Rotary International's newsroom:
<http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/index.html>

Rotary Information

The Four -Way Test

From the earliest days of the organization, Rotarians were concerned with promoting high ethical standards in their professional lives. One of the world's most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics is The Four-Way Test, which was created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor (who later served as RI president) when he was asked to take charge of a company that was facing bankruptcy.

This 24-word test for employees to follow in their business and professional lives became the guide for sales, production, advertising, and all relations with dealers and customers, and the survival of the company is credited to this simple philosophy. Adopted by Rotary in 1943, The Four-Way Test has been translated into more than a hundred languages and published in thousands of ways. It asks the following four questions:

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?"

Club Calendar of Events

October 26 – District Governor’s Reception at ADG Paultette’s
 October 28 – Talent Night
 November 2 – Business Meeting and Nominations Day

Assignments

<u>Greeters for October</u>	<u>Greeters for November</u>
Pat and Claude	Lloyd and Clayton

Speakers

October 12 – Guest Speaker – David Robinson (IMF)
 October 19 – No meeting due to flooding
 October 25 – Guest Speaker – Victor Pilgrim (District Governor)

Attending Rotaractor in October (Bevon Forbes)

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Etiquette Corner

Observe e-mail Courtesy:

- Make sure your subject heading is clear.
- Address the receiver by name in the opening sentence.
- Devise an electronic “signature”.
- Keep your message as concise as possible.
- When replying to another person, quote excerpts of the original communication.
- Maintain confidentiality.
- Use proper spelling and grammar.
- Check your electronic mailbox at least once a day.
- Respond in a timely manner. Send a reply as quickly as you can, even if it’s just to say you have received the message and will follow up.

Joke of the Month

Mental Asylum

During a visit to the mental asylum, a visitor asked the Director what criteria that defines a patient to be institutionalized. Well, said the Director, we fill up a bathtub; we offer a teaspoon, teacup, and a bucket to the patient and ask the patient to empty the bathtub. Okay, here’s your test:

1. Would you use the spoon?
2. Would you use the teacup?
3. Would you use the bucket?

"Oh, I understand," said the visitor. "A normal person would choose the bucket as it is larger than the spoon or the cup."

"Nooooooo.." answered the Director. "A normal person would pull the plug."

Health Check

Consider these healthy snacks

1. Wholegrain crackers with low fat cheese
2. Fresh or dried fruit
3. Trail mix with whole grain cereal, nuts and seeds
4. Unsweetened fruit and vegetable juice or lower-fat milk or yogurt
5. Low-fat fruit muffins

Thought of the Month

“It is our choices...that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities”. J K Rowling