

RESOLUTION 25R-20

To request the RI Board to consider adding a program for the study and practice of vocational service to the present curriculum of club meetings

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Daegu-Banweol, District 3700, Korea

1 WHEREAS, the Rotary Code of Policies section 7.020. currently offers the following
2 subjects as suitable programs for club meetings:

- 3 • Rotary Education
- 4 • Issues of Public Interest
- 5 • Cultural, Economic, and Geographical Conditions
- 6 • The Rotary Foundation

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8 WHEREAS, it should be noted that this section lacks any content related to
9 vocational service, which is one of Rotary's core principles, and

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11 WHEREAS, this absence can be remedied through the inclusion of an additional
12 section to the list of programs noted above

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14 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
15 International consider adding a program for the study and practice of vocational
16 service to the present curriculum of club meetings using the following language:

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18 **Article 7. Club Meetings and Attendance**

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20 **7.020. Programs for Club Meetings**

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22 7.020.5. Club Programs: Program for Studying and Practicing Vocational
23 Service

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25 Clubs should present at least two meeting programs during each Rotary year, one
26 of which shall include the principles and practices of Rotary Vocational Service
27 and shall be held during January, which has been designated as Rotary Vocational
28 Service Month.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

29 At present, Rotary's educational program is primarily focused upon methods of
30 contributing to The Rotary Foundation and humanitarian service projects. This
31 overlooks the principles of vocational service that Rotary has championed.

1 The second Object of Rotary is “to encourage and foster high ethical standards in
2 business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful
3 occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian’s occupation as an opportunity
4 to serve society.” As such, vocational service is a fundamental principle that
5 Rotarians should pursue. While understanding the purpose of The Rotary
6 Foundation, participating in its programs, and contributing to donations are
7 important, it is also essential to ensure that Rotarians understand the basic
8 principle of doing their best in their own professions.

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10 November is Rotary Foundation Month, during which much is learned about The
11 Rotary Foundation. However, the Foundation does not wish to receive donations
12 earned through unethical professional activities. Therefore, during Rotary
13 Vocational Service month, which RI observes each year in January, time should
14 be allocated for learning and discussing the philosophy and basic principles of
15 vocational service. Specifically, the Statement of Vocational Service, the Rotarian
16 Code of Conduct, key messages, and various other aspects of vocational service.

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18 This will provide an opportunity to put into practice the ethical and moral
19 movement in professions that Rotary initially sought. By adding a program to
20 club meetings that focuses upon the study and practice of vocational service, and
21 by fostering a strong Rotary spirit informed by a greater understanding of
22 vocational service as it is expressed through social service, we can help to ensure
23 the expansion of our organization’s membership while also increasing financial
24 support for The Rotary Foundation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

25 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

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27 Vocational service falls under Rotary’s Avenues of Service. Clubs are able to add
28 vocational service curriculum to club meetings. If a club would like resources for
29 this purpose, a vocational service presentation can be found at My Rotary in
30 Rotary languages along with additional resources on the topic.