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# VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

My dear fellow Rotarians,

First of all, on behalf of our President and the Board, I would like to thank all the members who have been so supportive of the Club's projects and I hope that you will continue to participate actively in projects to come. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Vocational Service Committee Members for all the efforts put in so far.

The month of October has been designated by the Board of Rotary International as the "Vocational Service Month". To aid in promoting the "Vocational Service Month", I have put together some articles on Vocational Service for your reading pleasure. These articles [excerpts from 993-EN-(185)] were published by R.I over the years and I hope you will enjoy reading them.

## What is Vocational Service?

When Paul Harris, founder of Rotary, wrote in his autobiography *My Road to Rotary*, "Each Rotarian is a connecting link between the idealism of Rotary and his trade or profession," he wasn't speaking directly of Vocational Service. However, he must have had this Second Avenue of Service in mind, because Rotary's classification principle of club membership closely identifies a Rotarian with his profession or vocation.

Hence, each club members has an obligation to represent his vocation to his fellow Rotarians; at the same time he is obligated to

exemplify the spirit of Rotary to others, particularly to those associated with him in his daily work. This twin responsibilities form the foundation of Vocational Service. Vocational Service is nothing more - or less - than applying Rotary's concept of service to business, the professions and the workplace. Hence, before Rotarians go about putting the principles of Vocational Service into practice, they need to reflect on how they conduct themselves each day in their relations with their employees, suppliers, customers, partners, shareholders and peers.

In addition, how else can they begin to apply the words of the second part of the Object of Rotary, which instruct them to understand and practice :

*High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society.....*



**Steve Lau**  
Vocational Service  
Director RY2004/05

This objective calls upon each Rotarian to examine his conscience to determine what he is doing to fulfill part of the Object of Rotary, from which Vocational Service derives.

# Secretary's Announcement

## Meetings of the Service Committees

The International Service Committee (ISC) **will NOT meet on 07 October** as announced in last week's Berita Rotary, **but on 14 October**. ISC members will be advised of venue and time by e-mail.

## Announcement

### INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP TRIP TO PHUKET

(Announcement by the International Service Committee)

The International Service Committee is planning a trip to Phuket to reciprocate the visit by the team from RC Phuket to our 77th Installation Banquet, for some international fellowship, discuss possible joint project(s), and play some golf. Depending on one's inclination, and time permitting, some sightseeing and shopping will be possible.

The **tentative time frame is 02 – 04 or 05 December 2004**. Members have been advised by e-mail or telefax about the approximate cost. Please respond **urgently** as December is high season in Phuket and it could become difficult to book (reasonably priced) hotel rooms. Also, watch this space for updates on the trip.

## Weekly Proceedings

Date:29/9/04

Convenor: PP Stuart Pack

Lead in singing National anthem: PP Dr William Lau

Welcoming Guests: Sgt At Arms Rtn Andy Khoo

Introduce Speaker: Rtn David Teh

Speaker: Giorgina Das

Thanking Speaker: PDG Mus

### Visiting Guests:

1<sup>st</sup> Lady Juanita Lee - PP IWC KL

Rty Ann Datin Brenda Lim - Pres IWC KL

Rty Ann Margaret Yee - VP IWC KL

Rty Ann Foong Pack - IPP IWC KL

Rty Ann Datin Peck Ling - PP IWC KLK

## From The Desktop Of A Rotarian

We are now in October... Vocational Service Month... Rotary's second avenue of Service, with the objective of promoting high ethical standards in businesses and professions, recognizing the worthiness of ALL useful occupations and foster the Ideal of Service in the pursuit of all vocations. RC's are to develop projects that help members to contribute to society's need Rotarians are to conduct themselves and their businesses in Rotary's principles (4 way test?) and to respond to their club's projects.

Poser..? What about professional bodies (Bar Council, MMA, etc) and their ethical standards? Should there be a conflict between their standards and Rotary's standards (thankfully none at the moment)... Whose standard should one apply?

Speaking for myself, I don't think they would ever clash... one is professional conduct, the other is conduct towards society.

## Lunch Time Speaker On October 6, 2004

Presenter: Datuk Micheal Chong

## Photographs From Weekly Meeting



Seargent-at-Arms Andy Khoo.



Vice President David Teh introducing the speaker.

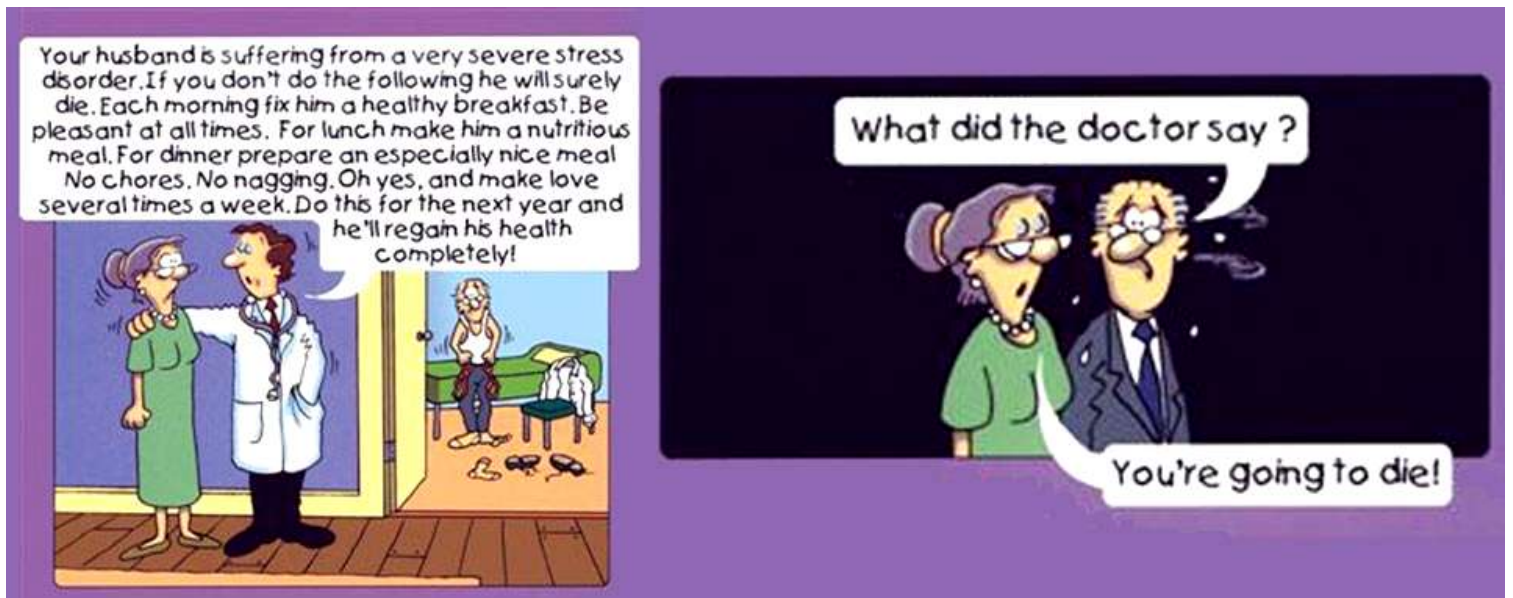


Speaker Giorgina Das.



Guests from Inner Wheel Club of Kuala Lumpur - First Lady Juanita, Margaret, President Datin Brenda.

## Funnybones



# **MCA**

## **PUBLIC SERVICE & COMPLAINT DEPARTMENT**

The MCA Public Service & Complaint Department (PSCD) is today a household name that actually needs no introduction. As its name suggests, it is one of the many bureaux set up by the MCA Central Committee to handle problems and grievances faced by the community. Due to its overwhelming success and dedication over the years, Malaysians from all walks of life and races now approach the Department daily with their grouses and complaints seeking advice and solution to their woes.

Located at the 7th Floor of the Party Headquarters in Jalan Ampang and established 17 years ago, the Department has assisted some 30,000 people. It is able to solve about 70% of the cases and handles about 30 individual complaints daily beside telephone consultations.

Issues raised are wide-ranging; from those in need of financial assistance due to medical ailments, missing persons, immigration woes, land scams, family & marital problems, loan shark cases, fraudulent & cheating to employment of foreign workers.

Some of these cases have been highlighted in the mass media through a Press conference held at the Department almost every working day.

As a result, cases handled by the Department are often featured in the mainstream newspapers and vernacular dailies.

The main reason for its success can be attributed to Teamwork - not only among its Head Datuk Michael Chong, his four Assistants and legal advisors but also related parties such as the media and government agencies.

The success of the Department at the MCA HQ also prompted the establishment of other set-ups located in major cities and towns manned by full-time staff.

In order to warn the general public of scam, cheating and other crimes, the Department has recently recorded a 20-episode Television series titled " The Michael Chong's Files", which would be aired over TV2 soon.

Michael Chong has of course become synonymous with the Department, and as recognition for his excellent public services, he was made JP by HRH Sultan Selangor in 1997 and this year (2004) conferred the Panglima Jasa Negara by the Yang Dipertuan Agung which carries the title Datuk.

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### **The Rotary Club Of Kuala Lumpur DiRaja**

We meet at 12:30pm every Wednesday  
at The Shangri La Hotel, Jalan Sultan Ismail, Kuala Lumpur.

**Celebrate Rotary 100 Years**