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Today, the 1st of October is the start of the month designated in the Rotary calendar for Vocational Service. Our club Vocational Service director is Rtn. Mohammad Ali Ismail. Vocational Service is one of the avenues of service open to Rotarians, the others being, Community Service, International Service, New Generations, Fellowship Service and Club Service. We carry below a short history and some FAQ's on Vocational Service, but whether it's Vocational Service or any of the other avenues of service please do be involved, be counted and Lend a Hand.



Rotary's emphasis on vocational service has its roots in the founding of the organization in 1905. The use of the classification principle — the guideline by which nearly all Rotary membership is determined — assures that each club has among its members a cross-section of a community's business and professional population.

The second part of the Object Of Rotary calls for Rotarians to apply high ethical standards in their businesses and professions, recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations, and to consider their own occupations as opportunities to serve society.

In 1943, Rotarians were provided with a tool to help them achieve their vocational service goals when the RI Board of Directors voted to make The 4-Way Test an official component of the vocational service ideal. The test gave Rotarians a way to assess whether their personal and business dealings were being conducted with truth, fairness, goodwill, and decency.

For the first 80-plus years of Rotary's history, the second Avenue of Service — vocational service — was an area that focused on personal contributions that Rotarians could make within their own workplaces. Increasingly, however, clubs began to expand the definition of vocational service by organizing events such as career seminars and vocational training workshops.

So, in 1987, the RI Vocational Service Committee was called together — for the first time in 40 years — to redefine the second Avenue of Service. The committee created, and the RI Board adopted, new committee structures and determined that vocational service was now the responsibility of individual Rotarians and clubs within the workplace and the community.

In 1989, the Council Of Legislation adopted the Declaration Of Rotarians In Businesses and Professions. This declaration spelled out the high ethical standards referred to in the Object of Rotary, and it gave Rotarians another tool for gauging their own professional ethics as well as the ethical standards they hoped to encourage through vocational service projects.

Vocational service evolved further in the 1990s with two new opportunities for Rotarians to share their professional skills. In 1992, the Rotary Volunteers program was brought under the umbrella of vocational service. And in 1993, the International Vocational Contact Groups program was merged with World Fellowship Activities to form a new program called Rotary Fellowships.

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## Secretary's Announcements for Lunch Meeting on 01.10.2003

### 1. Meetings of the Service Committees

- Vocational Service will meet on **01.10.2003** (Wednesday) at 2.00pm at Shangri La Hotel.
- Community Service will meet on **02.10.2003** (Thursday) at 5.30pm at Shangri La Hotel.
- New Generation Service will meet on **14.10.2003** (Tuesday) at 5.30pm at Shangri La Hotel.
- Fellowship will meet on **15.10.2003** (Wednesday) at 2.00pm at Shangri La Hotel.

### 2. Board Of Director Meeting 4/2003/4

Board Of Director Meeting 4/2003/4 will be held on **07.10.2003** (Tuesday) at 5.30pm at Shangri La Hotel.

### 3. The Rotary Foundation Seminar District 3300

The Rotary Foundation Seminar District 3300 will be held on **12.10.2003** (Sunday) at Green Park Hotel, Temerloh, Pahang Darul Makmur.

All those interested to participate in the Seminar, please contact Hon. Secretary Freddy Chan for application form at 03 9223 8386 or email to [freddy@tm.net.my](mailto:freddy@tm.net.my)

## October's Lunch Programme - Vocational Service Month

Wed. Oct 1	ICT For Senior Management	YM Raja Azhar Raja Azman
Wed. Oct 8	Corporate Governance	Mr. Petrus Gimbad
Wed. Oct 15	Rotarians Classification Talk	To Be Confirmed
Wed. Oct 22	Empowering Caregivers	Ms. Sharon Soon
Wed. Oct 29	Vocational Awards	To Be Confirmed

## This Week's Speaker: Raja Azhar Raja Azman

Raja Azhar Raja Azman, Managing Director of Digital Smartland Sdn Bhd, an Internet solutions provider founded in 1999. In year 2000, Raja Azhar was the one of only two Malaysian participants at COMDEX, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA. He has been involved in various initiatives to make IT less technical and simpler. Raja Azhar has conducted several seminars and workshops on ICT usage at various educational institutions around Malaysia.

Raja Azhar Raja Azman holds a Bachelors and a Masters degree in Law from the University of East London, UK. He is a member of the Board of Advisors for the Global Cyberlaw Institute, Putrajaya and he is currently a chapter President of Business Networks International, a business networking organization. Raja Azhar continues to serve as Technical Director for [www.educationandjobs.com](http://www.educationandjobs.com), a US-Malaysian initiative on education.

### Funnybones

1) "Hello, Police? I've lost my parrot" "Sorry, Madam, that's not our job." "But, my bird is very intelligent and can talk in three languages." "Well, in that case you'd better hang up, Madam, he may be calling you right now."



2. An old man walks into a confessional. The following conversation ensues:

**Man:** I am 92 years old, have a wonderful wife of 70 years, many children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Yesterday, I picked up two college girls, hitchhiking. We went to a motel where I had sex with each of them three times.

**Priest:** Are you sorry for your sins?

**Man:** What sins?

**Priest:** What kind of a Catholic are you?

**Man:** I'm Jewish

**Priest:** Why are you telling me all this?

**Man:** I'm telling everybody!!!!



## Last Week's Speaker Report Back: Dr. Peggy C Wong

### Topic: Educating Under-Privileged Children (Rumah Hope)

PP Stewart Pack introduced speaker Dr Peggy Wong, a successful international business woman and mother who devotes much of her spare time and energy to running Rumah Hope, a safe haven and home to some 55 abandoned, neglected and abused children.

Founded in 1994 Rumah Hope provides a home for children aged between 5 to 17 years of age and from all races. Many of these children have behavioural and learning difficulties and so find assimilation into the school system difficult if not impossible. Some have arrived so badly neglected over so many years that conventional education is not possible.



*Rtn Yeo Ing King thanks Dr Peggy Wong*

Nevertheless the objective of Rumah Hope is to develop and nurture the children so that when they do leave and have to take their place in the outside world they are able to earn a living and provide for themselves. Many of them are encouraged to take vocational training allowing them to become Chefs, Machinist and in one case a Carpenter. Apart from education many of the children have sporting ability and all activities are encouraged and developed as ways of building the children's self esteem and confidence.

Rumah Hope occupies land and premises donated by the church but still it faces a challenge for resources. It costs RM10.00 per child per day and donation in kind (clothes and toys) money or volunteer time is all equally valued.

Dr Peggy Wong was obviously speaking from the heart about her charges at Rumah Hope and reached the hearts of many of her audience. Rtn Yeo Ing King proposed the vote of thanks to Dr Peggy Wong after which many at the club generously gave donations to Rumah House.



*Visiting Rotarian President Bindi Rajasegaran of Rotary Club Greentown exchanges banners*



*Rtn Willie Tham calls the meeting to order*

### Club Attendance Figures:

July 03 - 67.1%  
August 03 - 58.5%  
September 03 - 53.4% (Provisional)

## Frequently Asked Questions about Vocational Service:

### How do I distinguish vocational service from community service and international service?

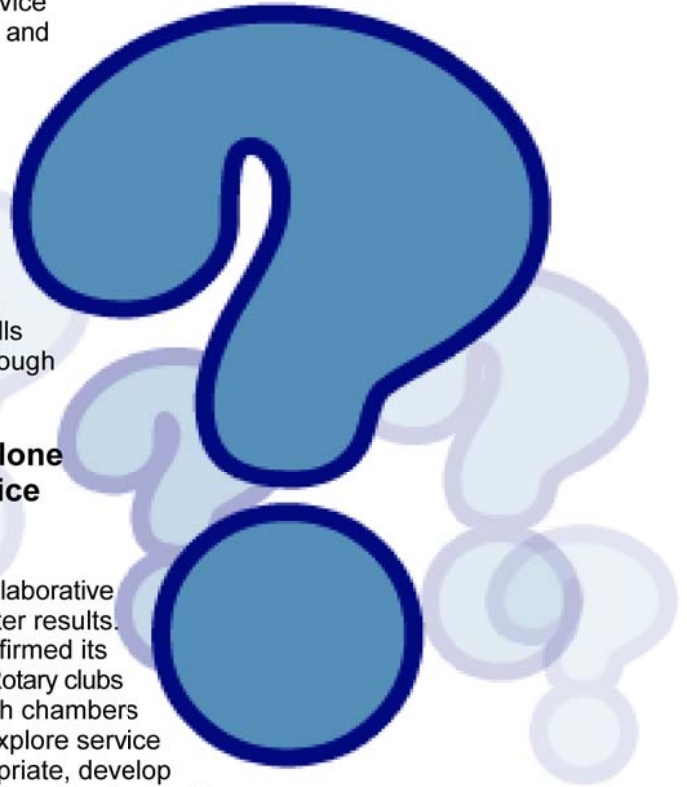
At times vocational service can overlap with community service and international service, which can create confusion. Vocational service, like community service, can respond to needs in the community. However, vocational service also focuses on needs related to businesses and professions and ethical conduct. Vocational service also can be international in nature through World Community Service projects, Rotary Volunteers or Rotary Fellowships.

### Isn't vocational service really just way for Rotarians to enhance their own business skills?

Not exclusively. Vocational service promotes high ethical standards and the appreciation of all useful occupations throughout a community. Rotarians have a vast amount of expertise in areas that include management, supervision, marketing, finance, risk management, and ethical business practices. They can share all of these skills with the greater community through vocational service projects.

### Do Rotary Clubs work alone on their vocational service projects?

Not necessarily. Sometimes collaborative projects can lead to even greater results. In July 1997, the RI Board reaffirmed its 1991 decision that encourages Rotary clubs to establish communication with chambers of commerce and industry to explore service opportunities and, when appropriate, develop service projects that would be more productive if undertaken jointly.



## Quotes

1. "That man is wisest who, like Socrates, realises that his wisdom is worthless" – Plato
2. "Necessity is the pleas or every infringement of human freedom. It is the argument of tyrants; it is the creed of slaves" – William Pitt

### Birthday Boys

PP Hiew Kiang Hoe on 01.10.2003  
Rtn Daniel Kam Weng Leong on 06.10.2003

### Anns Birthdays

Lillian Tan Ann of Rtn Lau Choo Seng on 05.10.2003

### Wedding Anniversaries

PDG Dato' Beh Lye Huat & Datin Pek Ling on 01.10.2003  
Rtn Lau Choo Seng & Lillian Tan 04.10.2003  
Rtn Yeo Ing King & Doris on 05.10.2003  
PP Jason Gan & Kim Fah Millward on 07.10.2003

