

Vocational Service or Club Service?

Many Rotarians consider a classification talk given by a Rotarian before his club as falling under the vocational service phase of the Rotary program, but Governor Albert Schmidt of the 180th district thinks that, in most cases, such talks fall under "club service." In a skit put on at his district assembly, the statement is made that a classification talk is "vocational service" only when the talk deals with a Rotarian's relationship with his customers, his craft association, his employees, his competitors, his government, etc. Whenever a man talks only about the history, the background of his business or his profession and tells his fellow Rotarians about his product, it's a classification talk (which falls under "club service" in the aims and objects set-up) and should be arranged by the classification committee.

All Rotarians may not be agreed on the differentiation which Governor Schmidt makes between these two types of classification talks but on the face of it, it would seem that he has a good basis for his contention.

Business Advice Committee

The Rotary Club of Albury, N.S.W., Australia, has set up an "advice bureau" to which members of the club are invited to refer their business or private problems. The purpose is to make available to Rotarians a service within the club so that they can be given the practical assistance of their fellows if the need arises.

A member seeking advice may nominate the Rotarians to whom he would like to refer his problem, and on his application to the secretary, the Rotarians named will be formed into a committee to deal with the matter.

District International Relationship Committee

The 89th district of R.I. (part of India) has organized an International Relationship Committee of ten members to study the question of propagating knowledge about India in other lands and about other lands in India. As the first step the committee will arrange for speakers on international subjects to address clubs, colleges, schools, and the general public. Advantage is being taken of the presence of a considerable number of nationals of the United Nations now in India.

War Orphans

The members of the Rotary Club of Vaasa-Vasa, Finland, have become the "godfathers" of two children whose fathers were killed in the war.

Courtesies to Speakers

Is your club considerate of each speaker, whether he is a Rotarian from your own club, or from some other club, or a non-Rotarian? If from out of town is he met at the station? Is he greeted at the meeting place by someone, and introduced to many of the club members in advance of the meeting? Is he told where he is to sit and is that place made available for him? Is his introduction brief and yet interesting, as helpful background for the talk he is to make? Is the agreed-upon time for his talk rigidly observed? That is, if he is allotted 25 minutes, is that 25 minutes prior to the regular closing time made available to him? And after the speaker has concluded, does the president or the chairman of the program committee or someone else thank the speaker for his talk, and take care of the agreed-upon expenses? After the meeting, does someone write him a letter to thank him for the time he took to prepare for the meeting and for his talk?

Even though a speaker may live only 40 miles away, it may take four or five hours out of his day to deliver a 25 minute talk at a Rotary club at noon. This he may be glad to do without personal compensation, and perhaps even without reimbursement of expenses, but complete understanding about all of these points, and the extension of courtesies to the speaker before, during, and after the meeting will be a satisfying recompense to him.

A Friendly Atmosphere

Rotary brings together in an atmosphere of personal friendship men of many races and of various religious faiths and political beliefs.

In Memoriam

We pay silent tribute to the following past international officers of Rotary International who have passed away recently:

Vernon H. Hodges, New Haven, Conn., U.S.A. who served as Governor, old 30th district, 1929-30.

A. E. Hutchings, Kansas City, Mo., U.S.A. who served as Member, Official Publications Committee, 1913-14, Governor, old 11th district, 1915-16, Chairman, Credentials Committee and Member, Convention Executive Committee, 1917-18.

Leoncio E. Maldonado, Cuzco, Peru, who served as Governor, 36th district, 1939-40, and Member, South American Committee of Collaboration Among Rotary Clubs, 1942-43.

Foreign Government Service—Diplomatic and Consular

Rotary clubs in capital and seaport cities sometimes inquire as to whether or not the classification of diplomatic or consular representatives in Rotary can be amplified to permit a fuller representation of consular and diplomatic service in the club. The board of R.I. suggests that in those localities where the business of foreign government representation is relatively important, a fuller representation of those classifications might be obtained through the admission of such representatives as honorary members of the clubs.

Occupational Guidance in Finland

Each year the Rotary Club of Pori-Björneborg, Finland, arranges for a series of lectures on occupational guidance for the students of the local high schools. These talks are given by representatives of different businesses and professions, who provide the students with detailed information with regard to the training that is required and the possibilities that are offered in their particular vocation.

Newly Admitted Clubs

For use in extending greetings, we give you the names and addresses of the officers of the clubs recently admitted to membership in Rotary International. Communications received at the Secretariat from newly admitted clubs indicate that they greatly appreciate the letters of greetings from the older clubs, even though it may be practically impossible to make direct acknowledgment of the letters.

Oeiras, Piauí, Brasil 5650 (D-26) 1943
Friday, 19:00, Pensão Portela. **Pres.** Miguel Pereira Dias de Oliveira (groceries retailing) Rua Presidente Vargas. **Secy.** Dr. Raimundo da Costa Machado (odontology) Rua Presidente Vargas.

Livingston, Cal., U.S.A. 5651 (D-106) 1943
Friday, 12:15 p.m., Aeilon Hall. **Pres.** R. B. McNutt (bkg.). **Secy.** G. H. Winton (ins.—life).

Corral, Valdivia, Chile 5652 (D-33) 1943
Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., Club Social Corral. **Pres.** Enrique Carrasco Acuña (civil engineering) Casilla 19. **Secy.** Francisco Holuiguz Guzmán (iron and steel mfg.) Casilla 19.

Toluca, México, México 5653 (D-23) 1943
Thursday, 21:00, Restaurant San Carlos. **Pres.** Gonzalo Mañón (deposit banking) Constitución No. 5. **Secy.** Lic. Gabriel L. Ezeta (notary public) Villada 19.

Smithfield, Pa., U.S.A. 5654 (D-176) 1943
Monday, 6:10 p.m., Methodist Church. **Pres.** Dr. Jesse L. McCracken (med.—gen. prac.). **Secy.** James B. Vance (funeral dir.).

Waipukurau, New Zealand 5655 (D-53) 1943
Thursday, 5:45 p.m., Ruahine Rooms. **Pres.** R. W. Carpenter (boots and shoes retailing) Box 109. **Secy.** H. B. Roach (drapery retailing) Box 108.

Greymouth, New Zealand 5656 (D-53) 1943
Wednesday, 12:45 p.m., Harker's Tea Rooms. **Pres.** W. E. J. Steer (motors retailing) 125 Shakespeare St. **Secy.** F. W. Baillie (farm implements) Box 190.

Feilding, New Zealand 5657 (D-53) 1943
Thursday, 12:15 p.m., "Beresford." **Pres.** Albert J. Kellow (general merchandising) 18 Manchester St. **Secy.** Samuel McDowall (accounting service) P.O. Box 121.