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Group of Taiwanese businessmen sponsored by Rotary, visiting Pacific Forest Products Mill, Ladysmith, April 1981.

# VOCATIONAL SERVICE

*"Each club member 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 those associated with him in his daily work. These twin responsibilities form the foundation of Vocational Service."*

(Rotary Basic Library, Vol 3).

One of the keys to vocational service is the 4-Way Test. The 4-Way test evolved out of a challenge to help save a company from bankruptcy. Rotarian Herbert Taylor, attributed his success in bringing the company from serious debt to solvency to this code of ethics he authored in 1932.

He said *"I've been asked how I happened to write in question form and I really don't know. It just came out that way."* The Test was proposed in 1942 by Richard Vernor and adopted by Rotary International Board in 1943.

The Rotary Club of Nanaimo has put the Test to the test. An example is the

service provided by members to drive party goes during the Christmas season in order to reduce drunk driving in Nanaimo. The members require both stamina and a liberal dose of tolerance as they spend several weeks chauffeuring inebriated folks into the wee hours of the morning.

Another is the repair and replacement of a vandalised cairn built originally by the family of a local youth who drowned in the Nanaimo River. The Cairn is both a memorial and a warning of the dangers of swimming in this stretch of River.

*Nanaimo River Cairn rebuilt by Rotary. President Hobbs and Marion Lamb replace plaque.*



## THE 4-WAY TEST

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?



*Rotary work party which demonstrated Goodwill in rebuilding Nanaimo River Cairn.*

President Basil Hobbs organized a group of Rotarians in 1994 to rebuild this cairn. This story was subsequently made into an educational video on water safety.

Nanaimo Rotarians also bring the ideals of Rotary in professional life to local school children. A cross section of our members volunteer to disseminate information on their professions to high school students so they can gain an understanding of both the opportunities and the obligations of the various professions. In the 1970's students were picked up at 9:00 a.m. at the High School to spend a day with a Rotarian in his business or profession. The students were guests at a Rotarian luncheon, with an appropriate guest speaker.

The Rotary Club of Nanaimo awarded its first Vocational Service Award on Nov. 17, 1989 to Mr. Barry Linden. Mr. Linden was selected by the Vocational Service Committee for his dedication to his

profession, working with disturbed youth through the Corrections Branch.

The annual **Group Study Exchange** is another activity which focuses on vocational service. **Group Study Exchange** is an educational activity in which two Rotary Districts, in different parts of the world, agree to exchange teams of six young business and professional people. One year the sending district selects the team members, prepares them for their experience abroad, and arranges travel plans. The following year the receiving district becomes the sender. The visit may not last less

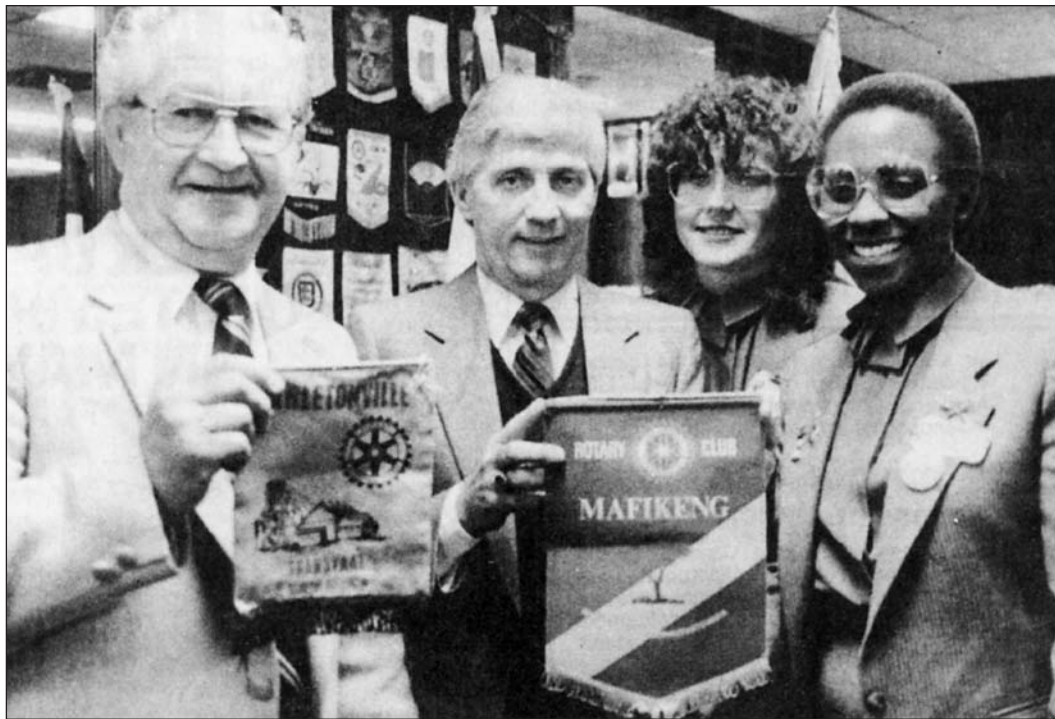


*The first Rotary Vocational Service Award presented to Barry Linden by President Bob Pulleyblack, 1989.*

than one month or more than two months, the exact period to be agreed upon by the two districts. The host district develops an itinerary for the team, pays for its travel within the district and arranges lodging and meals. The Rotary Foundation, which must approve the study plans, pays for the round trip transportation between the two districts for the team and the District Governor's representative who accompanies it. This has provided an opportunity for a small number of young adults from Nanaimo to travel to a foreign country, be exposed to their business or profession and gain an understanding of others

frustrations and achievements in their chosen vocation. Those that have been selected bring inspirational messages back to the Club.

The Club has also hosted incoming groups from all over the world, including Japan, Philippines, Hong Kong, Australia, England, and Germany to mention a few. Local professionals and business people are exposed to these individuals so that they can exchange ideas and experiences across international boundaries regarding their vocations.



*Rotary President (Nanaimo North) Al McLean far left and President of Nanaimo Rotary Club, George Lawlor with members of the April, 1985 Group Study Exchange from South Africa, Jenny Peck and Dawn Mokhobo.*