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Vocational Service & Rotary Foundation Month



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October

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We also need to restore the importance of classifications. Paul Harris said it best, "Each Rotarian is a connecting link between the idealism of Rotary and his trade of profession". Vocational awards, classification talks, and career guidance are prevalent and useful activities. Many clubs have special days in which they invite high school students to team up with Rotarians to job shadow their professions. What a great experience that is for a student to get first-hand knowledge of what may become his/her life's work. Please continue your efforts in this area of service for you never know the impact you will have on that person's life.

When Paul Harris, a lawyer first met with other businessmen like Silvester Schiele, a coal dealer, Gus Loehr, mining engineer, and Hiram Shorey, a merchant tailor from Maine in Chicago, he wanted a club with members from different professions who would gather for friendship and mutual cooperation.

When I visited the clubs in our great district, the one element that stood out when the question was asked: What is your club's greatest strength? The answer was almost always "the fellowship and FUN" that members enjoyed while doing good in their communities and the world. Friendship and mutual cooperation is a tradition that binds us together in achieving Peace and Understanding through our various educational and humanitarian programs. Thank you for your Good Works in the name of Rotary!

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November

November is Foundation month. This year we had great success in providing four Foundation Seminars - two in Maine and two in Québec. Ellsworth and Waterville had a large turnout as well as Dolbeau-Mistassini and Lévis. Many clubs attended these sessions.

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In light of the forthcoming "Future Vision Plan", there are many changes occurring so if you need any information regarding any of foundation programs, please don't hesitate to contact the chairs. They are the experts and ready to assist you. I would like to thank all those who made the preparations for the successful seminars.

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