RESOLUTION 19R-17

To request the RI Board to consider publicizing all of Rotary’s achievements and activities, including vocational service

Proposer(s): District 2580, Japan
Endorsed by: District 2580 through a ballot-by-mail, 15 May 2019

WHEREAS, the Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster, among others, the application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian’s personal, business, and community life, or, in other words, in all aspects of a Rotarian’s daily life, and

WHEREAS, the application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian’s personal and community life is called by such names as community service and youth service; and the application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian’s business life is called, among other things, vocational service, and

WHEREAS, currently, organized club, district, or RI community service activities are emphasized as a means of developing membership or enhancing Rotary’s public image; however, those activities are only a part of the application of the ideal of service by Rotarians. They are intended only as exercises, to provide Rotary club members with training in service, and

WHEREAS, as expressed in the phrase “Enter to learn, Go forth to serve,” Rotarians should apply the ideal of service that they have learned in their meetings and service activities to their private and professional lives as well, and

WHEREAS, vocational service, in particular, is applied to what constitutes a large part of many Rotarians’ lives - their professional activities. Vocational service provides sustainable, wide-ranging service to communities every day. This is a major achievement by Rotary.

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider publicizing all of Rotary’s achievements and beneficial activities, including vocational service, as it communicates them to the world.

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

Thoroughly publicizing the achievements of Rotary, as reflected in its many beneficial activities will help to encourage and foster the ideal of service and is, therefore, directly related to the Object of Rotary. It would also have a positive
impact on our membership development by advancing the wider recognition of Rotary’s significance.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI. Vocational service remains one of the foundational pillars of Rotary’s programmatic activity, which includes different ways of publicizing Rotary’s achievements.