

2017-18 DISTRICT AWARDS PROGRAM  
OFFICIAL JUDGING SHEET

CLUB SIZE MEDIUM CLUB

CATEGORY VOCATIONAL SERVICE

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# MEDIUM CLUB: VOCATIONAL SERVICE FARMINGTON CHECKLIST

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Rotary



District 5960



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## DISTRICT 5960 AWARDS CHECKLIST FOR ROTARY YEAR 2017-2018

ITEMS DUE BY APRIL 1, 2018

AWARD CATEGORY: VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Rotary Club of: Farmington

Club Division:  Large Club  Medium Club  Small Club

Check for each item completed:

- Conduct a club program promoting the 4-Way Test (Describe in narrative)
- Vocational/Classification Talks presented by Club members (# of talks)
- Conducted tours of members' businesses, i.e., Rotation Day (Dates)
- Devoted at least one Club meeting to the topic of Vocational Service (date)
- Devoted at least one Club meeting to the topic of ethics in business (Date)
- Initiated or maintained a career development program (Describe in narrative)
- Conducted a youth mentoring or job shadowing program, ie STRIVE (Describe in narrative)
- Conducted or participated in an ethics program for local youth
- Participated in at least one literacy project related to Vocational Service (Describe in narrative)
- Participated in an adult literacy project utilizing the vocational skills of members (Describe in narrative)
- Presented an Employer of the Year Award (Name and Date)
- Presented an Employee of the Year Award (Name and Date)
- Recognized a business or professional person in the community (non-Rotarian) for outstanding achievements (excluding Employer/Employee of the Year awards) (Describe in narrative)
- Awarded vocational scholarship(s) to non-Rotarians (Describe in narrative)
- Conducted a networking activity (Describe in narrative)
- Members participated in a Rotary Fellowship involving a vocation (Describe in narrative)
- Other (Describe in narrative)

List two of your best Vocational Service projects for this year:

1. Senior Citizen of the Month Club Members participating 100%
2. Classification Talks Club Members participating 40%

Total number of Vocational Service projects accomplished this year 4

Provide a narrative description of your Vocational Service activities. Using the attached form, limit your response to one page, and use Times New Roman 12pt font size. You are allowed to use up to six pictures to accompany your narrative to support your application.

A narrative follows:  Yes  No

# MEDIUM CLUB: VOCATIONAL SERVICE FARMINGTON NARRATIVE

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Rotary Club Of Farmington, MN, District 5960 District Award Application  
Checklist & Narrative For Vocational Service Award Category  
Date: Friday, March 30, 2018; Club President: Krysia Moe

Checklist: List two of your best Vocational Service projects for this year:

1. Senior Citizen of The Month Honorees, Club Members participating, 100%
2. Classification Talks, Club Members participating, 40%
3. STRIVE, Club Members participating, 35%
4. Ethics Program, Club Program hosted the Eagan Club, Club Members participating, 80%

Narrative:

Vocational Service is central to our club, to the opportunities we each have as Rotarians to make a difference in our community, through our business interactions and core values; the relationships we invest in, and honor; and as we live out the character of The Four Way Test.

The Rotary Club of Farmington validates and inspires others as we each month, October through May, along with honoring Students of The Month, we honor Senior Citizens of The Month. These valued honorees have for years, decades, served and inspired our community; from the time they were establishing their career, to their avenues of service and volunteering, to the relationships they have invested in over the years. These honorees are nominated by members of our community who have witnessed firsthand the impact of the character and heart of these treasured community members. Honoring senior citizen community members on the same day we honor students, celebrates the difference being made across the generations.

The Rotary Club of Farmington incorporates several opportunities each year for Rotarians to share classification talks. Rotarians are encouraged to share how they make a difference and maximize their drive and success, through exploring and making known their passions for their vocation, community, and family. A consistent theme of our classification talks is the value of the relationships we create, develop, honor. Networking for the sake of networking will likely fall short of sincerely honoring those we serve and work alongside, whereas investing in and honoring those we serve leads to new opportunities, connections, and success for all.

The Rotary Club of Farmington has a 10 year established and respected history of offering STRIVE to Farmington High School students. This year we have 8 Rotarians serving as STRIVE Mentors. Through the years, 6 other current Rotarians have served as STRIVE mentors; resulting in over 50% of current Rotarians having made an impact on the lives of students in our community. Our STRIVE program meets weekly with students at Farmington High School during the school day. Rotarian Jay Haugen is the Farmington School District Superintendent, and serves as a devoted STRIVE Mentor. Rotarian Lori Jensen is the Executive Administrative Assistant to The Superintendent, and Lori, too, serves as a committed STRIVE Mentor. Other STRIVE Mentors include business and community leaders.

The Rotary Club of Farmington hosted a program provided by the Eagan Club earlier this winter sharing their club's commitment to the Ethics program they have created for clubs to share with high schools. Our club invited school and community members to attend this program, and we look forward to how we might engage and implement this program locally in 2018-2019.

# MEDIUM CLUB: VOCATIONAL SERVICE GREATER ROCHESTER CHECKLIST

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District 5960  
United States



## DISTRICT 5960 AWARDS CHECKLIST FOR ROTARY YEAR 2017-2018

### ITEMS DUE BY APRIL 1, 2018

Rotary Club of: Greater Rochester

Club Division: \_\_\_ Large Club  Medium Club \_\_\_ Small Club

Award Category: Vocational Service

#### Check for each item completed:

- Conduct a club program promoting the 4-Way Test (Describe in narrative)
- Vocational/Classification Talks presented by Club members (# of talks) - 3
- Conducted tours of members' businesses, i.e., Rotation Day (Dates)
- Devoted at least one Club meeting to the topic of Vocational Service (date)
- Devoted at least one Club meeting to the topic of ethics in business (Date)
- Initiated or maintained a career development program (Describe in narrative)
- Conducted a youth mentoring or job shadowing program, ie STRIVE (Describe in narrative)
- Conducted or participated in an ethics program for local youth
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- Awarded vocational scholarship(s) to non-Rotarians (Describe in narrative)
- Conducted a networking activity (Describe in narrative)
- Members participated in a Rotary Fellowship involving a vocation (Describe in narrative)
- Other (Describe in narrative)

List two of your best Vocational Service projects for this year:

1. Vocational Talks Club Members participating 50%
2. Cradle to Career initiative Club Members participating 20%

Total number of Vocational Service projects accomplished this year 4

Provide a narrative description of your Vocational Service activities. Using the attached form, limit your response to one page, and use Times New Roman 12pt font size. You are allowed to use up to six pictures to accompany your narrative to support your application.

A narrative follows:  Yes \_\_\_ No

# MEDIUM CLUB: VOCATIONAL SERVICE GREATER ROCHESTER NARRATIVE

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Rotary Club of Greater Rochester – Vocational Service Award

This year we challenged our club members to improve our Vocational Service. We provided more vocational talks and recognized a business for outstanding achievements. This is in addition to our current vocational service.

Vocational talks have been very well-received in our club. We received great feedback from talks our members presented on the following: fraud prevention from an attorney, broadcast news presentation from a morning news anchor, and education about the career of a child life specialist. Non-member vocational talks were presented by an FBI Agent, an event coordinator, and a police officer.

To recognize significant contributions to our Believe in Me Bike Ride fundraiser, we awarded a Paul Harris Fellow to Minnesota Energy Resources. This honor was well-received by the company and they appeared at our club on two occasions to receive the award. We continue to appreciate their support of our youth-related programs.

Our club has contributed significant service to Cradle to Career, an initiative to bring together community partners to work to improve literacy in our community. Cradle to Career came to life in 2015 when the three Rochester Rotary Clubs came together to align efforts around education as a critical community gap. Education is a powerful strategy to improve educational outcomes resulting in healthy individuals, families and community who have economic stability with productive careers and contribute positively to a civic and equitable society. We gathered data, held community interviews, researched 10 cities across the U.S. using the StriveTogether framework and obtained a Rotary grant to conduct a community summit. In 2016, we joined with the United Way of Olmsted County who had been seeing the same opportunities for improved community health through improved educational outcomes. Together, they determined a collective impact approach, held extensive meetings with 'coalition partners' - now numbering 31 organizations beginning with education leaders, created a data walk to inform the community, consulted with StriveTogether and jointly launched the summit in April, 2017. In 2018, a team of 13 community members, led by a Rochester Rotarian, presented a 45-page complete plan to the community. The project moves into execution in March. Our club members served on the initial brainstorming committee, continue to act as leaders in the initiative, as well as volunteer for Community Summits and other meetings related to this ongoing project.

The STRIVE program is a great opportunity for our club members to provide vocational service as mentors to area high school students. Three high schools participate in the program where Rotarians provide monthly mentoring to academically at-risk students.

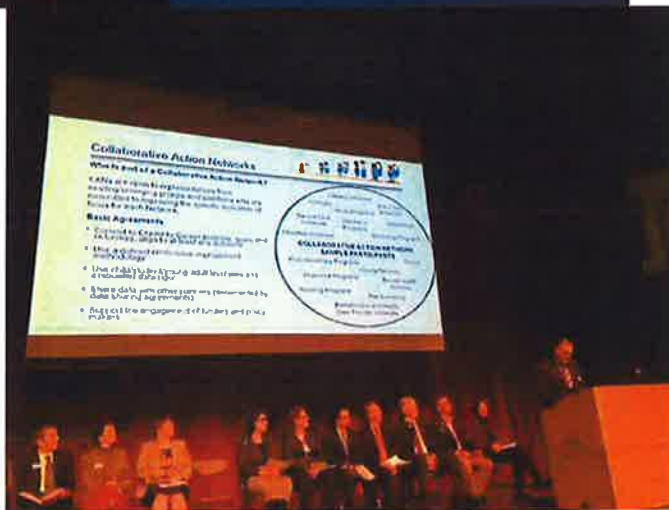
Vocational Service is also championed in our monthly Wine Down Wednesday activity with the three Rochester clubs. This Wednesday "happy hour" social is a great opportunity for local Rotarians to network and enjoy fellowship in the community.

# MEDIUM CLUB: VOCATIONAL SERVICE GREATER ROCHESTER SUPPORTING PHOTOS

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Vocational Talk  
at meeting



Cradle to Career  
community summit



STRIVE bowling night

# MEDIUM CLUB: VOCATIONAL SERVICE HUDSON CHECKLIST

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District 5960  
United States



## DISTRICT 5960 AWARDS CHECKLIST FOR ROTARY YEAR 2017-2018

### ITEMS DUE BY APRIL 1, 2018

Rotary Club of: HUDSON WISCONSIN (NOON)

Club Division:  Large Club  Medium Club  Small Club

Award Category: Vocational Service

#### Check for each item completed:

- Conduct a club program promoting the 4-Way Test (Describe in narrative)
- Vocational/Classification Talks presented by Club members (# of talks) 4
- Conducted tours of members' businesses, i.e., Rotation Day (Dates)
- Devoted at least one Club meeting to the topic of Vocational Service (date) JULY 27, TECH. COLLEGE SPEAKER
- Devoted at least one Club meeting to the topic of ethics in business (Date)
- Initiated or maintained a career development program (Describe in narrative)
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- Other (Describe in narrative)

List two of your best Vocational Service projects for this year:

1. LITTLE FREE LIBRARY ACTION BOOK CLUB Club Members participating 17 %
2. COMMUNITY INSTALLATION OF 3 LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES Club Members participating 17 %

Total number of Vocational Service projects accomplished this year 2

Provide a narrative description of your Vocational Service activities. Using the attached form, limit your response to one page, and use Times New Roman 12pt font size. You are allowed to use up to six pictures to accompany your narrative to support your application.

A narrative follows:  Yes  No

# MEDIUM CLUB: VOCATIONAL SERVICE HUDSON NARRATIVE

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Hudson Rotary Club

District 5960 Awards Narrative: Vocational Service Project & Event

Hudson Rotary Club believes that books can influence everyone and make the world a better place—starting in our own neighborhood!

With our local partner, Little Free Library, the Hudson Rotary Club participated in the pilot of **Action Book Clubs**.™ Action Book Club™ invites participants to read books on a particular theme, engage in lively discussions, and take part in a meaningful—and fun—group project to improve their community. This is reading and social engagement at its best!

After completing their community project, participants share their experiences online with other Action Book Club members. Through trading stories, ideas, and successes, participants will contribute to a national conversation and inspire others to take action in their own neighborhoods.

Hudson Rotary Club members agreed upon a book related to a health diagnosis, which is escalating in our community – mental health. *“All the Things We Never Knew: Chasing the Chaos of Mental Illness”* was an outstanding description about a family experiencing the bipolar journey. Not only did we as Rotarians learn about this real life family, but the book shared resources throughout the story on where to get help. Research indicates that 1 in 4 people are diagnosed with a mental illness however; it takes up to 10 years to seek support. This family upheld this data fact and it prompted our group think out of the box for the community action.

Hudson Rotary Club decided on two action items – one for Rotarians and one for entire community. Our club hosted a “Make It OK” presentation so Rotarians can learn the signs of anti-stigma around mental health and start feeling safe to talk about it. Make It OK is a joint partnership with National Awareness on Mental Illness (NAMI) and HealthPartners, Inc.

Secondly, Hudson Rotary Club purchased 3 Little Free Libraries to be place in three city parks. Each library will be stewarded by Hudson Rotary club and will include books on mental illness for both adults and youth.







DISTRICT 5960 AWARDS CHECKLIST FOR ROTARY YEAR 2017-2018

ITEMS DUE BY APRIL 1, 2018

AWARD CATEGORY: VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Rotary Club of: Rochester Rotary Risers

Club Division:    Large Club   X   Medium Club    Small Club

Check for each item completed:

- Conduct a club program promoting the 4-Way Test (Describe in narrative)
- Vocational/Classification Talks presented by Club members (# of talks)   1   talk
- Conducted tours of members' businesses, i.e., Rotation Day (Dates)   July 18, February 27
- Devoted at least one Club meeting to the topic of Vocational Service (date)
- Devoted at least one Club meeting to the topic of ethics in business (Date)
- Initiated or maintained a career development program (Describe in narrative)
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- Members participated in a Rotary Fellowship involving a vocation (Describe in narrative)
- Other (Describe in narrative)

List two of your best Vocational Service projects for this year:

1.   PolioPlus Fundraiser   Club Members participating   42   %
2.   Strive   Club Members participating   12   %

Total number of Vocational Service projects accomplished this year   4  

Provide a narrative description of your Vocational Service activities. Using the attached form, limit your response to one page, and use Times New Roman 12pt font size. You are allowed to use up to six pictures to accompany your narrative to support your application.

A narrative follows:   X   Yes    No

# Medium Club: Vocational Service Rochester Risers Narrative

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## Vocational Service

The Rochester Rotary Risers club is engaged in a number of projects that align with the Vocational Service checklist. The Risers recite the 4-Way Test at the beginning of each meeting and schedule at least three Club Assembly programs throughout the year that are used to emphasize such topics as 4-Way Test, Polio Plus, Fast for Hope, the RI Foundation, Club Runner and both District and Club projects. The club regularly schedules Rotation Days, five this year, with three of them visits to member workplaces. Recent visits to member businesses were held on May 30 (Samaritan Bethany), July 18 (Mayo Civic Center) and February 27 (Family Services Rochester).

Four Rotary Risers are actively engaged in STRIVE and provide monthly mentoring for students of Rochester's three high schools. The club annually hosts a "My Book Day" in collaboration with the Rochester Public Schools and Rochester Public Library and 75% of members participate. A hard cover book and numerous softcover books are provided to each first grader in several Rochester elementary schools. My Book Day activities include a trip to the Public Library, assurance that each participant has a library card, includes an orientation to the children's section of the Library, a hands-on learning activity and a play the encourages students to read throughout the summer and return to the library with families and friends. A highlight of My Book Day is when more than a dozen "Community Celebrities" (law enforcement, fire fighters, EMTs, government leaders, sports mascots, etc.) share their occupations and read to the first graders.



The Rotary Risers collaborated with Rochester's other two Rotary Clubs to initiate the formation of a community-wide "Cradle to Career" project. The purpose of the project is to assure that every child and young adult succeeds cradle to career, through shared purpose, alignment and accountability among community partners. Education is a powerful strategy to improve educational outcomes resulting in healthy individuals, families and community who have economic stability with productive careers and contribute positively to a civic and equitable society. A Rotary Riser volunteer is currently leading the project and a number of club members are actively engaged in the initiative.

One of the Riser's claims to fame is the variety of networking opportunities available to members. Many times joining with Rochester's other two Rotary clubs in such events as monthly "Wind Down Wednesday" social time, volunteering at the Channel One food shelf and hosting a very successful Rotary Classic Basketball Tournament. Fourteen Rotary Risers attended this year's Polio Plus awareness social, which was a 3-club initiative but lead by a Riser. Riser exclusive networking opportunities include Christmas tree decorating at the Samaritan Bethany Senior Center (a club member's vocation), Adopt a Family gift wrapping social, city park cleanup and the annual club induction and recognition family gathering and all are well-attended.

