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### January is Vocational Service Month



In President Francesco's January 2026 Newsletter, talks about vocational service - the power of bringing together people with unique skills to do good in the world. It reminds us that integrity isn't just about our actions matching our words. Integrity is in everything we do. He says that the Four-Way Test - those four simple questions help us not judge others but guide us toward genuine, effective service .

He notes that there are 1.2 billion young people in emerging economies reaching working age in the next decade and only 420 million jobs projected. He says that Rotary support doesn't mean imposing our will. It means listening to local needs, building partnerships, and designing projects that communities can sustain themselves. Francesco is encouraging YOU to ask how your club can address vocational needs in your community. What skills do your members have that could change someone's life? How can your networks open doors for young people? What partnerships can create sustainable jobs? ....  
More Than Job Training

In a garage outside Salinas, California, young people who are learning to restore classic cars are doing more than developing a skill — they are reclaiming their futures. This training program provides mentorship and, for some, a path away from gang involvement toward meaningful employment. Graduates leave with certifications, practical experience, and hope.

This is what Rotary's Vocational Service Month celebrates each January — the power of bringing together people with unique skills to do good in the world. It reminds us that integrity isn't just about our actions matching our words. Integrity is in everything we do.

The California automotive program has been such a success because it was built on integrity. Members of the Rotary Club of Carmel-by-the-Sea didn't assume they knew what the community needed. They listened. They learned there was a shortage of skilled mechanics as well as a large number of young people lacking job training. They recognized that technical skills alone wouldn't be enough, so they partnered with Rancho Cielo, a nonprofit offering counseling and support services alongside vocational training.

That is The Four-Way Test in action. Those four simple questions help us not judge others but guide us toward genuine, effective service.

Consider our commitment to ending polio. For nearly 40 years, we have promised the world's children we will eliminate this disease. Despite obstacles, we persist, and today we are closer to defeating the virus. Keeping this promise is the very definition of integrity.

The same integrity must drive our vocational service. With 1.2 billion young people in emerging economies reaching working age in the next decade and only 420 million jobs projected, we face a critical gap. Communities long excluded from economic opportunities need our support.

But support doesn't mean imposing our will. It means listening to local needs, building partnerships, and designing projects that communities can sustain themselves.

You have knowledge that can transform lives. Whatever your profession, your expertise combined with Rotary's values creates lasting change. The question isn't whether you have something to offer, it's how you'll use your skills to serve.

This January, I encourage you to ask how your club can address vocational needs in your community. What skills do your members have that could change someone's life? How can your networks open doors for young people? What partnerships can create sustainable jobs?

Let integrity guide you. Let The Four-Way Test light your path. And let the young people in California and the multitudes worldwide who need job skills remind you why vocational service matters. Let us celebrate putting our professional skills to work for humanity with integrity at the heart of everything we do.

**Francesco Arezzo**  
President, Rotary International, 2025-26

### **Highlights of RWM No. 2312 held on 05th January, 2026**

- President expressed heartfelt thanks and warm congratulations to all the members of the Club for their generous contributions to The Rotary Foundation (TRF), which enabled the Club to achieve the prestigious distinction of being declared the **1st EREY Club of District 3240 for the Rotary year 2025–26**.
- President informed the house that the agreement between Rotary Club of Duliajan and Oil India Limited for the management of the cremation ground has expired. Accordingly, in response to the request from Oil India authorities for renewal of the contract, all necessary steps have been initiated to renew it at the earliest. The petition also urges the Oil India management to consider an enhancement in the remuneration paid for the maintenance of the cremation ground.
- President informed the house that the Club already has a substantial stock of usable clothes. She further stated that a programme for the distribution of used clothes will be taken up shortly. She requested the members to identify suitable locations and make the necessary arrangements for the distribution of the used clothes.
- President informed members present that the DGND and COL election will take place during the District Conference at Shillong. As the Club President, she will cast vote on behalf of RC Duliajan in the said election.

### **Highlights of RWM No. 2313 held on 12th January, 2026**

The meeting was conducted as a Fellowship Meeting after the District Conference at Shillong.

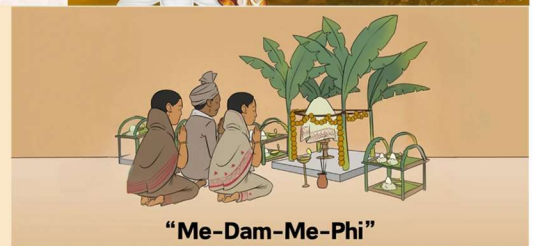
### **Highlights of RWM No. 2314 held on 19th January, 2026**

- President informed the House that, as per an application received from the Managing Authority of Netaji Sishu Niketan High School, Duliajan, there is an urgent requirement to provide a Hand Washing Station, as the school presently does not have such a facility for its students. Since Rotary is going to declare the school as a Happy School shortly, the House unanimously agreed to install a Hand Washing Station at the school. Accordingly, a resolution was taken in the meeting to apply for a District 3240 Grant for the installation of a durable and proper Hand Washing Station.
- President informed the House that the renewal agreement between the Rotary Club of Duliajan and Oil India Limited for the management of the cremation ground, “Baikuntha Dham”, has been duly signed for a further period of five years, with a 10% increase over the previous rate.
- President reiterated to the House that arrangements would be made shortly to distribute the usable clothes currently in stock at the Club to appropriate locations. She further informed that necessary steps would be taken to repair the worn-out and damaged cloth bank located at the Oil Market, Duliajan.
- President informed the House that the forthcoming Republic Day celebration on 26th January will be held at the Rotary Club premises in collaboration with the Inner Wheel Club. All members along with their family members are requested to attend the programme and extend their cooperation for the successful conduct of the event.

- President urged the Organizing Committee of the lottery draw to distribute the tickets among the members for sale and to constitute a separate committee for the purchase of prizes and overall coordination of the programme. She further appealed to all concerned to give their 100% effort to make the event a grand success, enabling the Club to raise substantial funds for undertaking future humanitarian projects.
- President announced to the House that the month of January is observed as Vocational Service Month by Rotary International. Members were therefore requested to identify one or more suitable persons for conferment of the Vocational Award on Republic Day, 26th January, to be held at the Rotary Club premises.
- President, along with the members present, resolved to organize a Club picnic on 25th January (Sunday). President urged all members to participate and requested Rtn. Pankaj Goswami and Executive Secretary Rtn. P. P. Hazarika to finalize a suitable and easily reachable venue for the same.

**Highlights of RWM No. 2315 held on 26th January, 2026**

- The Rotary Club of Duliajan and the Inner Wheel Club, Duliajan jointly celebrated the 77th Republic Day at RCC with the unfurling of the National Flag, followed by the National Anthem. A quiz competition, fun games, tombola, and extempore act performances were organized for the members and their families in connection with the Republic Day celebration. Prizes were distributed to the winners after the programmes. The celebration concluded with a fellowship lunch.
- In observance of January as Rotary Vocational Service Month, a Vocational Excellence Award Programme was organized at the Rotary Community Center on 26th January, Republic Day. The programme aimed to recognize and honor individuals who have demonstrated dedication, integrity, and excellence in their respective professions, in alignment with Rotary's commitment to vocational service. On this occasion, Rotary Vocational Excellence Awards were conferred upon Mr. Rubul Hazarika, Mr. Santokh Singh, and Mr. Chandra Dutta—three distinguished professionals from different fields. Each awardee was felicitated with a certificate, a traditional Seleng Chador, and a gift as a token of love and appreciation, acknowledging their outstanding contributions to society through professional excellence and ethical practices. The awardees also shared their long professional experiences with the august gathering. The programme concluded with words of appreciation and congratulations extended to the award recipients by the Rotarians present in the program.



January is designated by Rotary International as Vocational Service Month, a time to focus on promoting high ethical standards in all professions, recognizing the value of all occupations, and utilizing members' professional skills to serve their communities. It highlights the "forgotten" Avenue of Service, emphasizing integrity, mentorship, and using professional expertise for community betterment.

**Key Aspects of Vocational Service Month**

**Focus on Ethics:** Rotarians are encouraged to uphold and promote the highest ethical standards in their business and professional lives, including the application of the Four-Way Test.

**Professional Development & Mentorship:** The month serves as a call to action for members to mentor young people, assist with career development, and share professional expertise.

**Community Service:** Clubs often initiate projects that leverage the specific skills of their members to meet community needs.

**Core Tenet:** Vocational service is considered the "essence of Rotary," rooted in the organization's classification system, which brings together leaders from various fields.

**Actionable Ideas for Clubs**

**Career Days:** Organize, sponsor, or participate in career days and job shadowing for local youth.

**Vocational Talks:** Invite members to give presentations about their specific professions to fellow club members.

**Ethics Discussion:** Dedicate meetings to discussing ethical dilemmas in business and the Rotary Code of Conduct.

**Skill-Sharing:** Offer workshops for professional development or resume building in the community.



Anniversary



Birthday

Rtn. Golap Sarmah 9-Jan  
Rtn. Abhishek Rajkhowa 29-Jan

Rtn. Sunil Borgohain & Ann Juri	17-Jan	Rtn. Binod Kr. Yadav & Ann Ashalata	23-Jan
Rtn. Pranab Borthakur & Ann Bandana	19-Jan	Dr. Raktim Borgohain & Ann Probalika	26-Jan
Rtn. Ananta Gogoi & Ann Rikimoni	21-Jan		



@ District Conference, Shillong



Consolation Award in Project Display Contest @ District Conference, Shillong



Vocational Awards



Donation of a Computer set to Rotary Happy School



Republic Day Celebrations