



RYLA 2012 Newsletter

Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provide humanitarian service and encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help the goodwill and peace in the world.



What we did

- Team building games: promoted teamwork and the importance of communication.
- Public speaking skills seminars.
- Rotary member visits— including Wilf Wilkenson, past International Rotary President, District 7070 Chair Mike Cooksey and others.
- DiSC personality tests and behavioural observations.
- Planting and barbecuing!

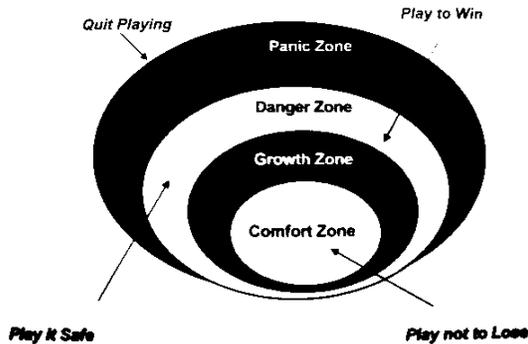
What we've learned

- The richness of Rotary history.
- Public speaking skills: voice projection, nervousness tips and tricks, pacing, body language, *cool* openers such as emphatic statement, scenario,

anecdotes, quotations, rhetorical questions and more.

- Networking skills: exploring the job market, the four principles of play, correct attitude, presence and make their day.
- Communication techniques: the art of oratory, the utility of the Joharian window, the 2:1 listening to talking ratio, and importance of patience.
- Response types: questions, recommendations, empathy and critical.
- Conflict resolution: The 4-Way Test (truth, fairness, goodwill and friendships, and beneficial)
- Leadership styles and team members: Dictator, Leader, Abdicator, Social Director vs. prisoner, volunteer, dead head, and happy camper.

- How to discover our growth zones.



A Word from the RYLIANS

“The RYLA program is extraordinary in that it offers each and every participant a unique path for self-discovery and personal growth. This genuine learning environment helped me develop as a more present, confident, and motivated leader. Everyone in the program contributed to such an enriching experience. I am happy to have joined this rich, stimulating program alongside a great family of inspiring young people in Rotary District 7070.” – Jackey

“I learned a lot from RYLA this week, which I can use in both personal and business situations. It really helped to improve my communication and leadership skills.” –Abby

“I will remember this week forever because nothing beats bonding with 36 other fantastic leaders at a wild RYLA party on the 2nd day, Jamaican Caillou, Deck Building jokes, foosball matches, pool, Invictus, gardening, surprise birthdays, ping pong, basketball, game of thrones, gardening, rolling down hills, BBQs and most of all, service above self. Thanks for teaching me so much. Love you all.” -Araf

Advice from Ric the raging “i”:

“Stick together, because there’s great value in the network you can establish, stay involved

somehow in Rotary because if I had any regrets in life it’s that I joined Rotary in my 60’s rather than my 20’s... stay steady, and reap the immense benefits of being part of the Rotary family.”

Your questions answered by Ric Williams:

How was your experience with us this week?

“What I found with this group is it’s a very bright, very capable, andreally quick to catch on to what you’re doing, but once you got into the exercises you took your time, you were thoughtful, and you gave really good answers in your group work.”

What’s the benefit of RYLA for Rotary and youth?

“When we start early with young people in RYLA and they move into Rotaract, and keep getting this kind of training and these experiences... we need all kinds of people and with RYLA and the rotary leadership institute we have a way developing leadership skills.”

What is it that makes RYLA so different from other leadership training methods, approaches, or experiences?

“...RYLA works for two reasons; one of the reasons is a lot of leadership training has an agenda behind it, and our agenda is to develop skills not to teach people how to think or what to say. So when people come into RYLA there are lot windows of opportunities to bring their feelings, their experience, their passions, and their questions, and have them dealt with.”

What was your favourite moment of this week?

“Seeing people answer hard, hard questions of substance, and come up with some really nice approaches and thoughtful answers. I get excited when you guys get engaged, and it really works.”

