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**Rotary Club of Wilmette invites Teens through Young Professionals**

**to Strengthen Leadership Skills at empowerLEADERS Conference**

WILMETTE, Ill., March 15, 2018 – The Rotary Club of Wilmette invites local teens, college students and young professionals to a morning of leadership, mentoring and scholarship. The empowerLEADERS conference will impart critical talents and foster bonds between leadership protégés and their mentors. It takes place Saturday morning, April 14th, at Oakton Community College in Des Plaines with information and registration available at www. empowerleadersbynorthernILrotary.com.

empowerLEADERS features distinguished speakers from the non-profit, business and government worlds to convey characteristics and skills valuable for leadership positions in their communities and nations. They’ll encourage protégés and mentors to work together for future success.

Attendees will hear from Juliet Riseley of Rotary International, the world’s oldest and largest service organization with 33,000 clubs and 1.2 million members. Dorrit Bern, former CEO of Charming Shoppes, which includes Ann Taylor, Loft, DressBarn, Lane Bryant, will describe leadership in business. Rounding out the panel is Talei Thompson, a professional leadership speaker.

The conference is open to all young people and their mentors and is sponsored by the Rotary Districts of Northern Illinois. Rotary is praised for leadership development worldwide and has valuable programs to benefit youth and young adults. It believes strong leadership is critical to addressing global challenges and creating lasting change and workable solutions.

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