

# ROTARY EDUCATIONAL, FELLOWSHIP & SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

## Educational – Local & International

**4-Way Test** – A program for middle, junior high and high school youth to teach high ethical standards and how the students can positively affect their lives and those around them.

**Youth Exchange** – 8000 students of high school age annually go to live and study for one school year in one of 80 countries.

**RYLA** (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) – Primarily a relatively local one week *leadership* experience for Junior High and High School (separately) age young people. But also has International opportunities and meets at the annual Rotary International Convention.

**Interact** – Rotary Club look-a-like experience in a given high school, sponsored by a local Rotary Club to teach all of the values of Service Above Self, the 4-Way Test, giving back to the local and international communities and treating others with respect and integrity. Has district, regional, country and international gathering opportunities for members.

**Rotaract** – Rotary Club look-a-like experience in all aspects for higher ed students and professionals under age 30 who cannot yet commit to a regular weekly Rotary Club, but want the opportunity to be involved in the high standards, integrity, Service Above Self, humanitarian projects and giving back to the local and international communities that Rotary represents. Sponsored by local Rotary Club(s) and active in the local district. Also has regional, country and international gathering opportunities and meets at the annual Rotary Convention.

**Ambassadorial Scholarship** – One academic year educational opportunity (incl. travel & housing) to study the Scholar's subject of choice at a university of their choice as long as it is in a country and area serviced by a local Rotary Club willing to be the Scholar's host sponsor.

## **World Peace Programs**

**Two Year Fellowship** – Awarded to applicants who've worked in the area of peace and conflict resolution and want a Master's degree in the field. They will commit to study at one of five selected centers around the world to prepare for a life career in the field.

**Three Month Fellowship** – Open to applicants globally to study in Bangkok, Thailand. It is for those career workers in the field of peace and conflict resolution who want to enhance their skills and obtain a Professional Development Certificate to facilitate their in-service efforts.

**Group Study Exchanges** – Travel grants to unique cultural and vocational teams of 4-6 non-Rotarians aged 25-40 who are early in their careers. Led by one Rotarian team leader, the teams spend four weeks in areas of two countries exchanging ideas and discovering how the host country's culture and institutions impact their respective vocational, professional and personal lives. In the process, the teams establish life long relationships and often spawn humanitarian projects that positively impact many.

## Fellowship

**Rotary Fellowships** – Currently available are 63 areas of interest from Amateur Radio to Yachting including: Antique, Classic & Historic Automobiles, Bridge, Drug Abuse Prevention, Fishing, Flying, Music, Railroads, Recreational Vehicles, Scuba, Shooting, Wine, etc. These groups offer Rotarians the opportunity to make friends across the globe with others in Rotary who share a common vocation, hobby or recreational interest. See and learn more at: <http://www.rotary.org/en/ServiceAndFellowship/Fellowship/GlobalNetworkingGroups/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

**Rotary Action Groups (RAGs)** – Currently available are 16 areas of focus: Aids, Blindness Prevention, Blood Donation, Dental Volunteers, Diabetes, Disaster Relief, Health Fairs, Hearing Regeneration, Hunger and Malnutrition, Malaria, Microcredit, Mine Action, Multiple Sclerosis, Polio Survivors and Associates, Population Growth and Sustainable Development, Water and Sanitation. These RAGs provide the opportunity for Rotarians with common skills and interests to affect change to improve our world. Often fellowship turns into action because making things happen to improve our world is what Rotarians are about!

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## **Social**

**Rotary Friendship Exchange** –see handout with details.

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Most Active Countries: Australia, Brazil, Canada, Columbia, Greece, India, Italy, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Philippines, South Africa, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, UK, USA

**District, Regional Educational and Social Opportunities** - [www.rotary5450.org](http://www.rotary5450.org)

Several times each Rotary year, Rotarians from all of the Clubs in our District 5450 and sometimes adjacent Districts join together to learn what is going on in Rotary in our area. These events are the very best opportunities you have to meet your new best friends and learn a great deal about Rotary in and beyond your own club. This year these events are:

**January 8&9, 2010** - Multi-District Foundation Dinner & Seminar – Denver Tech Center Marriott

Friday - 5:30pm Cocktails & Dinner

Saturday – 8am – Seminar One for Rotarians with less than two years in Rotary  
Seminar Two for experienced Rotarians wanting to learn more

**February 26-28, 2010** – President Elect Training Seminar(PETS)– Denver Tech Center Marriott

This entire weekend is critical training for the Club President Elect and Vice

President, but the event is open to every club member and the Saturday sessions are of particular interest to new Rotarians trying to learn more about our wonderful organization.

Here is the link to the schedule:

<http://www.rotaryregister.org/hcpets/PETS10%20Flyer.pdf>

**April 30-May 2, 2010** – District Conference – Hilton Hotel, Ft. Collins, CO

This is the biggest social and educational event of the year. It is THE opportunity to discover what is really going on in Rotary and have great fun in the process. The Rotary Youth Exchange Skit is the highlight of the Conference and at nearly every meal you have the opportunity to sit with new friends, youth exchange students, Ambassadorial Scholars, World Peace Fellows and Group Study Exchange team members from around the world and discover the international world of fellowship that is Rotary! ***Our Rotary Club pays the registration fee for all 1<sup>st</sup> time attendees!***

Here is the site to watch for the registration: <http://www.rotary5450.org/>

**Don't miss it!**

**June 5, 2010** – District Training Assembly - At this ½ day seminar, every activity of Rotary in which area clubs are involved will be highlighted in sessions taught by the experts in each subject. This is where you socialize and really learn the nuts and bolts of the major goings on in your club. This is a **must** attend for all Club Officers, Board and new members. Our Rotary Club pays the registration for all attendees! Here is the link to watch for the registration: <http://www.rotary5450.org/>

**June 20-23, 2010** – Rotary International Annual Convention – Montreal Canada

This three day event is the highlight of every Rotary year! The opening and closing ceremonies rival Las Vegas level entertainment and are not to be missed! 20,000 plus Rotarians from around the world come to meet each other, celebrate, learn and plan projects that will do unparalleled humanitarian assistance and work toward our collective goal of peace in our world. Rotaract, Interact, Rotary Foundation alumni and Paul Harris Fellows all have special gatherings to build on their accomplishments and plan future events. The 100s of Hall of Friendship displays provide the educational and relational experience of a lifetime. This is truly the best annual opportunity to discover what Rotary's presence in our world really means and how you can become a more meaningful participant. Here is the registration link:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/Events/Convention/Pages/ridefault.aspx?housead>

**PLAN YOUR VACATION AROUND THIS WONDER OF 2010!!!!**