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# Early Act

District 7930

The mission of *Early Act* is to promote goodwill, understanding and peace through the active participation of its student members so that with committed citizenship and effective leadership they may improve the quality of life of their school, local and global communities.



"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful citizens can change the world.

Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead

**Community Service:**  
at School,  
in the Neighborhood,  
and Around the World





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## Rotary District 7930

EarlAct is a great opportunity to share our commitment to service with the future generations of Rotarians. Each EarlyAct program takes on a life of its own, depending on the dynamics of the Rotary Club participation (and more importantly) the dynamics of the school hosting the club.

It is important to **KEEP IT SIMPLE**.

The goal is simple (to create clubs that take on a life of their own):

*Connect the local business leaders with the students – to instill in the students that community service is as important to community leaders as it is to the students (and we have found the opposite is as true and powerful).*

Regardless, however, of the age range or school dynamics, the two most important things to be sure to instill are:

1. Let the **STUDENTS** run the program (they need to “own” the program for it to be successful)
  - o choose projects
  - o follow through
  - o run meetings
2. **Communication**, Communication, Communication
  - o Be sure there is consistent communication between the school and the Rotary Club
  - o Communicate to the club and to the school and to the community about all activities

The **structure** for EarlyAct Clubs to succeed includes:

1. Clubs are at the Elementary Schools made up of 4th and 5th graders as part of a wider **community service** program at the schools
2. Each month three students are assigned to run the **meetings** (this gives every student an opportunity to take on various roles throughout the season)
  - o **Facilitator** (leads meeting topics and discussions)
  - o **Time Keeper** (keeps meeting on time)
  - o **Gate Keeper** (keeps meeting on topic)
3. Pick three **projects** for the year:
  - o School Project
  - o Community Project
  - o International Project

4. Assign a **Rotarian** to follow each EarlyAct club (if a Rotary club sponsors more than two EarlyAct clubs, you might assign a Rotarian to be Youth coordinator to facilitate communication between the EarlyAct Clubs, the Interact Club and the Rotary Club).
5. 2+ Rotarians attend each of the monthly **EarlyAct meetings**
6. Invite EarlyAct club to attend **Rotary meetings** (monthly)
7. Rotarians participate in EarlyAct Community Service **projects**
8. Invite EarlyAct Club to participate in Rotary Community Service **projects**

**EarlAct** is a great opportunity to **share** our **commitment** to **service** with **future generations** of Rotarians.

These youth are the individuals who carry with them – the **foundations** we instill in them – into a future we can only imagine

Students of each EarlyAct club share their commitment to the **values of Rotary** - the commitment to leave the world a better place than they found it.

Our job is to help the youth find ways to put their unique **gifts and abilities to work**.

The job of the youth is to work with us in **service** to our community - locally, nationally and around the globe.

**Margaret Mead** said it best:

*“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed individuals can change the world! Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has!”*

In Rotary Service,  
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