RYLA

Rotary Youth Leadership Academy

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is a program that originated with Rotary International and has subsequently been specifically designed by Rotary District 5340 for the students in San Diego and Imperial Counties. RYLA encourages servant leadership in youth by recognizing and rewarding deserving 11th grade students who are chosen to attend RYLA as an "award" for their past and present leadership and service activities. These select young people attend an all-expenses-paid camp where they are inspired by a diverse group of exceptional speakers, make life-long friends through fellowship activities, and discuss the ethical and social issues of today. These activities are conducted in an atmosphere of trust and respect. The result is that these students return to their schools and communities motivated to take on additional leadership roles and to find additional ways to serve.

RYLA's intent is to encourage students to be more effective servant leaders. RYLA is not a camp intended to teach leadership skills (it is assumed that the students in attendance already possess those skills), however the following topics naturally arise in the course of RYLA activities and discussions:

- Fundamentals of leadership
- Ethics of positive leadership
- Qualities of a "servant leader"
- Importance of communication skills in effective leadership
- Conflict management and problem solving
- Building self-esteem and self confidence
- Elements of community and global citizenship
- Rotary's purpose of service to the community and world
Hello Fellow Rotarians,

I wanted to send a quick email to remind everyone that this Saturday (April 29th) is Rotarians at Work Day! This year our project will be to help clean up the yard of a local senior in need. We have worked with the city of La Mesa to identify a project that we could have the most impact in our community.

I would like to send a "shout out" to Ray Aguilar and Robert Aguilar for spearheading this project. I personally want to say Thank you to them and Aztec Landscaping for helping us with this project.

Ok, now for the details:

The house's location is 6860 Tower St. La Mesa CA and we will meet at 8:30 on Saturday Morning. I think we should be able to have the yard cleaned up by 12PM. Please bring work gloves and we should have everything else you need.

I will also be sending around a sign-up sheet at the meeting this week, but if you want to help and can't be at the meeting please email Ray (rayjr@azteclandscaping.com) to let him know you will be attending.

Thanks,

Steve
District Governor 2019-2020, Selection Announcement

In accordance with the provisions of Rotary International Bylaws Article 13, the selection committee has reviewed and interviewed candidates recommended by their respective Rotary clubs to serve as Governor Nominee and subsequently as Governor of District 5340 during Rotary Year 2019-2020.

Rotarian John Goodrich, Jr. of the Rotary Club of Rancho Bernardo has been selected to serve as Governor Nominee Designate and to subsequently serve as Governor of District 5340 during the Rotary year 2019-2020. No challenges have been received, therefore it is our pleasure to congratulate John as our District Governor for 2019 - 2020.

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ROTARY FOUNDATION NAMED WORLD’S OUTSTANDING FOUNDATION FOR 2016

(Arlington, VA) The Rotary Foundation, the charitable arm of Rotary – a global network of volunteers committed to improving lives and communities around the world, has been named the 2016 Outstanding Foundation by the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP).

From its first contribution of $26.50 almost a century ago, The Rotary Foundation's assets have grown to approximately $1 billion, and more than $3 billion have been spent on projects that promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water, support education, save mothers and children, and grow local economies.

The Rotary Foundation's top priority is the global eradication of polio. Rotary launched its PolioPlus program in 1985, and in 1988 became a leading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. Since then, Rotary has contributed more than $1.6 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect more than two billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. The Foundation's advocacy efforts also have resulted in another $9 billion from world governments and foundations, increasing its impact. Today, polio is on the verge of becoming only the second human disease ever to be eliminated after smallpox, with a 99.9 percent decrease in cases since the initiative began.

To mark the Foundation's centennial year, Rotary members aim to raise $300 million by July 2017. "We are honored to receive this recognition from the AFP, which give us even more reason to celebrate during our Foundation's centennial year," said Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Kalyan Banerjee. "The continued strong support of Rotary members will help us keep our promise of a polio-free world for all children, and enable the Foundation to carry out its mission of advancing world understanding, goodwill and peace. We look forward to another 100 years of Rotary members taking action to make communities better around the world."

Rotary clubs have long embraced the call for peace at the grassroots level by addressing the underlying causes of conflict and violence, such as hunger, poverty, disease and illiteracy. In 2002, the Rotary Foundation took a direct approach by providing future leaders the tools to become catalysts for peace in their communities. Each year, up to 100 Rotary Peace Fellows are chosen to participate in a master's degree or certificate program at one of Rotary's Peace Centers in partnership with universities around the world. Today, more than 1,000 peace fellow alumni serve as leaders in national governments, nongovernmental organizations, the military, law enforcement, and international institutions such as the United Nations and World Bank.

"While almost everyone is familiar with Rotary, not everyone may realize just how much an impact Rotary and the Rotary Foundation have had on countless people and communities across the globe," said AFP President and CEO Jason Lee. "On behalf of the entire charitable sector and people around the world, all of us at AFP are honored to be able to recognize The Rotary Foundation as our 2016 Outstanding Foundation."

The Rotary Foundation will receive its award at AFP's 2017 International Fundraising Conference in San Francisco, April 30 – May 2, 2017.