



Rotary District 6330 RYLA Seminar For Tomorrow's Leaders
Western University London, Ontario, Canada May 11-13, 2018

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Information for Rotary Clubs, Participants, and Parents

Purpose: The **Seminar For Tomorrow's Leaders** is a youth service program Rotary international District 6330, with clubs in Michigan and Ontario. The **Seminar** combines lectures and discussions on career knowledge, international understanding, service opportunities, small group leadership and team development experiences and exercises. The program's been designed **only for students who already shown leadership interests and skills**. The effectiveness of the program depends upon the commitment of every student participant to be fully involved in every minute of the planned activities. Sharing of leadership experience and ideas with other student leaders, under the guidance of university student counselors is a vital part of the dynamic of this program. The **Seminar** will provide a very full program, **beginning with registration 2-4 PM on Friday, May 11, 2018**, in the front entrance of **Ontario Hall**, and concluding with the wrap-up session on Sunday afternoon. There will be morning, afternoon, and evening sessions, with very limited free time. The **Seminar will adjourn on Sunday, May 13, at about 3:30 pm**.

History: The **Seminar For Tomorrow's Leaders** was begun in 1961 by Past District Governor, the late Herb J. Farrow, a London East Rotarian, who observed a similar program and recognized its potential value for student leaders in the District. His idea was enthusiastically supported by a recommendation from Lapeer Rotarian, Frank White. Thus the District 6330 program is older than most Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) programs now held throughout the world. The **Seminar** became coeducational, and moved from church camps to college campuses in 1981. Facilities at Western University in London, Ontario, Canada, and campuses in Michigan, USA, have been used since 1981.

Criteria for selection of participants: Each Rotary club may establish a youth committee, assign responsibility to an existing committee or director. The club then determines the number of participants it will sponsor. At this point, the club works with secondary school principals and counselors to choose the student leaders who will attend the **Seminar**. It should be emphasized that the choice of **genuine leaders** from schools is critical to the success of the program. Wherever possible clubs are encouraged to send equal members of young men and young women. Schools would be well advised to recommend students who are in the next-to-last secondary school year(Grade 11). In this way the outcomes of their leadership experience can be of significant benefit to the school and its programs in the following year.

A STUDENT WHO HAS ATTENDED PREVIOUSLY CANNOT ATTEND AGAIN

Students selected will have been recognized in their schools and communities for their positive leadership abilities, and their history of involvement in school and extracurricular activities. Academic excellence may be considered, it should not be the basic criterion. Rather, the choice should reflect the **potential** of the student **to be one of tomorrow's leaders** in business, industry, education, science, community, or political life. This **Seminar** is designed as a unique opportunity for these future leaders to rub shoulders with others who will share the responsibility for making the world a better place in the next century. **We recommend that you send students who have not participated in other leadership conferences.**

Location and Facilities: This year all students will be housed at **Ontario Hall**, a residence on the campus of the University of Western Ontario. All sessions and activities including meals, will be in the residence. See the enclosed link to a map showing the location of the University of Western Ontario and **Ontario Hall**. Most participants will be brought to UWO and picked up again by Rotarians. Students who drive themselves park in a well lit lot nearby. However, the students must leave the keys voluntarily please at the Rotary registration desk for the duration of the seminar. Full involvement in the program does not leave time for shopping sightseeing and visiting friends and relatives. Students will not be given permission to leave the campus at any time between registration and adjournment. Students should bring clothing



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suitable for informal program sessions, an informal evening dance, and some outdoor activities. Free time will be very limited.

Student Responsibility: Students who have the kind of appropriate leadership potential for the **Seminar**, will understand that all sessions in the program are interrelated and that attendance is required for every session. Sleeping in, skipping a session, or opting out of an activity is not an acceptable leadership style. The Rotarians who volunteer their time and energy to convene this seminar, and who raise thousands of dollars to make this program possible, look forward to meeting and working with these dynamic young leaders. We hate to be this blunt about it, we want to enjoy our association with these students to the fullest. We don't want that enjoyment lessened by having to police inappropriate student behavior. Because of the careful selection of student leaders in previous years, this has rarely been a problem. However, to ensure maximum benefit to all participants, and to safeguard their rights, any student who does not participate fully in the sessions, or who does not choose to follow basic guidelines of conduct, will be required to leave.

Messages: Important calls may be phoned to my cell phone 519-630-3461 during the seminar. If I do not answer directly please leave a message and I will pass on the message or get back to you very shortly.

Confirmation: **There will be no confirmation of registration or additional information sent out, so please hold onto all information provided at this time. If the registrations are sent to the committee by the April 13th deadline then all students will be registered unless we contact the sponsoring club to say we have reached our capacity. If clubs are concerned about whether their students are registered they can contact Steve Dietrich (see below). All students should be given a name and phone number of a contact person for their sponsoring Rotary club.**

Health information: Each Ontario student should have their health cards with them and those students from Michigan should be sure they have out of country health insurance coverage.

One additional consideration for Michigan students is the requirement for government issued picture identification to be able to return to the US after the weekend. Please check with US customs officials to see what is acceptable.

Special Note Rotary Youth Exchange Students may be sponsored by Rotary Clubs for a discounted rate of \$150cdn/\$120US

All applications should be returned to your sponsoring Rotary club

Who then forward to:

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