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Dear Fellow Rotarians:

May is Celebrate Youth Month

During this current Rotary year our District leadership has focused on the advancement of youth and young adult programs. We have always supported the efforts of clubs in the District in such a manner that it would allow student recognition at a variety of events.

Many clubs go that extra mile to provide scholarships to those going on to college. Many clubs recognize students at scholastic or athletic recognition dinners. Many sponsor students at the District Speech Contest, RYLA and World Affairs. So much of what is taking place illustrates the support clubs in District 6540 have for the advancement of youth programs. Now, add Rotary Youth Exchange, Group Study Exchange, Rotaract and Interact. Oh, how about the Ambassadorial and Peace Scholarships? Sounds like a lot is being done for young people---well, you're right. Should we stop there and be happy with what we now do? I say no. Why? Well, President John Kenny reminds us on an ongoing basis that the "Future of Rotary is in Your Hands". Does he mean our hands? I think he means in the hands of our youth. So, why not add a youth program to your club activities? Why not sponsor an Interact or Rotaract club? Or perhaps, your club could be part of a bigger picture and get involved in Rotary Youth Exchange.

Okay, you say, I'm convinced. What do I do now that I am ready to move onto more youth activities? If you take a moment to visit our District website [rotary 6540.org](http://rotary6540.org) you will find links to all the chairpersons ready, willing and very willing to provide information to take you and your club to the next step. As they say, "Think outside the box". Be adventurous. Invite young people to your club meetings. Have a District youth chairperson present a program at your club. Above all get involved with young people. You will find you and your club will be all the better for it. New energy, excitement, and enthusiasm will abound.

Why not do it today?.....after all "The Future of Rotary is in **YOUR** Hands"

Yours in Rotary

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