



Greetings to Rotarians within District 7030 from the 2015 RYLA District 7030 Co-ordinator, Alana Wilson and her committee.

This year the Rotary Clubs in Grenada and the Rotaract Club of Grenada will be hosting your RYLA delegates in the Isle of Spice for the 2015-2016 RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) experience under the theme '**Positioning Tomorrow's Leaders Today**'.

RYLA is an intensive training programme that brings together youth and young adults, ages 14-30, to further develop character and leadership skills and to learn about Rotary. Participants are nominated by local Rotary clubs, which cover all their expenses. For these young adults, RYLA offers the **opportunity** to build self confidence, leadership and communication skills; gain exposure to a variety of issues and people; to debate matters relating to professional responsibility and human relations; learn about businesses or institutions; acquire valuable information and career skills; interact with active community leaders and Rotarians, while having fun and making friends.

The objectives of RYLA are the same each year among all Districts. They demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth; they encourage and assist young people in responsible and effective voluntary youth leadership, by providing them with a valuable training experience; they foster continued and stronger leadership of youth by youth and publicly recognize the many young people who are rendering service to their communities as youth leaders.

As Rotarians, RYLA gives us the opportunity to mentor promising, young leaders who are serving their communities and beyond and it also allows us to bridge the gap between generations. Rotarians serve as resource for participants on the path to becoming professional and community leaders. In turn, RYLA can bring energy to a Rotary District, inspire ideas for service, increase support of community service projects and develop future Rotarians.

From 5 – 7 November 2015, participants will be encapsulated into a three (3) day experience that will change their lives forever. On the beautiful Isle of Spice, participants will be engaging in interactive forum to discuss and debate the issues affecting their generation, share their experiences, be part of

team work and meet new friends from across District 7030, ranging from St. Kitts to Suriname and possibly friends from other Districts. This conference will also allow the participants to share aspects of their culture and learn about the culture from the various islands and countries.

The RYLA Committee is soliciting the support of each Rotary club within District 7030. We are asking each Club to sponsor **at least three** participants. The registration cost of **USD750.00 (up to 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2015; USD 825.00 from 1<sup>st</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2015 & USD900.00 from 16<sup>th</sup> Oct – 5 Nov, 2015)** for each participant covers: 4 nights-hotel accommodation with breakfast (venue - Grenadian by Rex Resort); ground transportation, conference material; tea breaks, lunch and dinner. Enquiries and/or follow-up can be made to RYLA District 7030 Co-ordinator Alana Wilson. P. O. Box 3516, St. George's, Grenada, W.I. Tele: +473-419-0153; email: [rylagrenada2015@gmail.com](mailto:rylagrenada2015@gmail.com).

RYLA was created because Rotarians strongly believe in the potential of youth and the importance of developing and investing in youth leadership programmes. The recognition of young people's potential plays a central role in improving a Rotary club's image in the community and fostering relationships between young people and adults. In echoing our Rotary theme for this year, '**Be a gift to the world**', we are encouraging each Club within the District to continue to support the work of Rotary and that of RYLA. We are counting on you to make this year's RYLA Conference a Success. The Rotary Clubs in Grenada and the Rotaract Club of Grenada are looking forward to hosting your delegates in the Isle of Spice in November, as we endeavor to '**Position Tomorrow's Leaders Today**.'