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2019 RYLA REPORT & INVITATION

Dear 2019 RYLA Rotary Club Sponsors,

RYLA Camp was a great success thanks to you! We 'graduated' 47 new RYLARIANS. Everyone left upbeat and with a smile with one exception. A mother commented to me: "She doesn't want to go home!"

The program was full of activities during all the waking hours. Highlights included two hours of Scouting activities led by Scouting Volunteers. This included rock wall climbing in safety harnesses, helmets and belaying (safety) ropes plus several other cognitive and physical activities. Additionally, we had two powerful and relevant speakers – Stephanie Marquesano, who spoke on Co-Occurring Disorders-Substance-use and mental-health disorders. Her point was to raise awareness that these maladies "go hand-in-hand" and must be treated together. At the conclusion, the kids surrounded her, asked questions and gave her hugs. Later, Rotarian & Adjunct College Instructor Julie Galanty presented a 'hands on' presentation on Critical Thinking that will result in better communication. Intersperse, we had many team building activities and a lot of fun.

NOTE: About 1/3 of RYLA Campers were Interactors and another 1/3 stood up and said they were interested in joining an Interact Club if it was available.

A professional photography team was with us during camp. Rotarian Flint Gennari, of Fine Art Fotos and Video is preparing an Audio-Visual presentation to be shown at our RYLA Reunion on April 27 at the District Conference. All RYLARIANS, District Interactors, and school liaisons are invited to attend the luncheon for a reduced, pre-registration price of \$25. At least one accompanying Rotarian is asked to be registered for the conference.

A very dynamic speaker for all but especially for Interactors and their leaders!

The RYLA Reunion is a double feature for Interactors. Doug Mealy, a Rotarian and 25 year Interact leader from Keane, NH, will be making a powerful Interact presentation. "Impossible" is not in Doug's vocabulary. With over 25 years of Rotary/Interactor experience, he will tell us about how to have a self-perpetuating, 90 members Interact club with a waiting list to join.

This is an opportunity to super charge and inspire our Interact Clubs, our Rotary Clubs and even 'lay the ground work for new Interact club!

Visit Rotary7230.org to register RYLARIANS and INTERACTORS!

With the Sincerely Thanks from the RYLA Committee,

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