

Interact-Rotaract Joint Leadership Assembly

Four Points by Sheraton Meriden, CT

September 20, 2014



IN ATTENDANCE

- Interact Club Officers
- Rotaract Club Officers
- Interact/Rotaract Club Faculty Advisers
- Interact/Rotaract Rotarian Advisers
- Prospective Advisers/Rotarians of Interact and Rotaract

PURPOSE

- **Define** the role(s) between clubs and advisers,
- **Improve** communication,
- **Identify** resources for Youth Services (YS) Clubs,
- **Inform** about events that happen throughout the year,
- **Collaborate** about past experience and challenges,
- **Community** Service project.



SCHEDULE

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Conference Directors Meeting (Ron, Sam, Gary, Justin, Anthony, Jessica, Danny, Molly, and Cayman)
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Registration
9:00 AM – 9:10 AM	Opening (Pledge of Allegiance, 4-Way Test, Introductions, Expectations) Anthony Masi, District Interact Representative Jessica Baldizon, District Rotaract Representative
9:15 AM – 9:45 AM	Speaker Elizabeth Torres – Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust Gary Raytar Rotaract Co-Chair
9:45AM – 10:00 AM	Eddie Blue – Boy Scouts of America Justin Phillips, Youth Services Chair
10:00 AM – 10:15 PM	Icebreaker (Rotary Pitch)
10 :20 AM – 12:00 PM	SESSION 1

- BALLROOM (Rotaract & Interact)** (Jessica & Anthony)
- Presidents Update your RI Reports
 - Justin
 - Successful people
 - Where have we come and where are we going
 - RYLA's – Why?
 - Collaborate on your successful community service project and why
 - What makes a community service project successful?
 - Fundraising (Who is your audience?)
 - Roles of club officers
 - Membership (new membership and retention)
 - Collaboration between Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact clubs
 - Rotary's 6 Areas of Focus
 - Goals of your upcoming year
 - Define district citations
 - Video contest
 - Change-makers Award

BREAK OUT ROOM (Rotarians & Advisors) (Ron, Sam & Gary)

- Update RI Reports
- Introductions & involvement
- Support and funding from sponsoring Rotary clubs to the Interact and Rotaract clubs. - investment in these programs ensures a future generation of Rotarians who will continue to give back to their communities.
- Justin
 - Where we have come where are we going?
 - Rotary Progression
- Role of YS Chair in a Rotary Club
- Roles of Rotarians in YS
- Resources in the district and Rotary International
- Starting new clubs/retentions and strengthening of current clubs
- Challenges & successes

12:00 PM - 12:15 PM

Lunch

12:15 PM - 12:45 PM

Working Lunch

(Presidents, YS Calendar/Progression, going paperless)

1:00 PM – 2:15 PM

SESSION 2 (Joint)

- Outcome of session 1, open forum
- Communication (district and RI)
- Club to club relationships within Rotary, boundaries?
- New Rotary International advantages for YS Programs
- Website new press page
- Q and A time

2:15 PM – 3:00 PM

Community Service Project

3:00 PM – 3:15 PM

Closing Remarks

3:15 PM – 3:30 PM

Surveys

3:30 PM

Conference Ends

“If I had an hour to save the world, I would spend 59 minutes defining the problem and one minute finding solutions”

- Albert Einstein

Use district funds to support Youth Service

Did you know that district grants can now support Rotary's programs for young leaders? A recent decision by The Rotary Foundation Trustees expands eligibility for district grants to include Rotaract,

RYLA, Interact, Rotary Youth Exchange, and other activities. What will that mean in your district? Grants for youth-led service? Funding for Rotary Youth Exchange or New Generations Service Exchanges? Travel stipends or scholarships to allow more young people to participate in RYLA, attend regional Rotaract conferences, or advance their leadership skills? Read more about this important change and contact your district leaders to get started.

Six Steps to a Successful Club

Step 1: Establish Rotary club support.

If your Rotary club is interested in sponsoring a club, it should form a subcommittee to study the requirements of sponsorship. Be sure to talk with the appropriate district chair, who can provide information about how other Youth Services clubs operate in your district.

Once it has compiled all the necessary information for sponsorship, the subcommittee should present its findings to the Rotary club. Here are some tips for making a persuasive presentation:

- Highlight the rewards of sponsoring service-minded young people.
- Emphasize the importance of Rotarian involvement and support to a club's success.
- Invite current members to share their positive experiences.

After the Rotary club board approves the sponsorship of a club, the club may have to decide whether its club will be community or school based.

- A community-based club draws its members from several schools from the Rotary club's area. The Rotarian adviser must attend all of the Interact club's meetings, and should attend all Rotaract meetings.
- A school-based club draws its members from one school, and the Rotarian adviser is required to attend only the club's board meetings.

Step 2: Identify potential members.

Brainstorm to develop as wide a membership pool as possible. In a school-based club, ask the faculty adviser to offer suggestions for possible club members. Sources of potential members may include:

- Community centers, churches, athletic clubs and teams, secondary schools
- Sons, daughters, and other young family members of Rotarians in the area
- Rotary Youth Exchange students and attendees at Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) events

Step 3: Invite prospective members

Invite prospective members to a informational meeting. In addition to prospective members, you'll want to invite these people:

- subcommittee members
- Rotary club president
- District chair
- Faculty adviser (for a school-based club)
- Fellow members from nearby clubs who can share their experiences and answer questions

At the meeting:

- Give students a general idea of the history, as well as Rotary's history and commitment to young people.
- Distribute copies of Rotary Basics including the handbook, and the Rotarian Magazine.
- Explain the policies and goals, including a description of some recent service projects.
- Highlight the program's internationality, including the potential to partner with clubs in other parts of the world.
- Have additional copies of the handbooks available for prospective members to give to friends who might be interested in joining.
- Allow plenty of time for questions. Solicit ideas for club projects from these future members.

At the end of the meeting:

- Take a vote to confirm that there's enough interest to establish a club. Keep in mind that a minimum of (15 charter members for Interact and 20 for Rotaract) is recommended but not mandated.
- Set a date for the first organizational meeting.

Step 4: Hold organizational meetings.

Now that you've identified a group of prospective members, it's time to get the club organized. Keep enthusiasm high by encouraging the club to schedule organizational meetings no more than two weeks apart. Have the Rotarian adviser and, if the club is school based, the faculty adviser, keep a list of everyone who attends these meetings, along with their phone numbers and e-mail addresses. Encourage attendees to invite friends to meetings.

Although there's no specific number of organizational meetings required before a club can be chartered, you'll need to ensure that the members complete the following tasks before applying for a club charter:

- Hold elections for president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and other members of the club board.
- Develop a membership plan to ensure the club includes a balanced number of male and female members, as well as students from each grade level or age group. (as much as possible)
- Discuss and establish annual club dues.
- Determine where and when club meetings will be held. Clubs must meet at least twice a month.
- Begin planning for service activities, fundraising events, and the inaugural ceremony.
- Familiarize club members with the constitutional documents.

*** Good to Know**

Before a prospective club can be chartered, it must adopt the Standard Club Constitution and all its amendments, then adopt bylaws consistent with the constitution and policy established by Rotary International (refer to the appropriate handbook). These bylaws are subject to the approval of the sponsor Rotary club.

Step 5: Complete paperwork.

Once a prospective club has achieved a strong membership base, the club can be chartered by RI. The sponsor Rotary club should work with members and the board to finish the following tasks:

- Complete the Club Certification Form (refer to the handbooks), listing all charter members who have agreed to attend a minimum of 60 percent of the club's service and social activities (or club constitution requirements)
- Obtain the signatures of the sponsor Rotary club president and the district governor on the form.
- Send the form to RI World Headquarters or the appropriate international office (see the inside back cover for addresses).

Once the club has been chartered, which typically takes about two to four weeks, the sponsor Rotary club will receive the club's Certificate of Organization from RI.

Step 6: Plan an inaugural ceremony.

The chartering of a new club is a meaningful and exciting event. The sponsor Rotary club may wish to host an inaugural ceremony where sponsoring Rotarians can welcome members and the board as partners in Rotary service. Invite Rotary district leaders, such as the governor, district chairs, and representatives, to this celebration to introduce the new club to the district.

Every inaugural ceremony is unique, but modeling it after the sponsor Rotary club's traditions is a good way to begin.

Here are some other ways to put together a memorable ceremony:

- Create an inauguration ceremony program book that lists club members' names.
- Briefly explain Rotary and The Four-Way Test.

- Describe how the new members are now part of the family of Rotary.
- Review the history of Interact or Rotaract appropriately and the progression available to them. (Consider including a humorous story or anecdote.)
- Induct members individually, and announce board members and officers.
- Include school- or community-related themes, mottoes, and traditions.
- Present each member with a pin.
- Take photos to commemorate the event.

Running a Successful Club

Clubs must meet at least twice a month. To encourage good attendance, select a time and location that's convenient for club members.

Lead Club Meetings

Remember, meetings should be fun and productive. Some clubs incorporate team-building activities, icebreakers, or brainstorming sessions during their meetings to keep club members involved while building trust and friendships.

Whatever you do, stick to your agenda. It will help keep the meeting moving forward and ensure all topics are covered.

Here's a typical meeting format:

1. Allow time before the meeting for members and guests to talk among themselves.
2. Begin the meeting with the president introducing guests and making announcements and reminders.
3. Introduce new club members.
4. Have the secretary, treasurer, and committee chairs make any relevant reports.
5. Present the program.
6. Close with a thank-you to the program speaker and other program participants.
7. Adjourn the meeting.

Keep Club Membership Strong

Your ability to hold on to current club members and bring in new ones is key to your club's success. Keep members coming back by involving them in club activities and encouraging them to take on club leadership roles. Help your club grow by bringing in members who have special interests and abilities and are enthusiastic about the social and service aspects of Interact.

Consider these suggestions for maintaining a strong, committed membership:

- ❖ **Set goals.** Set membership goals and encourage all club members to work to meet them. For example, challenge members to bring in one new member each year, and offer an award or prize to the member who recruits the most new members.
- ❖ **Keep current members.** Keeping active club members is just as important as gaining new ones. With a large number of enthusiastic, dedicated members, your club will be better able to carry out successful service projects and attract new members.
 - **Strategies for Involving New Members**
 - ✓ Hold a special meeting or event to welcome and celebrate new club members.
 - ✓ Explain the opportunities and benefits that come with Interact membership. Members who understand Interact and its purpose are more likely to remain active in the club.
 - ✓ Ask experienced members to "adopt" new members and make them feel welcome.
- ❖ **Strategies for Involving Established Members**
 - Assign committee responsibilities to veteran members to let them know they're important to the club.
 - Recognize club members who dedicate extra time to service projects.
 - Maintain a good age and gender balance. Different points of view make for interesting meetings and contribute to a richer experience for everyone.

- Get feedback from members on the types of meetings, activities, and projects they enjoy, and plan accordingly.
- Plan social events to bring members closer together.
- Monitor attendance to ensure everyone comes to at least 60 percent of the club's meetings. Members with high attendance are the most likely to stay involved.
- Keep members informed through a club newsletter, distributed either in print or electronically. Mention service projects and fundraising efforts, news from Rotary International, club leadership reports, a brief summary of club meetings, and sponsor Rotary club activities that may interest members. Include the name and address of the club, its meeting time and place, the name of the sponsor Rotary club, and the Rotary district number in your newsletter.

Bring in new members.

The first step to bringing in new members is to let them know that the club exists. Use the suggestions below to promote your Interact club and its service projects.

- ❖ Organize a special event. Make sure to do these things:
 - Explain the purpose of the club and show slides or photographs of your club's activities.
 - Display the Posters or banners and hand out any club information you have (The Handbook).
 - Emphasize the club's service efforts and successes, the internationality, and the opportunity for members to take on leadership roles while having fun and making new friends.
- ❖ Publicize your club's activities in the school newspaper and local media.
- ❖ Invite potential members to participate in a service project or attend a club meeting so that they see you in action.
- ❖ Develop a club Web site where potential members can learn about club projects and find out how to join. Ask your school to include a link to your club's site on its Web site.
- ❖ Arrange for displays at local libraries, coffee shops, community centers, or anywhere else youth gather. Display posters or banners along with photos of your club in action. Provide information about your club and how those interested can join their local club.

Plan Service Projects

Clubs must carry out two service projects each year: one that helps the school or community and one that promotes international understanding. These projects are a great way for clubs to get involved in the community, connect with youth around the world, and attract new members.

Because service projects can cover a wide range of issues, it helps to focus your efforts early on. Keep in mind any service goals set by your club and its sponsor Rotary club. Gain support for club projects by choosing service activities that address real needs in the local or international community.

Before your club decides on a project, ask the following questions:

- ❖ What services are needed in your school or in the local or international community?
- ❖ Which local or international organizations could use your Interact club's assistance?
- ❖ Can you collaborate with your sponsor Rotary club or a local Rotaract club on its service efforts?
- ❖ Can you collaborate with another local clubs or a club that's in another country?
- ❖ What types of service projects fit within your club's budget?
- ❖

With a little imagination and hard work, the possibilities are limitless. Though clubs are welcome to select their own projects, consider choosing projects that coincide with the calendar of Rotary observances (see attached) or that relate to the Menu of Service Opportunities. Some of the most rewarding projects are those conducted with clubs in other countries.

Rotary calendar of observances

clubs might consider planning projects or activities to coincide with the following Rotary observances:

July

The Rotary year begins on 1 July.

August (Membership and Extension Month)

Develop a membership strategy for the year, and set this plan into motion.

September (New Generations Month)

Celebrate Rotary's commitment to youth by performing a joint project with your sponsor Rotary club.

October (Vocational Service Month)

Invite Rotarians to speak with Interactors about their professions or to discuss ethics in the workplace.

November (Rotary Foundation Month)

Support polio eradication efforts by organizing a service project or awareness campaign.
Celebrate World Interact Week.

December (Family Month)

Involve your siblings, parents, or other family members in a service project.

January (Rotary Awareness Month)

Publicize successful service projects and promote upcoming activities in your community.

February (World Understanding Month)

Reach across borders and cultures to organize a project that promotes peace and understanding.
Celebrate Rotary's anniversary on 23 February, designated as World Understanding and Peace Day.

March (Literacy Month)

Organize a book drive or another activity that promotes literacy or addresses education issues in your community or abroad.

April (Magazine Month)

Check out Rotary's online publication Interactive at www.rotary.org/interactive.

May

No Rotary designation

June (Rotary Fellowships Month)

Attend the RI Convention (sometimes held in May).
The Rotary year ends on 30 June.

6 AREAS OF FOCUS

1. Promoting Peace
2. Saving Mothers & Children
3. Providing Clean Water
4. Growing Local Economies
5. Supporting Education
6. Fighting Disease

Through the Rotary Foundation, the following six areas reflect critical humanitarian issues and needs that Rotarians are addressing worldwide. They will align Rotary with other international development efforts and will strategically further Rotary's Foundation mission.

The mission: to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

NOTE: The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.

1. Peace and conflict prevention/resolution

The Rotary Foundation promotes the practice of peace and conflict prevention/resolution by

- Strengthening local peace efforts
- Training local leaders to prevent and mediate conflict
- Supporting long-term peace building in areas affected by conflict
- Assisting vulnerable populations affected by conflict, particularly children and youth
- Supporting studies related to peace and conflict resolution

2. Disease prevention and treatment

The Rotary Foundation reduces the causes and effects of disease by

- Improving the capacity of local health care professionals
- Combating the spread of HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other major diseases
- Enhancing the health infrastructure of local communities
- Educating and mobilizing communities to help prevent the spread of major diseases
- Supporting studies related to disease prevention and treatment

3. Water and sanitation

The Rotary Foundation ensures that people have sustainable access to water and sanitation by

- Increasing equitable community access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation
- Strengthening the ability of communities to develop and maintain sustainable water and sanitation systems
- Educating communities about safe water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Supporting studies related to water and sanitation

4. Maternal and child health

The Rotary Foundation improves the lives of mothers and their children by

- Reducing the mortality rate for children under the age of five
- Reducing the maternal mortality rate
- Improving access to essential medical services and trained health care providers for mothers and their children
- Supporting studies related to maternal and child health

5. Basic education and literacy

The Rotary Foundation promotes education and literacy for all by

- Ensuring that children have access to quality basic education
- Reducing gender disparity in education
- Increasing adult literacy
- Strengthening the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy
- Supporting studies related to basic education and literacy

6. Economic and community development

The Rotary Foundation invests in people to create measurable and enduring economic improvement in their lives and communities by

- Strengthening the development of local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities
- Developing opportunities for decent and productive work, particularly for youth
- Building the capacity of local organizations and community networks to support economic development
- Supporting studies related to economic and community development

The Four-Way Test

The test, which has been translated into more than 100 languages, asks the following questions:

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?
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Core Values

Rotary's core values represent the guiding principles of the organization's culture, including what guides members' priorities and actions within the organization. Values are an increasingly important component in strategic planning because they drive the intent and direction of the organization's leadership.

Service

We believe that our service activities and programs bring about greater world understanding and peace. Service is a major element of our mission. Through the plans and actions of individual clubs, we create a culture of service throughout our organization that provides unparalleled satisfaction for those who serve.

Fellowship

We believe that individual efforts focus on individual needs, but combined efforts serve humanity. The power of combined efforts knows no limitation, multiplies resources, and broadens our lives and perspectives. Fellowship leads to tolerance and transcends racial, national, and other boundaries.

Diversity

We believe Rotary unifies all people internationally behind the ideal of service. We encourage diversity of vocations within our membership and in our activities and service work. A club that reflects its business and professional community is a club with a key to its future.

Integrity

We are committed to and expect accountability from our leaders and fellow members, both in the results of our efforts and in the processes we use to accomplish our goals. We adhere to high ethical and professional standards in our work and personal relationships. We are fair and respectful in our interactions, and we conscientiously steward the resources entrusted to us.

Leadership

We are a global fellowship of individuals who are leaders in their fields of endeavor. We believe in the importance of leadership development and in leadership as a quality of our members. As Rotarians, we are leaders in implementing our core values.

All of these core values are reflected in the Object of Rotary and The Four-Way Test, which we use in our daily lives. They inspire us to foster and support the ideal of service for developing and maintaining high ethical standards in human relations.



ROTARY CODE OF POLICIES

Youth Travel Excerpts Reference

May 2014 | Containing Board Decisions through January 2014

This document is provided as a reference for district RYLA and Interact chairs concerning travel by youth involved in Rotary programs. Please refer to the most current version of the Rotary Code of Policies for additional information about these important issues. Changes made by the RI Board of Directors to the Rotary Code of Policies override policy as stated in this reference document.

2.090.4. TRAVEL BY YOUTH

Recognizing that Rotary clubs and districts are encouraged to undertake activities that develop youth, club and district programs or activities that involve minors undertaking travel outside their local community must develop, maintain, and comply with youth protection policies and written procedures. With the exception of travel and tours operated by or on behalf of host districts, Youth Exchange travel is subject to the policies outlined in Rotary Code of Policies 41.060.11.

Clubs and districts:

1. shall obtain written permission from the parents or guardians of all youth participants for travel outside the local community in advance;
2. shall provide parents or legal guardians with specific details about the program, location of event, travel itineraries, sleeping accommodations, and contact information for program organizers before departure;
3. should, when traveling 150 miles away from home residence or out of home country, require the parents or legal guardians of each minor to provide travel insurance for the minor, which includes such coverages as medical (when traveling outside home country), emergency medical evacuation, repatriation of remains, and legal liability, in amounts satisfactory to the club or district organizing the activity or event, with coverage from the time of the minor's departure from home until the return home.

Club and district policies and procedures should include:

1. volunteer application and screening procedures;
2. outlines of volunteer job descriptions and responsibilities;

3. supervision standards for ratio of adults to minors
4. crisis management plan including:
 - a. handling medical and other emergencies and providing for adult support;
 - b. procedures for communicating with parents and legal guardians;
5. written guidelines for reporting and follow-through on allegations or incidents consistent with RI policy. *(June 2013 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 196)*

41.010.26 TRAVEL INSURANCE FOR INTERACTORS

Clubs and districts inviting members of Interact clubs to participate in the programs or activities of such clubs or districts outside of their local community should, when Interactors are traveling 150 miles away from home residence or out of the home country, require the parents or legal guardians of each Interactor to provide travel insurance for the Interactor, which includes such coverages as medical (when traveling outside home country), emergency medical evacuation, repatriation of remains, and legal liability, in amounts satisfactory to the club or district organizing the event, with coverage from the time of the Interactors departure from home until the return home. *(January 2012 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 190)*

41.060.11 TRAVEL BY YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Youth Exchange students may undertake approved travel with host parents or for Rotary club or district events. The host district shall obtain written permission from the parents or guardians of students for travel outside their local community as defined by the host district in advance.

For all other travel, host districts must ensure that parents or legal guardians are provided with specific details about the program, location, travel itineraries, sleeping accommodations, and contact information. Tours and travel operated by or on behalf of host districts are subject to the Rotary Code of Policies section 2.090.4. *(June 2010 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 210)*

41.070.22 INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL BY YOUTH

No individual Rotarian, club, or district shall undertake an alternative program structure to send minors abroad that circumvents RI youth protection policies, the foregoing Youth Exchange policy, or the immigration and travel policies of any nation or government.

No individual Rotarian, club, or district shall assist or cooperate in sending a young person abroad on an international travel activity unless careful plans are made in advance covering every aspect of the proposed trip, including approval from the district youth protection officer and district Youth Exchange chair. In districts without a youth protection officer, the district governor and the district Youth Exchange committee chair must approve the arrangements.

No club should provide an identification card, letter of introduction, request for assistance or other credential or document intended to identify or introduce a young person to a club or clubs in another country, unless complete mutual agreement has been reached in advance with respect to the hospitality or assistance to be provided by the host club.

No club is obliged to provide hospitality or assistance to any young person from another country, despite any documented or claimed sponsorship of a Rotary club, unless the host club has specifically agreed in advance to provide such hospitality or assistance. *(June 2009 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 242)*

2014 INTERACT CLUB CITATIONS

CRITERIA CHECKLIST

Applications are due 4/28/14 to Bernadette Casella. Her contact information is located on the official application form. Applications can be downloaded from the Youth Service Website, <https://rotaryouthservice/7980.com/>

Award Criteria Please contact the Interact Executive Board with any questions. interactclubsd7980@gmail.com	Interact Citation	LEVEL 1 4 Criteria	Youth Service Citation	LEVEL 2 7 Criteria	District Governor's Citation	LEVEL 3 10 Criteria	1	Involvement with one community project and one service project with your sponsoring Rotary Club											
							2	Involvement with two community projects and one international project											
							3	All required paperwork is submitted to Rotary District 7980											
							4	Minimum meeting requirement of once a month											
							5	Representation by club members at ICOPs and District Assemblies											
							6	Representation by club members at Next Generations and RYLA											
							7	A past Youth Service representative (RYLA, Next Generations, Youth Exchanges, etc.) in this Interact Club offered a presentation to this Interact Club and/or their school.											
							8	Relationship with their sponsoring Rotary Club, signified by this Interact Club's presence at a minimum of one Rotary Club meeting, and their involvement with at least one joint project.											
							9	Involvement with the District 7980 Interact Service Project (if applicable)											
							10	Submission for the Interact Video Contest											
							11	Involvement of this Interact Club with a middle school Interact Club or Early Act Club or younger generations organizations (e.g. boy scouts and girl scouts fall under this category)											



2014-15 Rotaract Club Citations

Rotaract Clubs in District 7980 are asked to complete the following checklist to assess the impact they have made. Clubs that accomplish at least **5** of the 11 activity options below will qualify for the 2014-15 Citation. All activities must be undertaken and completed between 1 July 2014 and 1 March 2015.

Once completed, this form is to be reviewed and signed by the sponsor Rotary Club President to certify the Rotaract Club's achievement. These forms are due to Sam Topal (samtopal@yahoo.com) by March 15, 2015.

Menu of Activities

- ☐ Meet at least 2x a month
- ☐ Ensure that each member of the club is assigned a specific role, either in a leadership position or as a member of a committee or project initiative
- ☐ Participate in at least one local project that serves the community
- ☐ Carry out an environmental service project
- ☐ Participate in at least one activity that promotes international understanding
- ☐ Participate in a "Million Smiles A Day" campaign*
- ☐ Participate in a fundraiser to support polio eradication or one of Rotary's six areas of focus
- ☐ Used social networking to increase awareness of Rotary among young adults in the community
- ☐ Participate in a professional development activity that enhance club members' ability to compete in the job market
- ☐ Conduct an activity to promote The Four-Way Test, such as an essay competition or a discussion forum on ethics
- ☐ Participate in a joint service project with either another Rotaract Club, Rotary Club, or Interact Club

Total number of activities: _____ (minimum of **five** to qualify)

Rotaract Club: _____

Sponsor Rotary Club: _____

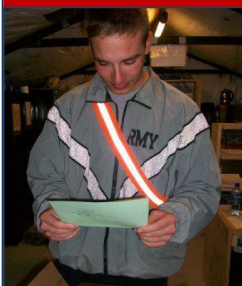
Signature of Sponsor Rotary Club President: _____

*The concept of a "Million Smiles A Day" campaign is simple: club members—along with their families, friends, and colleagues—should consciously "give" one smile per day to another person through a good deed or gesture. As more people commit themselves to little acts of kindness each day, the global benefit will become enormous ☺

Ensure that a Soldier, Sailor, Airman, or Marine
knows that his or her sacrifices are APPRECIATED...



WRITE A LETTER!



Operation Gratitude sends 150,000+ Care Packages each year to Deployed Troops, Veterans and New Recruits. Of all the items included in these packages, the most cherished are the personal letters of appreciation!

Our goal is to include several letters and colorful drawings in every Care Package and tell our service members, past and present, “WE CARE!”

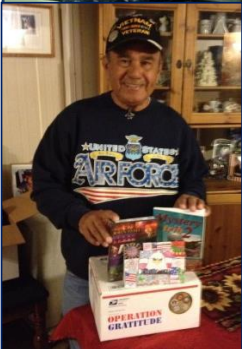
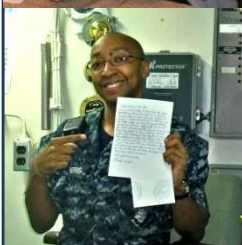


Writing a letter is a meaningful way for Americans to show support for our Military. It only takes five minutes of your day, but will bring lasting joy to the recipients.



Don't know where to start?

- Start your letter with a salutation, such as “Dear Hero” or “Dear Brave One.”
- Express your thanks for their selfless service.
- Avoid politics completely and religion in excess; however, saying you pray for them, is wonderful.
- Share a little about yourself.
- Talk about life back home, including Sports, Weather, Pets, Family, Hobbies, Music, and Movies.
- Adults: Include your contact information (mail or email) so the letter/package recipient may reply. Children: FIRST NAMES ONLY and no addresses please.
- Still can't find the words? Consider drawing or painting a picture instead. (Please avoid glitter!)



Put all letters and artwork in a large envelope or box and ship to:

OPERATION GRATITUDE

17330 Victory Boulevard

Van Nuys, CA 91406

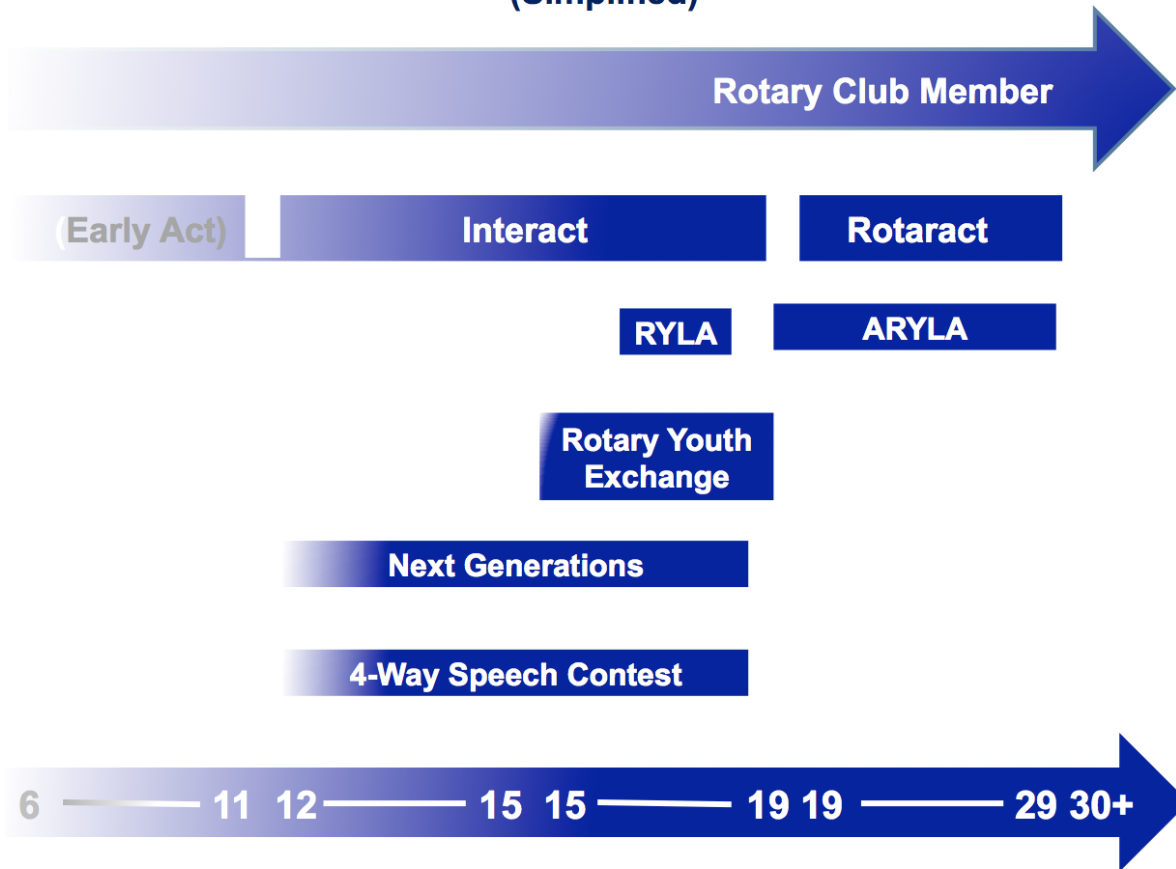
(Send letters for Deployed Troops – Veterans - New Recruits separately and identify each batch)

For more information visit us on the web at www.OperationGratitude.com

on Facebook at www.facebook.com/OperationGratitude

or send an email to OpGrat@gmail.com

Rotary Progression (Simplified)



*You may be invited to join as a Rotarian at any age.

THE 6 YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAMS IN DISTRICT 7980



About Interact

Interact is a service club for youth ages 12-18. Clubs benefit from sponsorship by individual Rotary clubs, which provide support and guidance. Interact has a membership of over 330,000 youth in more than 14,500 clubs worldwide. It's one of Rotary's fastest growing programs. Interact clubs are self-governing and self-supporting and can be either school or community based. Interact's name is a combination of the words international and action. With clubs in over 142 countries and

geographical areas, Interact is truly an international phenomenon. Interact's global youth network is dedicated to community and international service. Every Interact club project, great or small, has a lasting impact on society worldwide. Brazil, India, the Philippines, and the United States boast the highest number of Interact clubs.

District 7980, Southern Connecticut Clubs: 52
Interact Clubs Worldwide: 15,000
Interactors Worldwide: 330,000



About Next Generations

Each year, over 100 high school students assemble and meet their fellow students from all across the district, in order to discuss issues that most touch and concerns their lives. Observing the “coming together” of our youth, from urban to rural, discuss, disagree, problem solve and embrace tolerance is uplifting as well as humbling.



About Youth Exchange

Exposure to different cultures ranks as one of the most powerful ways to promote international understanding and peace. The Rotary Youth Exchange program provides thousands of young students with the opportunity to meet people from other countries and to experience new cultures, planting the seeds for a lifetime of international understanding.

The program offers numerous benefits to its young participants and their Rotarian hosts and mentors, as well as to the community at large. Through Youth Exchange, students learn firsthand about all aspects of life in another country. As their concept of the world expands, they mature and develop a deeper understanding of themselves. Immersion in another country's educational system enhances their academic and personal growth. Host clubs and families and the entire community are enriched by extended, friendly contact with someone from a different culture.



About RYLA

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is District 7980's leadership training program for young men and women ages 16 & 17 in grades 10 and 11 (Sophomores & Juniors). These talented youth from area high schools are selected by their local Rotary clubs to attend an all expenses paid weekend conference designed to increase their leadership skills and commitment to community service. RYLA is held twice a year; a spring session and a fall session. RYLA is an internationally recognized program. Each year more than 9,000 young adults are sponsored by Rotary Clubs in over 25 countries. Dedicated Rotarians and selected presenters make up the RYLA team. Rotary Youth Leadership Awards has 25,000 students and young adults participating globally.



About Rotaract

Rotaract is a Rotary-sponsored service club for young men and women ages 18 to 30. Rotaract clubs are either community or university based, and they are sponsored by a local Rotary club. This makes them true "partners in service" and key members of the family of Rotary. As one of Rotary's most significant and fastest-growing service programs, with more than 8,400 clubs in about 170 countries and geographical areas, Rotaract has become a worldwide phenomenon.

“Life begins at the end of your comfort zone.”

– Eddie Blue



Rotary Leadership Conference

About ARYLA

ARYLA stands for Advanced Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. It is a professional and personal leadership development course designed for ages 19 to 29. Passion, Purpose and Action is our motto. Advanced Rotary Youth Leadership Awards is for a new generation of change makers. Rotary District 7980 located in Southern Connecticut, sponsors the five-day conference. Advanced RYLA develops young adults for the modern day workforce by focusing on professional leadership skills. We develop problem-solving, public speaking and presenting skills. We also provide leadership roundtables and team building exercises. This conference will strongly encourage you to look at your decisions and goals in a whole new light. It will wake you up to the endless possibilities life has to offer.

YS CALENDAR 2014-2015

July

9	ARYLA	Late Registration Due
15	ARYLA	Advanced RYLA Training
16-20	ARYLA	Advanced RYLA
18-20	RYE	ESSEX Training

August

1	YS	Chair's finances due for the following year (to YS Chair)
2	RYE	RYE - YEO & Host Training
23	ALL	Alumni get-together
25	YS	YS Chair's Meeting (6:30 - 8:00)

September

(Youth Services Month)

	YS	YS Club Presentations
5-7	RYE	RYE Inbound Student Welcome Orientation
7	RYE	RYE District Picnic
20	INT/ROT	Interact / Rotaract Leadership Assembly
21	YS	International Peace Day
27	YS	YS Leadership Team Meeting
29	YS	YS Chair's Meeting (6:30 - 7:30)
TBD	YS	UN Day Registration Deadline

October

TBD	RYLA	Training Day
10	RYLA	RYLA Applications Due
11	RYE	Yale/Dartmouth Game
25	RYE	Outbound Applications Due
31-2	RYLA	RYLA Conference

November

1	YS	UN Day
9	RYE	Outbound Interviews
14-16	RYE	Inbound Philadelphia Trip
17	YS	YS Chair's Meeting (6:30 - 7:30)
<i>December</i>		
1	RYE	RYE Short Term Applications window opens
13-14	RYE	RYE Inbound/Outbound Orientation
15	RYE	Applications due to ESSEX (by latest)
2015		
<i>January</i>		
TBD	INT	ICOP's Meeting
12	YS	YS Chair's Meeting (6:30 - 7:30)
TBD	RYE	RYE Leadership Meeting
28	RYE	RYE State Capitol Tour
<i>February</i>		
TBD	RYE	NY Trip
7	YS	NG District Leadership Conference for 2015-2016
21	NG	Next Generations
<i>March</i>		
1	INT/ROT	YS Club's Leadership designees due
6-8	RYE	Okemo Ski Trip
9	YS	YS Chair's Meeting (6:30 - 7:30)
16	RYE	RYE Short Term Applications are due
21	RYE	International Night (RYE Fundraiser)
<i>April</i>		
TBD	INT/ROT	Joint Assembly (Interact Rotaract)
11-12	RYE	Spring Orientation
17	RYLA	RYLA Applications Due
23-26	RYLA	RYLA
<i>May</i>		
14-17	7980	District Conference
16	YS	End of the year event
29	ARYLA	Advanced RYLA
<i>June</i>		
2	RYE	YE Year End Banquet
TBD	Other	World Affairs Seminar
TBD	RI	RI Rotaract Convention

