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It's All About The Kids at EYF - Article from Englewood Review

By Christine Cameron on Tuesday, June 23, 2020



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The Englewood Youth Foundation's mission is to foster and improve literacy, educational opportunities, community awareness and valuable life skills for the youth of Englewood so they may gain the experience, values and confidence to achieve their potential. They succeed in this mission by providing direct financial support to area youth through scholarships and specific program funding, by financially supporting Englewood schools and area youth organizations, and by providing volunteer and support services directly to youth and youth programs that encourage community outreach, career advancement and leadership development.

There are four current program formats. Program 1 sponsors students in various high school programs that help build community awareness, volunteerism and other valuable experiences. This includes volunteer opportunities for LBHS students to meet their volunteer hours requirements for Bright Futures Scholarship Program during fundraising events such as the Spring Fine Arts Festival and participating in Rotary-focused leadership programs. RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) and S4TL (Seminar for Tomorrows Leaders) offer students the chance to attend multi-day camps to learn about leadership and team building with their peers. Leadership and teaching what Rotary is all about is also emphasized in the establishment of Rotakids and Interact clubs at Myakka, Vineland and Englewood Elementary Schools as well as LBHS. These are mini-Rotary Clubs for local youth to learn about serving the community with projects the kids think up themselves.

Program 2 supports several local organizations that meet the needs of Englewood's youth by providing food, shelter, clothing and school supplies to under-served children and families. Some of the more programs were restoration of the playground at the Englewood YMCA and supporting the Back-to-School Bash which outfits kids for the upcoming school year with backpacks and supplies.

Program 3 is the Englewood Youth Foundation Campground on the Myakka River in Venice that is available for use by local youth organizations at no charge. These groups include Boy Scouts, area church groups and student groups. The campground includes bathroom facilities with showers, a screened pavilion with fireplace, sink, picnic tables and electricity. The campground has its own fishing dock and boat ramp.

Program 4 is providing scholarships to senior high school students through the assistance of the Gulf Coast Community Foundation. These scholarships are possible by generous donations, endowments and bequests from Englewood residents.

In addition, due to COVID-19, the EYF has put aside funds for local non-profits to request grants up to \$2,500 to help the kids in Englewood directly affected by the pandemic. EYF President, J.J. Hummon shares, "We have decided to dig deeper in our available funds to help local kids specifically affected by the pandemic crisis. If you are a non-profit helping Englewood kids, please reach out to apply for grants up to \$2,500. If there was ever a time for us to step up and dig into our reserves, it's now." The application form can be found at www.therotaryclubofenglewood.org/youthfoundation. It is under Program 2 on the webpage.

The Englewood Youth Foundation is a 501(c)3 corporation eligible to accept tax deductible donations. One of EYF's unique qualities is that 100% of their funding goes to support Englewood's youth, in both Charlotte and Sarasota counties. Donations can be made directly to EYF, PO Box 176, Englewood, FL 34295-0176 or by contacting Valerie Wagner at 475-1976 for endowment or scholarship information. Learn more about EYF at www.rotaryclubofenglewood.org/youth-foundation. Financial assistance and campsite request forms can be obtained by visiting www.therotaryclubofenglewood.org/youth-foundation.



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Club Member Anniversaries

Valerie T. Wagner
06-30-2005
15 Years

Carolyn Schoenbauer
07-01-2018
2 Years

Christine Cameron
06-25-2019
1 Year

Janet Shawen
06-25-2019
1 Year

Birthdays

Alfred C. Current III
June 24th

Lori Wellbaum Emery
June 30th

Marie M Naisby
July 14th

therotaryclubofenglewood.org and going to the Youth Foundation page. Students interested in applying for EYF scholarships can apply with the Gulf Coast Community Foundation at www.gulfcoastcf.org/scholarships.

Rotary International Virtual Conference

Wednesday, May 27, 2020



Save the Date for Rotary International's Free Virtual Event

"Now More than Ever, Rotary Connects the World:
The 2020 Rotary Virtual Convention"
When: 20-26 June, 2020

Schedule at a glance

(All Times Listed are Central Daylight Time)

Wednesday, 24 June

8:00am: Adopt-a-River Initiative: A Rotary & UNEP Partnership Model
12:00pm: Rotaract Elevated, Now What?
6:00pm: Disruptive Innovation in Rotary Clubs *(presented in Spanish)*

Thursday, 25 June

8:00am: How to Submit a Great Global Grant Application
12:00pm: President-Elect Session
6:00pm: Digital Trends of 2021: Using Tech to Engage Millennials

Friday, 26 June

8:00am: Engage Young Families with Service and Alternative Meetings
12:00pm: The Rotary Brand
6:00pm: Personal Growth Opportunities: Rotary s Alliance with Toastmasters

These Live Sessions will be recorded and archived for On Demand viewing
For more details and registration consult www.riconvention.org

The 2020 Rotary Virtual Convention will join you with Rotary participants around the world during a time of unprecedented challenges. Together, we  still experience the spirit of Rotary, be inspired by innovation, celebrate our resilience, and explore how clubs are addressing COVID-19. Experience Rotary in action during our Flag Ceremony, witness the power of connection during our general sessions, learn new ways to engage with Rotary during our breakout sessions, find inspiration from our global speakers, and much more.

We have never needed Rotary  and we have never needed each other  more than we do now. We hope to see you online, because Now More Than Ever, Rotary Connects the World

FERST Readers

By Traci Hamill on Tuesday, June 23, 2020

Ferst Readers mission is "strengthening communities by providing quality books and literacy resources for children and their families to use at home during the earliest stages of development." **Ferst Readers** wants every child to have the best start in life - and nothing helps a baby's brain develop more than exposure to rich language and loving interactions. The key is having books in the home and being read to - right from birth. Our vision is "to create better learners, brighter futures, and stronger communities by giving every child under five access to quality books in their homes."



Ferst Readers was founded in 1999 to address the growing problem of children, many from low-income communities, entering kindergarten without basic early literacy skills and school readiness, a preventable problem that has far-reaching impacts throughout students' lives. The recipe for early school success is simple: start school with strong literacy skills. **Ferst Readers**'s recipe for encouraging early literacy development is even simpler. Ensure children have developmentally-appropriate books in their home and provide parents with resources that support them in their role as their child's first teacher.

Children in the **Ferst Readers** literacy program receive a bookstore-quality, age-specific book and resources mailed to them at home every month until their fifth birthday. It's this access to print that helps create a language-rich environment in the home.

Club Events/Speakers

June 27th

[61st Annual Awards & Installation Banquet](#)

July 7th

[Englewood Monthly Night Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Deborah Hegedus

Subject: History of the Four-Way Test

July 21st

[Englewood Monthly Board Meeting](#)

June 30th

[Englewood Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Deborah Hegedus

Subject: New Rotary Year

July 14th

[Englewood Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Barbara Viola

Subject: Friendship Exchange

Club Meeting

Englewood

Meets at 1st Tuesday of the month is an evening meeting at 5:00 pm all other Tuesday's will be at Lunch meeting 11:30 am at the Englewood Elks Lodge.

Englewood Elks Lodge 401 N Indiana Ave

Englewood, FL 34223

Time: Tuesday at 11:30 AM