**RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) for Interact and Emerging Teen Leaders**

**Winter/Spring 2021**

**Sponsored by Rotary District 5080**

**Facilitators’ Guide for Interact Club Advisors, Counselors, and School Administrators**

The Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) is a Rotary sponsored program designed to promote growth and development of new knowledge and skills in leadership for high school students in grades 9-12. The eight workshop sessions, spread out over the winter and spring semester/trimesters, provide an interactive, fun, and socially invigorating virtual environment. We recruit students who are not only members of established Interact Clubs, but also any high school student desiring an opportunity to challenge themselves and grow in this way and be a part of a new social network including and outside their own school community.

Although it is strongly recommended that students participate in ALL eight sessions, we also encourage rolling registrations in an “Open Enrollment” process between January and May, so students do have the option of attending one or more sessions as they see fit.

Interested students, school counselors and administrators, and Interact Club advisors are invited to submit student names and contact email addresses to Debbie Ford, Youth Services Committee Chair for the Rotary Club of Sandpoint, using the contact information below. Upon receipt of this student information, Debbie will send out the program information, a Parent Consent/Code of Conduct form, and the Zoom link to join the sessions. For security purposes, students will only be admitted to the workshops if they have pre-registered in this way.

**Workshop Schedule**

Friday, January 29, 2021 6:00-8:00 PM PST

* Instructions as to how this session will run (Introductions of presenters and tech support)
* Welcome by Lynn O’Connor Rotary District 5080 President Elect
* Welcome by a RYLA alumnus
* Unconscious Bias [James Layman](https://www.awsp.org/contact-us/staff-directory/affiliated-staff/james-layman) (He trains teaching staff and ASB students in WA)
* First Pearl (Debbie Ford Toastmasters)

Thursday, February 11, 6:00 - 8:00 PM PST

* Welcome by a RYLA alumnus
* Leadership styles (James Layman)
* Self-awareness (Debbie Ford) (RYLA trainer and Sandpoint advisor)
	+ Pre-asynchronous assignment
* Second Pearl (Debbie Ford Toastmasters)

Thursday, Feb 25 6:00 -8:00 PM PST

* Welcome by a RYLA alumnus
* Effective communication (James Layman)
* Effective listening
* Third Pearl (Debbie Ford Toastmasters)

Thursday, March 11 6:00 -8:00 PM PST

* Welcome by a RYLA alumnus
* Rotary Peacebuilders (TBA)
* Fourth Pearl (Debbie Ford Toastmasters)

Thursday, April 1 6:00 -8:00 PM PST

* Welcome by a RYLA alumnus
* [Self Care](https://www.jostensrenaissance.com/renaissance-rx/social-emotional-wellbeing/) (Jostens [Mark Smith](https://video.search.yahoo.com/search/video?fr=mcafee&p=mike+smith+%22change+video#id=3&vid=b319c0860fd840aa90e43ed38ae46700&action=click)) (these are videos of [Mark Smith](https://twitter.com/TheHarborTV/status/1340114577221152768) that come with small group discussion assignments)
* Pre-asynchronous assignment
* Fifth Pearl (Debbie Ford Toastmasters)

Thursday, April 15 6:00 -8:00 PM PST

* Welcome by a RYLA alumnus
* Ethical decision making (Rotary leaders)
* The Four WAY
* Sixth Pearl (Debbie Ford Toastmasters)

Thursday, April 29 6:00 -8:00 PM PST

* Welcome by a RYLA alumnus
* Job literacy [Tom Hierck](https://www.tomhierck.com/)
* Explanation of District wide community service project and String of Pearls (Debbie Ford Toastmasters)

Thursday, May 13 6:00 -8:00 PM PST

* Welcome by a RYLA alumnus
* Individual Interact Club presentation of concept of district wide community service project
* Letter to self
* Celebration

**RYLA Workshop Guidelines**

1. Our workshops will be two hours long on the selected Thursday nights (except for the first one, see schedule above) from 6:00 to 8:00 pm PST. We will have a break halfway through the sessions.
2. These sessions will be conducted via Zoom, in an interactive workshop format. This means we will have keynote speakers or trainers to introduce topics, then will gather students in small group breakout sessions for discussion and task completion.
3. We will share workshop engagement guidelines and protocols before each session to set clear expectations for behavior and interaction.
4. To put into practice the Toastmasters’ public speaking “pearls” shared at each session, students will present their concept of a district wide service project during our final workshop on May 13th.
5. All sessions will be recorded and the links made available following each workshop.
6. All participants will receive a RYLA logo mask.
7. All sessions are paid for by Rotary District 5080 and are free to participants.
8. The Superintendent of Colville School District (a Rotarian) has generously allowed us to use the school district’s Zoom account along with tech support.
9. We ask that you take the responsibility of reminding your students of upcoming sessions. There are a few asynchronous activities we will all have to do before certain sessions.

**THE FIRST STEP IS FOR YOU TO SEND US A LIST OF YOUR INTERACT MEMBERS, OTHER INTERESTED HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-12, AND PARTICIPATING ADVISORS, BY THURSDAY, JANUARY 28 TO ASSURE ADMISSION TO THE FIRST WORKSHOP ON JANUARY 29TH. Students may register for any or all of the following sessions with submission of their names and contact emails to Debbie Ford by the Wednesday evening prior to that week’s workshop.**

**Please send the information via email to Debbie Ford at:** **dford@debbieforddvm.com****.**

**Thank you for the amazing things you do with your students, and thank you for your support,**

**Rotary District 5080 RYLA Planning Team**

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