EarlyAct - “Community Service for Kids”

We, as Rotarians, proudly practice and promote service to others, “Service Above Self” that is.

With that in mind, please think for just a moment – what possible time could be better for folks to be introduced to and educated about service than when they are elementary school aged children?

Young people ages 5-13 are inquisitive, enthusiastic and eager to learn new things that are positive in nature and pleasing to others.

That brings us to a fairly new concept in Rotary, one that has been recently successful in several different areas by local clubs and districts while still not being “officially” recognized by Rotary International as a Rotary affiliated group.

EarlyAct is one name that has been given to such Elementary School clubs, clubs that are sponsored, supported and nurtured by local Rotary Clubs along with the permission and supervisory cooperation of the local school district’s administration, faculty and staff.

Such a club has the potential to not only introduce our young people to the idea of being of service but also to possibly continuing that type of activity throughout their entire life. That, of course, could include Interact Clubs in both Middle School and High School, Rotaract Clubs in colleges/universities and communities as well as Rotary thereafter.

Promoting and sponsoring an EarlyAct Club in your local Elementary School(s) is a project that either a Rotary Club or an Interact Club can and should take on. There can hardly be a more rewarding feeling than to see these young folks successfully complete a school, community or international project knowing that you and your club were instrumental in helping that to happen. Also, the EarlyAct members are probably very good future members of your club.

Don’t let this tremendous opportunity pass you and your club by. Get on the band wagon and promote this new concept, one that can have a positive effect not only on our beloved Rotary world but also on the entire world. It can truly make a positive difference and help “Change Lives” throughout the world for the better.

Once an EarlyAct Club is up and running in your community, you have no idea how good you and your fellow club members will feel.