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OVER 100 STUDENTS ATTENDED RYLA FEBRUARY 15-17

By Marilyn Nevy Cruz, District 7620 Interact & RYLA Chair

RYLA 2020 may have ended on Monday, February 17th but the excitement continues! We have heard from students who want to start their own Interact District 7620 club, want to explore Rotary Youth Exchange, and more. With 100+ attendees digging in for three days, we know we have more youth who are more

equipped to lead with a Service Above Self attitude!

The Rotary 7620 RYLA program is an intense 3-day, 2-night leadership training program that is designed to recognize,

encourage and further develop the leadership skills of 10th, 11th and 12th-grade high school students who have shown a potential for rendering important service to their schools and

communities.

This past President's Day weekend, February 15-17, 2020 our District hosted its RYLA at Camp Letts in Edgewater, Maryland. 101 students from our district participated in our intense leadership camp. It took a village to make this possible, but this would have not been a reality without the incredible, relentless, and hours of Service Above Self from our District 7620 RYLA Committee: Kallie Forman, our Club RYLA Chair Liaison & Parent POC (Rotary Club of Metro Bethesda); Casey Sacks, our Program Development Chair (Rotary Club of Washington, DC); Roxanne Suratgar, our Registration Chair (Rotary Club of Capitol Hill); Alexander Tu, our Group Leader Chair (Rotaract Club of Washington, DC); and Ashley Waters, our District 7620 Public Image Chair (Rotary Club of Carroll Creek) and without the love, enthusiasm and creativity of our amazing Group Leaders. I'd also like to thank IPDG, Rich Glover for volunteering and spending his entire weekend with us. Having our IPDG present made all the difference in the world.

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[Above] District 7620 RYLA Committee.



[Above] Group Leaders. RYLA was first developed in New Zealand and Australia in 1959 to fulfill a need to recognize and develop outstanding young people. RYLA was later adopted by Rotary International and is now held throughout the world.