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September!!!

I love, love, LOVE September! What's not to love? The weather cools, the leaves start to turn, football is live and on TV nearly every night, and this year my club visits are in full-swing. Throw in my birthday, and it's darned-near perfect. The fact that this year is a "milestone birthday" makes it even more special. If it wasn't for the 4-Way Test, I might try to tell you I'd be 40 this year.

In the Rotary world, our focus is on Basic Education and Literacy. I know how important that is to so many of our clubs in 6150 because I hear about it everywhere I visit. Rotarians have been supporting literacy efforts for decades by donating books, reading to kids, tutoring, and helping teachers. We don't take basic education for granted. I'm so impressed by your efforts.

This brings to mind a story from my own early education. Formal kindergarten had just started in Arkansas, and in my community it was half-day, held in an old, (as I remember it) one-room schoolhouse building, maybe a log cabin. I attended the first day and decided it wasn't for me. Nope, I had no plans to go back. To the shock of my mom (and me, to be perfectly honest), and the absolute outrage of my siblings, my dad said I didn't have to go back. Granted, I was technically too young to go (by a month...), so it wasn't an Earth-shattering decision. This was before any formal concept of home-schooling, yet my mom wasn't going to let me get away with doing nothing when I should be in school. I watched Sesame Street and read books. Our house always had LOTS of books available. When I finished the ones that were age-appropriate, I went to the next set. The next year, when I started first grade (without a fight, btw), my teacher told my mom that I was reading at a sixth grade level. I credit my mom and my teachers for instilling in me what has been a lifelong love of reading. Rotarians know that every family doesn't enjoy the same privilege I had. That's why it's so important for us to support basic education and literacy by doing what we do. Want to take it a step further, and really show your commitment? Look into BELRAG, or the Basic Education & Literacy Rotary Action Group, and support their efforts. Happy September, Rotary Family! Read a book. Either alone, or to someone who needs to see the example.

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Rotary Citation

By Sydney O'Quin Gilbert



Congrats to those clubs who received the 2023-24 Rotary Citation! This award is from President R. Gordon R. McNally for helping Rotary create hope in the world. You know how we ask clubs to go to Rotary Club Central and put your goals in? These clubs submitted their goals & achieved them. Most importantly, these clubs reported the achievement to Rotary International by June 30. Great work!

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Rotary Youth Leadership Awards



What is RYLA?

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is a fun, intensive training program for community youth leaders. Talented young people attend an all-expense-paid weekend organized and run by Rotarians. We are planning **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) for October 17-20, 2024** at Ferncliff Camp in Little Rock, AR.

RYLA aims to:

- Demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth;
- Provide an effective training experience for selected youth leaders and potential leaders;
- Encourage leadership of youth by youth;
- Recognize publicly young people who are rendering service to their communities.

Applications

Contact your local Rotary Club to get the application link. All applications are due by **Friday, September 20, 2024.**

Eligibility

RYLA applicants are sponsored by Rotary clubs. This event is open to male and female students who are currently in the 10th or 11th grades. NO REPEATS. *Rotarian children ARE eligible to attend RYLA Camp.*

ANYONE WHO HAS THE DESIRE OR COURAGE CAN BECOME A LEADER. THIS CAMP WILL ENABLE YOUTH TO TAP INTO THE LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL THEY PROBABLY DID NOT EVEN REALIZE THEY HAD!

Schedule:

Thursday, October 17 RYLarians arrive at Ferncliff camp with their Rotarian sponsor(s) between 5-6 pm. A casual buffet will be served to RYLarians during a "meet acquainted" time.

Friday, October 18 Leadership Training

Saturday, October 19 Leadership Training

Sunday, October 20 Morning events; RYLarians depart between 10:30 am - 11 am. Rylarians must be signed out before they can leave.

If you have any questions, please contact RYLA Chair Sydney Gilbert at rotary6150@gmail.com.

