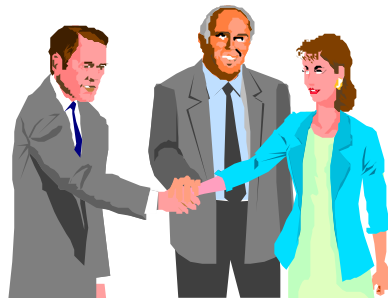
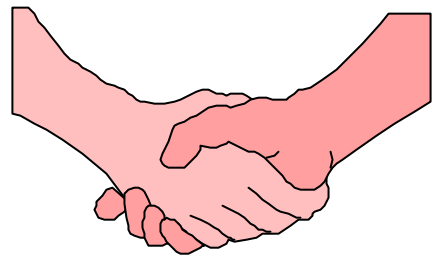
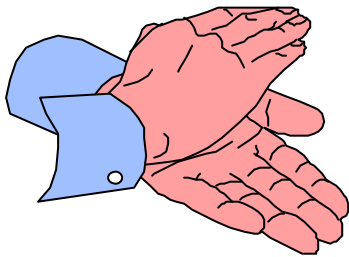




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YOUTH ACTIVITIES: DISTRICT 1270

The Youth Activities Committee for Rotary International District 1270 is pleased to outline in this leaflet the many initiatives that Rotarians are providing for children and young people in the local area.

These opportunities are by no means exhaustive and might be developed and extended further in association with your local Rotary Club. If you, as a student, a teacher, or a youth leader, wish to comment on the programmes on offer, or make suggestions for further initiatives, we would be very pleased to hear from you. We look forward to your observations, and will welcome receiving your ideas.

Youth Activities Committee - District 1270

PARTNERS

Throughout the world of Rotary International, Rotarians are striving to be of service to the young people in their local communities as well as providing service to those in need elsewhere in the world. They are attempting to provide opportunities to enrich the lives of children and young people.

A close and good relationship between the teachers, the school, the college, and the youth organisation, and the local Rotary Club is paramount to the success of these opportunities. Both partners must feel a shared ownership of these programmes, and that the various opportunities are what are appropriate for young people and will enhance their experiences in their formative years.

In District 1270 we believe that partnerships of long standing between the students, teachers and youth leaders local Rotary Club, have been formed and continue to flourish. The purpose of this leaflet is to outline to students and teachers all the many opportunities that District 1270 is hoping to provide in the next twelve months. The success depends on regular dialogue between the partners as to how the opportunities can be improved and enhanced. It is hoped that this leaflet will stimulate discussion on what is on offer.

Celebration of Achievements/Competitions

Many of the opportunities are to recognise and celebrate the achievements of young people. There are many competitions for which we take the view that a competitive element stimulates and enthuses young people to perform at their very best.

However, we recognise that this may not be appropriate for all children. While we wish to retain the District 1270 competitions, we are seeking ways to involve as many children as possible. We wish to acknowledge what each child has achieved by words of encouragement, advice and praise, together with a Certificate of Participation.

If you feel Rotarians have the skills to assist you to recognise achievement of further groups of young people, not necessarily those participating in the competitions, please get in touch with your local Rotary Club on how this can be achieved.

Youth Speaks

The opportunity provided through Youth Speaks gives young people:

- the experience of speaking on a public platform and addressing an unfamiliar, mature audience
- the formulation of ideas, and articulating them in an interesting style
- the development of skills of expression, presentation and appearance.

The District 1270 competition takes the form of teams of three young people, of Chairperson, Speaker and Vote of Thanks. Heats are held at several venues in the district, culminating in a District final. The winning team then has the opportunity to compete regionally and possibly nationally. Regional final was held in April 2001. In May 2001, the national final took place in Bath.

In 2001/2002 there will be competitions, for students in **years 7 to 11, and in years 12 and 13**. Rotary Clubs in the District will arrange the heats to take place in **February 2002**. If students from your school or college would like to take part, your local Rotary Club can provide you with further details. The Regional finals will be held on 23 March 2002 in Lincoln and the National finals will be held on 27 April 2002 in Aldershot.

In addition, some Rotary Clubs organise a Youth Speaks competition of a different nature, where there is a speaker only rather than a team effort. If your students would prefer to take part in such a competition, please contact your local Rotary Club to discuss this alternative approach.

Young Musicians

The competition for secondary school students, up to Year 11, is for small groups of two to ten musicians, playing together as an ensemble. Entries have usually included various classical ensembles – duos, trios, quartets, etc. – small brass bands and jazz groups. Each group is asked to provide a short repertoire lasting no more than 10 minutes and consisting of at least two pieces. Prior to the evening competition of a concert, the adjudicator holds a workshop for the students during the day.

If your school has not taken part in this competition and would like to do so, please contact your local Rotary Club for further details.

Young Chef

The final for this popular competition is held under the guidance of professional chefs who are members of the judging panel. Each student participating in this competition for Year 9 pupils is asked to prepare a two-course meal for two with ingredients costing £6 or less. The maximum time for the preparation of the meal is 1 hour 30 minutes.

If your school is interested in taking part, contact your local Rotary Club.

Choral Competitions for Primary and Secondary Students

The rules for these competitions are simple:

- Competing Schools must have a minimum of 8 members
- Secondary schools should have a repertoire lasting no more than 10 minutes, consisting of two pieces
- Primary schools should have a repertoire of no more than 8 minutes, consisting of not less than two pieces.

If your school would like to participate this year and would like to do so in 2001, please contact your local Rotary Club.

Young Inventor/Young Designer

The Young Inventor competition is for Year 11 students. We think that the title Young Designer is more appropriate. Much of the work for this competition is the student's design piece for GCSE examinations in Design and Technology.

Again if your students are interested in taking part in this competition, please contact your local Rotary Club.

Learning for Living

In 2001/2002, Rotary in partnership with John Templeton Foundation is sponsoring this project to promote the National Curriculum for citizenship and moral education. Locally based competitions by essays or other media will give the opportunity for young people to express their personal values from individual experiences. The competitions will be open to three age groups, Under 11 (Primary, 11-15 (Secondary), and 16-19 (FE). Each school winner in each age group will receive an award of £75. Each overall winner in each age group will receive (in total) an award of £150. Each school/college that participates will receive an initial grant of £100. If your students would like to enter, please contact your local Rotary Club.

Presentation skills

In 2001/2002 the District is hoping to start a new competition in Presentation Skills. This is designed for students at secondary school, sixth form and further education college. The competition will be team based. Each team will be asked to make a presentation on a topic of their choice, lasting no more than 15 minutes. In preparing the presentation, students are to be encouraged to supplement the spoken word with the use of visual aids, including computer programmes such as PowerPoint. While the judges will be looking for skill and professionalism in the preparation of the presentation, the competition's emphasis is to demonstrate highly developed communication skills.

If your school or college is interested in competing in this new development, again contact your local Rotary Club.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards - (RYLA)

The RYLA courses are open to young people aged 17 to 23, drawn from diverse environments. The objectives are to give the course members a perception of life in the real world, by developing their skills in leadership, teamwork, communication, initiative, responsibility, law and order, civic and social awareness and verbal expression. The cost of the course (about £180) is met by sponsorship from local Rotary clubs. The next course will be held in July 2002 in Lincoln.

Youth Exchange

Rotary International Youth Exchange programmes are the best in the world. They are carefully planned and supervised, ensuring the safety of the young participants and are much less expensive than commercial opportunities.

The opportunities are open to all students between the ages of 15 and 18 years of age.

There are several types:

- A school year exchange of an academic year's duration during which the student attends school in the host country and lives with three host families over the course of ten months.
- A short term exchange, which may vary from several days to several weeks. It does not include an academic programme and often takes place when schools are not in session.
- Camps and tours are arranged across the world, hosted by Rotarian families, offering the young people a chance to meet others of a similar age from other countries and to gain an insight into the culture of the host nation.

Camps and Tours

Camps and Tours are open to young people aged 17 to 21. They are designed for young people to meet other young people from other countries- not Rotarians - and 'doing their own thing'. The duration is normally about two weeks but can extent to three week. Participants are expected to budget for travel costs to the Camp and pocket money. They will also need to insure against illness, accident and third party damages. The cost of all activities, and excursions are free.

Sport for Young People

Rotary has formed a partnership with SportsAid. The aim is to sponsor a young person with potential of becoming tomorrow's champions. Some Rotary Clubs have worked with schools to organise junior football and cricket competitions. With the Commonwealth Games taking place in Manchester in July 2002, we would like to consider how other sporting initiatives for school can be developed in association with local Rotary Clubs. Your observations in this area would be very welcome.

Interact

Interact is a service and social club for young people, ages 14 –18. Whilst the Rotary Club provides guidance and inspiration, the Interact Club is self-governing and self-supporting, giving members a chance to develop a range of leadership skills while learning the value of team work.

Interact stands for **International Action**:

International - Interact exists in over 100 nations.

Action - Interactors are doers who want to solve problems and improve the quality of life, in their own community and around the world.

Each Interact club carries out at least 2 service projects each year:

1. One project serves the school or community
2. One project furthers international understanding.

Whilst working hard to make these projects succeed, the Interactors have a good time meeting and working together.

An Interact club can be based at a school or it can be a community-based club.

Other initiatives

Many Rotary Clubs in District 1270 have many different contacts with schools in their locality. Other initiatives include:

Interviewing skills

Mentoring

Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI) also does other work to support youth. A recent initiative is providing schools with resource material to assist teachers in sensitive areas. **CD-ROMs are available on Bullying, and Family Change**

Emergency Boxes

One of RIBI's successes is its provision of Emergency boxes. These are wooden boxes, which are filled with a given number of listed articles. The boxes are then stored and are sent to areas subject to disaster as emergency relief for the homeless. This project with worldwide recognition was developed in District 1050.

If your school or college would like further details of the Emergency Box scheme and how teachers and students can assist, please ask the Rotarians in your locality for a copy of the explanatory leaflet.

What is Rotary?

We hope this booklet gives you a flavour of the many youth projects, which have Rotarian support. You may be wondering still “What is Rotary?”

Rotary is short for **Rotary International**, a worldwide association of local clubs for men and women in business and in the professions who:

- Provide humanitarian service to the community at local, national and international level;
- Encourage high ethical standards in all vocations
- Work for goodwill and peace in the world.

Rotary was founded in 1905 and now has over 1.2 million members in more than 28,000 clubs in 155 countries. There are 1,800 clubs in Great Britain and Ireland with over 61,000 members.

The Rotary motto is “Service above self”.

Your local Rotary Club is part of District 1270. District 1270 consists of 48 Clubs in North Lincolnshire, North East Lincolnshire and parts of Lincolnshire, North Yorkshire, South Yorkshire and East Yorkshire.

MORE INFORMATION

- Browse the Rotary web sites
www.ribi.org Youth Activities pages
www.rotary.org Youth Exchange, Interact and RYLA pages

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