



May Newsletter - Rotary 4-Way Test Essay Scholarships

CLUB AWARDS 4-WAY TEST ESSAY SCHOLARSHIPS TO EDGEWATER AND BISHOP MOORE GRADUATES



President Robert Stuart and Edgewater Principal Heather Kreider with Elliana Kirby, Analyse Archer and Jayden Strobeck.



President Robert Stuart, Bishop Moore President Doyle and Principal, Erika Wikstrom, with Jake Conti, Kelli Le, and Alexandra Thomson.

Each year, the Rotary Club of College Park sponsors the Rotary 4-Way Test Essay Scholarship at Edgewater High School and Bishop Moore Catholic High School. Graduating seniors with plans to attend a community college, college, university, or vocational school, are invited to write an essay describing an experience and how it does or does not represent the ethical guidelines detailed in the Rotary 4-Way Test. For each school there are three scholarships - one first prize and two honorable mentions. The Edgewater winners for 2024 were Jayden Strobeck (first), Elliana Kirby, and Analyse Archer. Bishop Moore winners were Jake Conti (first), Kelli Le, and Alexandra Thomson.

EDGEWATER FOOTBALL TEAM INVITED TO PLAY IN LONDON, ENGLAND

The Edgewater High School football team has been invited to play a game in England against the NFL Academy on August 15, 2024. This is the first time that such an international game has included high school players. Edgewater coach, Cameron Duke, believes that it is an opportunity that would further advance the school, the student/athletes and the Orlando community. A return game will be held in Orlando in 2025. The Rotary Club of College Park Foundation, Inc. has contributed \$2500 to the fundraising effort. More information is at www.1952club.org.



President Robert Stuart presents check to Coach Duke and the Edgewater Eagles football team.

EDGEWATER INTERACT CLUB STUDENTS OF THE YEAR



Edgewater Principal, Heather Kreider, Interact sponsor, Jessica Richardson, and Robert Stuart present scholarships to Emma Fetherman and Saniya Heron

The Rotary Club of College Park sponsors the Interact Club of Edgewater High School. With over one hundred members, the Interact Club does service projects that benefit the school and the community, while developing important leadership skills and initiative. Each year the Rotary Club awards a \$500 scholarship to the graduating senior selected as Student of the Year. This year there were two students that were selected by Interact Club sponsor, Jessica Richardson. We are proud to present the Interact Students of the Year - Emma Fetherman and Saniya Heron. Emma served as President and Saniya served as Vice President of the Edgewater Interact Club during school year 2023-2024. Congratulations, Emma and Saniya. We are proud of you.

20TH EDITION OF TASTE OF COLLEGE PARK IS OCTOBER 10, 2024

Taste of College Park 2024 is scheduled for October 10, 2024. This will be the 20th Taste of College Park held since the first one was held in 2000. Taste of College Park is the Rotary Club of College Park Foundation's major fundraising event. Net proceeds each year go to local charities, projects and pro-grams including Ronald McDonald Houses of Orlando, the PolioPlus initiative of Rotary International, the Christian Service Center for Central Florida, One Heart for Women and Children, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and community youth and school programs.

We are seeking sponsors, restaurants and auction items for our online/silent auction. To volunteer or contribute, go to our website, www.RotaryCollegePark.org, or contact any member of the Rotary Club of College Park. Help us continue to make Taste of College Park, "College Park's Best Night Out."



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THE FOUR-WAY TEST
of the things we think, say or do

- 1 Is it the **TRUTH**?
- 2 Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3 Will it build **GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- 4 Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

MAY IS ROTARY YOUTH SERVICE MONTH



Every year, over 350,000 young leaders participate in Rotary's youth programs across **Interact, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), and Rotary Youth Exchange.** Rotary's Youth Service Month is an opportunity to promote our young leaders' local and global impacts and the Rotary and Rotaract clubs that make these programs possible.

INTERACT is a Rotary-sponsored service club comprised of 14-18 year olds. Interact gives young people the opportunity to take part in fun, meaningful service projects. Along the way, Interactors develop their leadership skills and initiative while meeting new friends. Members exchange ideas, opinions and plans with other talented, energetic people, in an atmosphere free from negative pressures and distraction. Interact strives to promote student leadership, local volunteer service, and to make members aware of the many global and world issues that effect people everyday.

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE gives the participant the opportunity to live in another country and to improve their language skills, and school and family experiences will teach them the culture of their host country. They also act as ambassadors for their home country.

RYLA provides the opportunity for students to refine skills and explore pertinent topics with peers and elders. For Rotarians, RYLA offers the chance to help develop leaders, share valuable expertise and bridge the gap between generations. RYLA can help lead to the strengthening and formation of Interact and Rotaract clubs and can be used as a recruiting tool for youth exchange.

EDGEWATER STUDENTS ATTEND ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA)

This year the Rotary Club of College Park sponsored four students to attend RYLA from February 21 to February 25 at the Elks Youth Camp in Umatilla, Florida. Attending from Edgewater High School were Edgewater students, Ally Schlesman, Thuy Fulmer, Liv Harrison, and Harmony Walker. On April 11, two of the students, Liv Harrison and Thuy Fulmer, made a presentation to the club on about their experiences at RYLA. Liv Harrison is the daughter of Randy Harrison, a past president of the club.



RYLA students Liv Harrison and Thuy Fulmer with Robert Stuart, Randy and Grace Harrison, Bryan Burns and Jane Callahan.

MONARCH LEARNING ACADEMY STUDENT OF THE YEAR



President Robert Stuart presents Monarch Learning Academy Student of the Year to Liam Megic. Also pictured are Marguerite McNeill, Murray Christiansen, and Rose Duen, from Monarch, and parents, Tammy Hammond and Brian Megic.

Each year, the Rotary Club of College Park recognizes a Student of the Year at Monarch Learning Academy. Monarch Learning Academy is an early childhood, elementary, and middle school, located in College Park. The outstanding student for 2024 is Liam Megic. Liam is a graduating eighth grade student whose favorite subject is English. He enjoys sports including football, fishing, surfing, and snorkeling. He plans to attend Boone High School and later, college. He hopes to become a pro football player and a marine biologist. Liam's parents are Tammy Hammond and Brian Megic. Congratulations, Liam and proud parents.

Orlando Health Presents Program For Stroke Awareness Month



Darlene Adams, Director of Orlando Health's Comprehensive Stroke Center, speaks to club about stroke awareness.

At our meeting of May 2, we learned about the Orlando Health Neuroscience Institute, a new state-of-the-art facility built specifically for the neurosciences on the Orlando Health campus. We also learned about the BE FAST system to recognize the signs of a stroke and immediately call 911. Thank you to Christopher Thibault, Darlene Adams and Cherice Gertsman for an interesting and important program.

Club Awards Student of the Month to Area Students

The Rotary Club of College Park awards Student of the Month recognition to four College Park schools - Edgewater and Bishop Moore Catholic High Schools, College Park Middle School and St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School. The Student of the Month is selected by the school's faculty for each month of the school year. Congratulations to all the outstanding students we honored this year. The May Students of the Month are featured below.



Robert Stuart presents to Bishop Moore May Student of the Month, Gianluca Quintana. Also pictured proud parents, Ana and Robert Quintana and JP Kuhlman.



Robert Stuart presents to Edgewater May Student of the Month, Lauren Higgins. Also pictured Edgewater counselor, Jessica Richardson and proud mother, Katherine Higgins.



Robert Stuart presents to St. Charles May Student of the Month, Manuela Avendano-Atuesta. Also pictured are principal, Dr. Jamie Rodrigues and mother, Yenny Atuesta.



Robert Stuart presents to College Park Middle School May Student of the Month, Alfie Phillips. Also pictured Assistant Principal Dr. Chandar Greene, and proud mom, Anny Shepard.

A Message from Robert Stuart, President, 2023-2024

Rotary is committed to the Future . . .

All Rotarians are committed to impacting our world for the better, to improving their surroundings or changing the lives of those they come in contact with. Whether it is the through providing clean water, helping after a disaster, creating new schools, or providing a smile to a child through an operation, Rotarians are committed to a stronger world through service and promoting peace.

College Park Rotary is no different. In this edition of our newsletter, we highlight our commitment to recognizing and rewarding outstanding students in College Park. This year, we funded more than \$7,500 in scholarships and gifts to and in honor of students from College Park Middle School, St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop Moore Catholic High School and Edgewater High School. We see this as an investment in our future through some very outstanding students!

We recognize outstanding students from these schools and invite their families to join us for breakfast. We provide scholarships to graduating seniors through our 4-Way Test Essay Contest at Edgewater and Bishop Moore. We recognize outstanding leadership and service of the members of the Edgewater Interact Club. We provide scholarships to four students to participate in our district youth leadership camp called RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards), support our local elementary schools, and provide more than 750 preschoolers with monthly gifts of books delivered right to their home.

In every sense, our students are our future. And, if the quality of the students that we recognize each year is any indication, we are in good hands. Please look over this special edition of our newsletter. If you're interested, come join us for breakfast and learn more about Rotary. We meet each Thursday morning at 7:15am in the Dubsdread ballroom.

