

**Rotary International District 7620  
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)  
Judy Cappuccilli- RYLA Committee Chair  
3206 Old Largo Road  
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772  
September 27, 2012**

Dear Rotary Club Presidents:

Enclosed, please find important information regarding RYLA 2013, as follows: RYLA Basic Facts; Rotary Club Registration Form; and Delegate Registration Form.

In addition, you should be aware of the following dates and other important information:

- **RYLA 2013 will be held at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center, 7100 Connecticut Ave., Chevy Chase, MD 20815. The program will begin on the morning of Saturday, February 16, 2013, and end on the afternoon of Monday, February 18, 2013.**
- **Deadline for Rotary Club Registration Form and payment (\$295 per student sponsored) is **November 20, 2012**. When we receive this completed form and payment, this will serve as a reservation for your students to attend RYLA.**
- **Please make your check payable to RI District 7620 RYLA. Mail payment with the Rotary Club Registration Form to: RI District 7620 RYLA Committee, c/o Mr. Ed Kumian, 15 Second Street, Annapolis, MD 21401.**
- **Deadline for Delegate Registration Form is **December 17, 2012**. Please mail it to: RI District 7620 RYLA Committee, c/o Mr. Ed Kumian, 15 Second Street, Annapolis, MD 21401.**
- **If you would like to sponsor students, but are unable to find students to fulfill your sponsorship, we will be happy to find students for you. We always have a list of students who would like to attend RYLA, but are unable to find someone to sponsor them.**

RYLA attendees will learn leadership skills, communication skills, planning & managing a project, conflict resolution, and business ethics. In addition, they will receive an introduction to Rotary.

Please support the Rotary District 7620 RYLA program, and make a positive impact on young people by sponsoring them to attend RYLA 2013! If you have any questions please contact: Judy Cappuccilli- e-mail [jdapp@verizon.net](mailto:jdapp@verizon.net) , office- 301 952-0336; or Ed Kumian- e-mail [ekumian@comcast.net](mailto:ekumian@comcast.net) , cell- 410 991-0611.

Yours In Rotary,  
Judy Cappuccilli  
Rotary District 7620 RYLA Chairperson  
September 27, 2012

# **RYLA 2013 – A FEW BASIC FACTS**

## **WHAT IS RYLA (ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS)?**

The RI District 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 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade high school students who have shown a potential for rendering important service to their schools and communities. RYLA 2013 will be held at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center, 7100 Connecticut Ave., Chevy Chase, MD 20815. The program will begin on the morning of Saturday, February 16, 2013, and end on the afternoon of Monday, February 18, 2013. More than 150 high school students attended RYLA 2012. These students were sponsored by Rotary Clubs from Districts 7620 and 7630.

## **WHAT IS RYLA'S PURPOSE?**

RYLA has a number of purposes, including the following:

- To enable promising young leaders to encounter and analyze critical issues of professional and business ethics and to accept responsibility;
- To confront and resolve critical social, cultural, economic, and environmental issues;
- To develop and refine leadership skills;
- To become more acquainted with the business, and professional worlds;
- To meet and make new friends of different racial, social, and cultural backgrounds;
- To learn about Rotary and its many youth oriented programs; and
- To have a FUN learning experience.

## **HOW DOES RYLA RELATE TO ROTARY?**

This major, worldwide, youth-related, vocational service program was officially adopted by Rotary in 1971.

It provides a unique opportunity for Rotary clubs to establish a helping relationship with tomorrow's leaders.

It is a concrete demonstration of Rotary's respect and concern for young people.

It publicly recognizes and supports the young people who are rendering service to their peers, schools and communities.

It offers an opportunity to introduce Rotary to tomorrow's leaders.

It introduces these young people to members of Rotaract.

## **WHAT HAPPENS AT RYLA?**

RYLA is an intense weekend of stimulating lectures, discussions, and hands-on learning experiences. The focus is on development of leadership skills and increasing awareness of critical public issues, community concerns, youth-related issues, and service/career opportunities. In addition, there are many supervised recreational and social activities designed to promote healthy interaction and FUN.

## **HOW WILL RYLA BE STAFFED?**

All aspects of the program will be directed by Rotarians and assisted by Rotaract members and College Students. Lectures, discussions, group-interactions will be conducted by expert business leaders and professionals from the community.

## **HOW ARE THE ATTENDEES SELECTED?**

Sponsoring Rotary Clubs should begin by contacting their local high school(s) and inform them about the RYLA program. They should inform the school of the number of students the Rotary Club wishes to sponsor and ask for their help in providing a pool of potential candidates. Preferably this pool should be two or three times the number of qualified candidates it plans to select. The Rotary Club should then interview and choose the best-qualified candidates. One or more alternates should also be selected to cover any last minute cancellations.

## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

**Age/Grade:** Students must be 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade High School Students by September 2012.

**Leadership Potential/Experience:** Does the student demonstrate those qualities that might make him/her an effective leader? Has the student had opportunities to practice leadership skills in real-life situations?

**Academic Ability:** Has the student consistently maintained at least satisfactory academic performance?

**Extracurricular Activities/Work Experience:** Has the candidate been involved in extracurricular activities.

**Questioning Thought:** Does the student think about things that he or she reads or hears, or does he or she blindly accept what is presented?

**Articulation:** Is the student able to clearly express his or her ideas both verbally and in writing.

**Ability to Relate with Peers:** How well does the student work with others?

**Receptive to New Experiences:** Will the student be receptive to new ideas and experiences?

**We Need Your Support! Make A Positive Impact On Students In Your Community BY Sponsoring Them To Attend RYLA 2013!**

**For more information, please contact:**

Judy Cappuccilli, Chair: Office 301-952-0336, e-mail- [jdcapp@verizon.net](mailto:jdcapp@verizon.net)

Ed Kumian: Cell 410-991-0611, e-mail- [ekumian@comcast.net](mailto:ekumian@comcast.net)

For more information and to view a power point presentation about RYLA, see the following websites: [www.ryla7620.com](http://www.ryla7620.com) and [www.rotary7620.org](http://www.rotary7620.org)

**District 7620 of Rotary International  
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Conference  
February 16- 18, 2013  
Rotary Club Registration**

Name of Rotary Club: \_\_\_\_\_

We will sponsor (number of students): \_\_\_\_\_

Cost Per Student \$ 295.00

Total Amount Enclosed (\* Make Check  
Payable to RI District 7620 RYLA) \_\_\_\_\_

**Rotary Club Contact Person (this person will receive important confirmation material prior to RYLA). If your club does not complete this form and designate a RYLA Club Contact Person we will send all information to your Club President.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Work): \_\_\_\_\_ (Home): \_\_\_\_\_ (Fax): \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail the completed form and payment (by **November 20, 2012**) to:  
RI District 7620 RYLA Committee  
c/o Ed Kumian  
15 Second Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

This form and your check (payable to RI District 7620 RYLA) will serve as a reservation for your students (# of students designated above). If you are unable to find a student(s) to fill your reservation, you can either request a refund by 12/17/12, or you can request that we use your funds as a scholarship for another student. We usually have a large list of students who would like to attend RYLA but are unable to find a sponsor. We always attempt to fill vacant spots with scholarship students. It is our goal to have as many students as possible experience RYLA.

No Refunds after **12/17/12**.

**DISTRICT 7620 of ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**  
**Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Conference**  
**RYLA- DELEGATE REGISTRATION**  
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\*Complete one form for each delegate.

\*This form must be completed, signed by the student & parent/guardian, and mailed to: RI District 7620 RYLA Committee, c/o Mr. Ed Kumian, 15 Second Street, Annapolis, MD 21401.

\*The deadline for receipt of this form is **December, 17, 2012.**

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**SPONSORING ROTARY CLUB ACKNOWLEDGEMENT-**

The Rotary Club of \_\_\_\_\_ wishes to designate the individual identified below as a delegate to the District 7620 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) conference to be held **February 16-18, 2013 at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center, 7100 Connecticut Ave., Chevy Chase, MD 20815.** We are assuming the full cost of \$295.00 for this delegate. **We understand that the RI District 7620 RYLA Program does not provide transportation to and from RYLA, and delegates are not allowed to have automobiles available to them while at the conference.**

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**DELEGATE INFORMATION- PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY**

Name (last)\_\_\_\_\_ (first)\_\_\_\_\_ (m.i.)\_\_\_\_\_ (Nickname)\_\_\_\_\_

Sex\_(circle one) Male Female Date of Birth\_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size(circle size) S M L XL XXL XXXL

Address\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (H)\_\_\_\_\_ (C)\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_ State\_\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_ e-mail\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/  
Guardian\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (h)\_\_\_\_\_ (w)\_\_\_\_\_ (C)\_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address\_\_\_\_\_

High School\_\_\_\_\_ Grade\_\_\_\_\_

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**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION-** (Must be available during the conference, February 16-18, 2013)

Name\_\_\_\_\_ Relation to Delegate\_\_\_\_\_

Day Telephone\_\_\_\_\_ Evening Telephone\_\_\_\_\_ Cell\_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different from delegate's)\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_ State\_\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_

**HEALTH INFORMATION**

My son/daughter/ward, the aforementioned delegate, has no physical, mental or communicable disease condition that will interfere with his/her participation in this RYLA program. I consider his/her health to be:

Poor\_\_\_\_\_ Fair\_\_\_\_\_ Good\_\_\_\_\_ Excellent\_\_\_\_\_

If health is other than Excellent, please explain:\_\_\_\_\_

Please List Dietary Restrictions:\_\_\_\_\_

**RYLA- DELEGATE REGISTRATION**

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Name (last) \_\_\_\_\_ (first) \_\_\_\_\_ (m.i.) \_\_\_\_\_

**NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE CENTER & RYLA CONFERENCE CODE OF CONDUCT**

The following are rules and conditions for guests at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center.

- The National 4-H Conference Center is an alcohol-free facility. Possession or use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is prohibited. This includes the grounds and streets surrounding the National 4-H conference Center. In addition, public intoxication is illegal in the State of Maryland and is punishable by law.
- Possession of sexually explicit materials is prohibited. In addition, the computers in the Cyber Café may not be used to download, create, receive, forward, or transmit inappropriate, offensive, or sexually explicit communications.
- The National 4-H Conference Center is pleased to provide a smoke-free environment in all guestrooms and public areas. Smoking in a guestroom will result in a charge of \$400 being applied to your account. Smoking, or using other tobacco products is prohibited in all buildings, meeting rooms, and guestrooms. The National 4-H Conference Center does allow smoking in marked designated outdoor areas, however the RYLA Conference Committee prohibits smoking or the using other tobacco product during the RYLA Conference.
- Fireworks are prohibited in the State of Maryland and at the National 4-H Conference Center.
- Lighting of candles or incense is prohibited in all buildings, meeting rooms, and guestrooms.
- Room assignments are made by staff in an effort to maximize your opportunity to make new friends. Changing of room assignments is not permitted.
- No pets or animals are allowed, except for trained guide dogs.
- Shirts and shoes are required inside all buildings at all times.
- All conference participants must respect personal and public property. Repair costs for damages incurred to property will be billed to the group responsible for such damages. Please do not bring valuables (ie. expensive clothing; laptop/notebook computers; jewelry; large amounts of cash, etc.). If you are missing any possessions during your stay, please report this immediately to a RYLA Committee member (do not wait until you return home). Rotary and the National 4-H Conference Center will not be responsible for the loss of any possessions.
- Delegates are not allowed to have an automobile available to them while attending the conference.
- A zoning law requires that there be no “organized programs or activities after 11:00PM on Sunday through Thursday or after midnight on Friday and Saturday. Guests are asked to refrain from making noise in common areas and sleeping rooms between the hours of 11:00PM and 7:00AM. Facility curfew is 11:00PM on Sunday through Thursday, and midnight on Friday and Saturday, which means each person needs to be in his or her own room at these times.
- Exterior doors on campus are locked at 8:00PM or 11:00PM (depending upon the location and scheduled activities) each evening in order to provide a safe environment for our guests. Exterior doors are unlocked at 7AM each day.
- Vending and selling merchandize is prohibited in public areas and to others outside your own group membership.
- All food and beverages consumed on the property, in meeting rooms, and other public areas must be ordered and /or purchased through the National 4-H Conference Center. You may not bring your own food.
- Before and during checkout, guests must pay for all incidental charges.
- To protect the safety of Center guest, no fraternization is allowed in participant’s lodging rooms. Any participant who has a complaint regarding fraternization should contact a RYLA Committee member.
- Students are not allowed to bring any electronic devices to RYLA (ie. cell phones, iPods, iPads, computers, and any similar devices).

Delegates must attend the full conference. If, for any reason, you know that you cannot do this, please do not apply for participation. If it becomes necessary for you to leave the conference early, your family will be notified and they will be responsible for arranging transportation from the conference to your home. Any participant who leaves the conference early will not be permitted to return.

I have read and agree to conform to the above Code of Conduct, as well as the additional rules, conditions, and expectations described herein.

**Signed (RYLA participant)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/GUARDIAN RELEASE-**

My son/daughter/ward has discussed the RYLA conference with me and I hereby give my permission for him/her to participate in the RYLA conference identified above. I have reviewed and assisted in the completion of all areas of this form and confirm that the information provided is correct. I give approval to conference staff to seek medical attention should an emergency occur. I have read the Code of Conduct and have reviewed the rules and expectations with my son/daughter/ward, and accepted these conditions. I give permission for District 7620 of Rotary International or it’s designees to take photographs of my son/daughter/ward, and I understand that such photographs will be used only to promote the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Program, and could be published in the news media for such purpose.

**Signature of Parent/Guardian** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_