

Rotary District 6920 includes 60 clubs and over 2,800 members in Southeastern Georgia

YOUTH SERVICE INFORMATION FOR CLUBS

Youth Programs

EarlyAct Interact Rotaract Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Rotary Youth Exchange Preston Johnson Speech Contest

Rotary District 6920 enjoys a Vibrant and Successful 'menu' of programs designed for youth. Most every club in our District participates in at least ONE of the above programs - and all clubs are encouraged to participate in each and every one.

Designate a Youth Services Chair in your club to learn about, promote, and ensure participation in many or all of the programs above.

Information can be found on the District Website. Club Officers & Youth Services chairs should also reach out to your **Governor**, &/or **District Youth Services Chair**. Your **Assistant Governor** can also provide insight and direction and may be able to help you navigate.

Club Youth Services Chairs will want to gain working knowledge of each program listed

above. Use the District Website as your first resource. Learning the calendar of 'timing' for each program is critical. In most cases, these programs require budgeting, so planning decisions must be taken before the new Rotary Year begins - as budgets are prepared - (in April or May) - so that in July or August your club is ready to commit to participate and can get an early start. If budgeting help is needed, the district chairs for each project can give you early guidance on anticipated or traditional costs. This is the important management part of the job.

It is the duty of the Club Youth Services Chair to recruit a committee if needed and to calendar event dates and registration deadlines, <u>and</u> make sure participation happens. The Chair will in many cases work directly with Schools, teachers and guidance counselors - however, care should be taken not to put the responsibility on the shoulders of those (overburdened) professionals. In every case it remains the duty of the CLUB to carry out the programs and shepherd the students involved.

When the program involves individual students - such as with the Speech Contest, RYLA, Youth Exchange - - it is the responsibility of the Club Youth Services Chair or their designee to work directly with the student to assist with all registrations and deadlines and help with costs or transportation etc as needed by the student. **This is the rewarding FUN part of the job.**

Finally - it is very important that the Club Youth Services Chair (and all your club officers & chairs) be noted with titles in DACdb, our District Database, with <u>complete</u> information including phone numbers and emails such that emails from the various District Youth Chairs (and all District leaders) can be sent to all CLUB chairs, <u>and</u> so that Club Chairs can be located and contacted individually.