

PROPOSAL TO RCBUS BOARD
Rotary Youth Leadership Award
8.18.14

WHAT IS RYLA?

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program seeks to provide young adults, ages 14-30, with an opportunity to develop their skills and character while exposing them to Rotary's values of service, high ethical standards, and peace.

RYLAs can be conducted at the club, district, or multidistrict level and usually run from 3 to 10 days. While they can take many different shapes, most RYLAs follow a seminar or leadership camp format. Through RYLA, you can help develop the qualities of leadership, citizenship, and personal development among young people in your community.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive training program that brings together youth and young adults, ages 18-30, to further develop character and leadership skills and learn about Rotary. RYLAs often take the form of a seminar, camp, or workshop, generally 3-10 days in length, organized by Rotarians at the club, district, or multidistrict level.

Participants are nominated by local Rotary clubs, which often cover all expenses. For these young adults, this recognition offers the opportunity to build self-confidence, gain exposure to a variety of issues and people, meet active community leaders, and learn valuable information and career skills.

RYLA gives Rotarians the opportunity to mentor promising young leaders serving their own communities and beyond. Rotarians serve as resources for participants on the path to becoming professional and community leaders. In turn, RYLA can bring new energy to a Rotary district, inspire ideas for service, increase support of community service projects, and develop future Rotarians. Originating in 1959 in Queensland, Australia, RYLA was created as a festival highlighting local youth organized in honor of a royal visit by Princess Victoria.

Through Rotarians' constant belief in the potential of youth, RYLA has since become an opportunity to help the next generation of leaders define themselves and expand their skills. Officially adopted by Rotary International (RI) in 1971, this exciting program engages Rotary clubs and districts around the world.

Each RYLA shares the following program objectives:

- To demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth
- To encourage and assist young people in responsible and effective voluntary youth leadership by providing them with a valuable training experience
- To foster continued and stronger leadership of youth
- To publicly recognize the many young people who are rendering service to their communities as youth leaders

HOW HAS RYLA BEEN CONDUCTED IN THE PAST?

Previous RYLAs have been planned by large committees comprised of volunteers from multiple clubs. Obtaining consensus for decisions often took several meetings and committee attendance at planning meetings was intermittent.

The RYLA event was available to all clubs, Rotaracts and non-Rotaracts, ages 18 to 30. The form of the event varied from an 'outbound' experience, with many interactive physical activities, to meetings where participants were mostly sedentary and experienced motivational speakers.

RYLA cost per participant was expensive, ~IDR 2,500,000. Transportation for sponsored participants from off-island clubs and clubs in the south of Bali was a challenge.

ANOTHER WAY OF CONDUCTING RYLA...A PILOT PROGRAM

The RCBUS RYLA Committee is proposing a different format for RYLA, Rotary year 2014-2015. It will be club sponsored RYLA, planned and implemented by RCBUS in cooperation with Rotaract Club Ubud. This is intended as a pilot program.

Briefly, RYLA will be 3 days in duration, held in the Ubud area, and be limited to no more than 20 participants. Of these 20 participants, 20% will be current Rotaracts and 80% will be non-Rotaracts. RYLA nominees will be screened via an application form (used in previous RYLAs) and interviews.

Two objectives (in addition to those listed above) are:

1. Increase the membership of Rotaract Club Ubud and in turn prepare Rotaracts to become Rotarians
2. Define the purposes of both Rotaract and Rotary and instill those leadership traits that lead to embracing 'Service above Self'.

These objectives will be met through multiple approaches including team games; team projects; multimedia; motivational speakers, etc.

WHO WILL ORGANIZE RYLA?

The RCBUS RYLA Committee, including 2 current Rotaracts, will be responsible for organizing this event with support from RCBUS membership. *Every RCBUS member will be asked to participate in supporting this event in some way e.g., providing food, meals, snacks, drinks, tee shirts, cash, paper, pencils, name tags, transportation, sleeping bags, mattresses, projector, screen, or facilitation at the RYLA event.* If this proposal is approved by the Board, the RYLA Committee will meet every 3rd Sunday, 1.p.m. at Marilyn's house. (Approved by Board 8.18.14)

FACILITATORS AND PRESENTERS AT RYLA EVENT

Two RYLA subcommittees will enlist facilitators and presenters. Probo will chair the sub-committee to advance objective number 1 and Philip will chair the subcommittee to advance objective 2.

BUDGET

In the past the cost of RYLA, for one participant has been ~IDR 2,500,000. It is the intent of the committee to provide an effective RYLA experience for approximately 1/3 of that amount. A first draft of the budget is attached and is based on experience with an event for 30 participants recently held in Ubud.

DATES

Suggested dates for RYLA are March 3 to March 6, 2015. This is prior to Nyepi and at this moment seems to have no conflicts with ceremonial or red days.

LOCATION

Local to Ubud and likely to be a villa that can sleep 20

DISTRICT INVOLVEMENT

RYLA planning meetings will be open to anyone from any club that wishes to attend. However, participation will be limited to observation as all meetings will be working meetings.

RYLA DEBRIEFING

Within ten days after the closing of RYLA the committee and club members will have a debriefing...while all the activities are still fresh in our minds.

RYLA REUNIONS

The RYLA committee will work with Rotaract Ubud in an effort to plan quarterly reunions for RYLA attendees.