



Rotary District 7640

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TO: Club Presidents, RYLA Club Chairs, RYLA Committee,
Governors, Past District Governors, Leadership Members

FROM: RYLA Chairman Kenneth Thorpe PDG and
Jim Lilley PDG, Public Relations

Date: March 1, 2008

RE: Rotary Youth Leadership Awards 2007/2008

By now all Clubs should have received the Rotary Leadership Award Conference Packet, which outlines procedures, dates, and pertinent information. The conference is scheduled for Sunday, June 22nd through Thursday, June 26th at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey in Pomona, NJ.

The following will alert you to several important items and timelines as you prepare for the conference:

1. March 14th to April 10th — Interview and select conferees a. Complete Medical Report and Parent Authorization Forms.
2. By April 17th— Send completed forms and checks to RYLA Jo Larry Lyferd, Treasurer at 37 Carriage Stop Drive Berlin, NJ 08009
3. The \$350 per student fee has not changed from last year. Make check payable to RYLA District 7640.
4. Other important notes:
 - a. Send applications early! Almost 150 conferees attended last year and space is limited.
 - b. Conference dates are Sunday, June 22nd through Thursday, June 26th.
 - c. Registration is from 1:30 PM to 3 PM on Sunday, June 22nd.
 - d. Rotary Clubs should arrange transportation. No cars are permitted for conferees.
 - e. Spend time educating your conferee about Rotary before the conference. Invite them to a Club meeting.
 - f. Plan to attend the Banquet and Awards Night on Thursday, June 26th. Include parents of conferees. More information on the dinner will follow.
5. RYLA Committee Members will be contacting Clubs to offer help and support. For additional information, contact PDG Kenneth Thorpe at 609-602-3203 or via email at Thorpe56@msn.com or the District Office at 856-205-9600.

Since 1980 RYLA has been a great Leadership Program in our District, and more than 4,500 conferees have benefitted from this outstanding youth leadership event.

We look forward to the continued support of our Clubs throughout the district on this worthwhile program for our youth.

Yours in Rotary,

Ken Thorpe and Jim Lilley