



## **Information for Rotary Clubs in District 9670**

**The success of RYLA depends upon the acceptance of its responsibilities by every participating District Rotary Club.**

The Rotary Club's responsibilities are to:

**Select awardees (preferably one female and one male);**

**Pay the registration fee for each awardee sponsored by the club;**

**Introduce the awardee to the members of the Club at a regular club meeting before the Seminar;**

**Transport the awardee to and from the Seminar;**

**Follow-up the awardee after the Seminar.**

It is important that *ALL ROTARIANS* understand clearly that RYLA is:

**An educational award;**

**A service to the youth in the club's own community by encouraging and strengthening leadership of youth by youth;**

**An interpretation by example and involvement, of Rotary's ideal of SERVICE;**

**A deliberate focussing of attention on young people who are giving SERVICE;**

**An opportunity for young leaders to understand and**

**appreciate other youth groups in the community by sharing experience and problems;**

**A means of giving to the District Committee.**

### ***PROBLEM EMPLOYERS***

Some employers are reluctant to allow their staff time off to attend a RYLA Seminar. In this event, the employer should be approached by the Chairman of the Youth Committee, a knowledgeable Rotarian or by a Rotarian who personally knows the employer and should explain the program and its value to both the firm and the employee.

Also point out that many other companies and employers pay considerable sums for their employees to attend seminars of lesser value. This approach has led to some employers subsidising or paying registration fees (this would enable the club to then sponsor an additional awardee) as well as giving their employee the time off.

### **INTRODUCTION**

Before the seminar the awardees being sponsored by the club should be invited to a regular meeting of the club

and introduced to the Rotarians.

### **TRANSPORT**

If possible, it is preferable for awardees to be driven to and from the seminar by Rotarians from the sponsoring club. In some cases, this may not be possible, however, the sponsoring Rotary Club should make sure that suitable and reliable transport is available for the arrival and return of their awardees.

### **PRESENTATION**

After the seminar, the awardee should be invited to attend a meeting of the sponsoring club, to address the members as a Guest Speaker, telling the members of their personal RYLA experiences. Some clubs take the opportunity of other youth groups (Rotaract etc) to the meeting.

### **FOLLOW UP**

The club should maintain contact with awardees after the seminar by encouraging them in their community work and by offering assistance where possible. Many of them are potential members of young people's service groups and many in time will become Rotarians, many have done so in the past.