



A Newsletter for Youth Opportunities Chairmen and Interested Rotarians in District 1220

ROTARY YOUNG CHEF 2008-2009

ROTARY YOUTH SPEAKS 2009

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA)

These are three of the hot topics and I would like to emphasise the word Rotary which is used to precede the titles. It is essential that when dealing with schools, other organisations, the press and other media, that the word Rotary is used.

For **Rotary Young Chef**, it is essential that each school or college or other organisation is registered by September 30th 2008.

This does not mean you have to hold the competition by then. The district final will take place in late February 2009 and candidates, ie club winners must be nominated to Rotarian Ailiss Nind of Worksop Dukeries by the end of January 2009.

At the District 1220 Scarborough Conference, there will be a competition on stage between 2 young chefs.

Rotary Youth Speaks is a competition that merits greater support.

In order to encourage clubs to take part, we are highlighting Rotary Youth Speaks at the District 1220 Conference in October 2008 with a competition between one of our winning teams from Ashbourne battling it out with a team from District 1240.

Rotarian Alan Langton of the Mapperley club can advise and assist.

And finally **RYLA** will take place at the White Hall Centre, Buxton on November 21st to 23rd for candidates aged 16 and 17. This year, no candidate aged 18 or over will be accepted for the course.

Kim Armstrong (Sherwood Sunrisers) is already taking bookings for the November event and both he and Rita Hickin (Bakewell) are willing and ready to speak to clubs

As far as my role goes as District Chairman, I intend to use my club platform to lead by example.

Please keep looking at the Youth Opportunities section of the District 1220 website especially at club and district projects.

A handbook is currently being printed and should soon be posted on the district website. Hard copies will be made available to all clubs and extra copies for schools, colleges and other organisations have been ordered.

Both **Rotary Young Photographer** and **Rotary Good Citizenship Young Writer** competitions will be promoted in the next newsletter. I am currently responsible for these 2 competitions.

I am receiving queries about how people can participate in events relating to the London Olympics. Please have a look at <http://www.london2012.com/documents/locog-publications/join-in-leaflet.pdf>

Or simply the www.london2012.com site for ideas and events.

It has been necessary to move the **District 1220 Young Musicians Concert** from the published date of Sunday, May 17th to Sunday April 26th for a variety of reasons. I am intending to post the nomination form on the district website (www.rotary1220.org) for download. The contact for the musical side of things is Terry Clay (Melbourne) and myself for all non-musical aspects. The event will be previewed in the local press and a greater effort will be made to sell this event to the public particularly of Derby.

I am particularly keen on promoting **RotaKids**, **Rotary Junior Community Award** and any other effort to work with our primary schools, which are usually welcoming of advice and assistance from within their own community.

To make this newsletter work, I need club contributions, please. Drone Valley with Rotary Junior Community Award and Carlton with their Outward Bound courses are immediate thoughts.

Would any Rotarian be willing to join our committee and run a **Rotary Technology Tournament**? I have a CD-Rom on how it is done in another district, but do not currently feel able to add this to my portfolio of club and district responsibilities for the time being.

David Fish, July 27th 2008