2017-18 DISTRICT AWARDS PROGRAM
OFFICIAL JUDGING SHEET

CLUB SIZE Small Club

CATEGORY Community Service

1ST PLACE

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DISTRICT 5960 AWARDS CHECKLIST FOR ROTARY YEAR 2017-2018

ITEMS DUE BY APRIL 1, 2018

AWARD CATEGORY: COMMUNITY SERVICE

Rotary Club of: Chain of Lakes, MN

Club Division: _Large Club  _Medium Club  _Small Club

Check for each item completed:
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List three of your best Community Service projects for this year:
1. Chain of Giving  Club Members participating 80%
2. Centennial Service Day  Club Members participating 70%
3. STRIVE  Club Members participating 50%

Total number of Community Service projects accomplished this year: 6

Provide a narrative description of your three best Community Service projects listed above and any detail supporting the checked items above, including the impact of the Club’s efforts. Using the attached form, limit your response to one page, and use Times New Roman 12pt font size. You are allowed to use up to six pictures to accompany your narrative to support your application.

A narrative follows:  ☑ Yes  ☐ No
Community Service Award

I would like to take an opportunity to offer a formal recommendation for the Chain of Lakes Rotary Club. As a current member and a past member of other Rotary Clubs, I feel that the Chain of Lakes Rotary Club is a deserving candidate for the Community Service Award.

The Chain of Lakes Rotary Club proactively seeks out opportunities to collaborate with the community in order to have greater impact; whether that is the collaborating with the YMCA for space, to lend financial and volunteer support to Centennial High School or fundraise monies to assist local nonprofits in the area. One new project that the Chain of Lakes Rotary Club took on at the beginning of this school year was to be the lead partner with Centennial High School on its Service Day. The Centennial School District and Chain of Lakes Rotary Club are launching a Service Day where students will volunteer, giving back to their community by helping to improve situations or by helping people. Through this, the impact will be over 300 volunteers and 30 volunteer sites participating.

Volunteerism is at the core of our Rotary Club. Last year, when we had 25% of our Chain of Lakes Rotary Club members actively help with the Clean water & sanitation: Habitat for Humanity Service project.

Over the past year, the Chain of Lakes Rotary Club has seen a rise in its membership base, which has a direct correlation to fulfilling the centennial areas community needs. In early 2017, the Chain of Lakes Rotary Club conducted a survey and from that survey, the Chain of Lakes Rotary Club made a change to its meeting structure to be more inclusive and look to engage its members through various touchpoints and opportunities. In addition, the Chain of Lakes Rotary Club does a spotlight feature of a Rotarian’s place of employment or career on its Facebook page, which has led to a greater interconnectedness and comradery between fellow Rotarians.

As I mentioned earlier, the Chain of Lakes Rotary Club gives back to the community. In April of this year, The Rotarian magazine will feature the Chain of Giving Event, which is a fundraiser that will benefit Centennial School District’s Angel Fund (used for students who need assistance for program fees/equipment) and soon to be remodeled Anoka County Library in Circle Pines. Last year’s Chain of Giving event raised $14,000 and had more than 230 community members and leaders participate, including 80% participation from Chain of Lake Rotary Club members.

Another fundraiser that the Chain of Lakes Rotary Club is involved with is the Silvera Rotary Run fundraiser. In 2017, this fundraiser raised $2,000 for STRIVE Scholarships as well as another $3,000 for the Junior Explorers, which is a program, designed for high school students interested in law enforcement careers to gain greater knowledge of the law enforcement industry. Another $3000 went towards COPS (Concerns of Police Survivors). Also, on the same day of the Silvera Rotary Run, they partnered with the YMCA in Lino Lakes for the Splash and Dash, which provided the community another healthy activity.

Beyond giving back financially to the community, the Chain of Lakes Rotary Club gives its time. The Chain of Lakes Rotary Club is involved with the Strive program and this year has 69 students. The Chain of Lakes Rotary Club truly role models, “Service above self.”
Rotary 5K to raise money for STRIVE Scholarships
Habitat for Humanity

Chain of Giving

CASINO ROYALE
Tickets $45
Saturday April 21st
Casino / 2 PM
Infinite Campus
Lexingrot, MN

Annually Hosted by the Chain of Giving Fund
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Rotary Club of: Lake Elm

Club Division: _Large Club _Medium Club _Small Club

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List three of your best Community Service projects for this year:
1. Kindness Campaign Club Members participating 100%
2. Golf cart shuttle service Club Members participating 90%
3. Ronald McDonald House Club Members participating 95%

Total number of Community Service projects accomplished this year 100

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A narrative follows: ☐ Yes _No

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Lake Elmo Rotary is a relatively small club that was chartered in 2005. There are 22 current members. While small, we are very active and enthusiastically participate in a variety of service projects that have benefitted our Community.

Our members were engaged in no less than 10 projects. Below are the projects, the benefitting organization or group of people and the number of Rotarians that participated.

1. We initiated a Kindness Campaign based on a Needs Assessment Survey that we conducted. At the January 16, 2018 council meeting, Lake Elmo Mayor Mike Pearson declared 2018 as “Random Acts of Kindness Year”. Leading by example, The Lake Elmo Rotary Club is conducting random acts of kindness in the community and encouraging beneficiaries to pay it forward by passing along “Tag You’re It” cards.
   All members are participating

2. We Provide Golf Cart Shuttle Services for seniors and those with limited mobility during the Washington County Fair Fri - Sun August 4th, 5th and 6th 2017. Volunteers covered four, two-hour shifts each day. 20 members participated

3. Ronald McDonald House: Our member, John Schultz, prepares a wonderful meal and four members deliver, serve and cleaning up at the Ronald McDonald House in Children’s Hospital in St Paul every other month (6 times a year). We serve the families of sick children or premature babies. 21 members participated

4. We dressed as Santa and His Elves to visit with and deliver toys to inner city kids at Bethlehem Lutheran in St. Paul. Over 50 children benefited. - 14 members participated

5. Ice cream social – each year we provide ice cream sundaes with lots of toppings for 300+ people following the Lake Elmo 4th of July parade - 10 members participated

6. Each year we host two American Red Cross Blood Drives (October 5, 2017 and May 24, 2018). Historically, over 30 pints of blood are collected each time. 6 members participate at each event (12 for the year)

7. Hearts and Hammers program similar to Habitat for Humanity in conjunction with the Stillwater Sunrise Rotary and Stillwater Noon Rotary. 30 people painted, cleaned and did yard work for 6 hours. 9 members and their children participated

8. Arbor day tree distribution will take place on April 28, 2018. We will hand out over 2500 seedlings to local Lake Elmo residents promoting Earth Day/Arbor Day. 6-8 members will be participating

9. District Grant with partners from Stillwater Sunrise, Woodbury and Lake Elmo to provide Freezers and volunteers at the new Christian Cupboard Food Shelf in Oakdale. 15 members volunteering and participated in the grant process

10. Delivered over 160 dictionaries to third graders at Lake Elmo Elementary School. 10 members participated

11. Chili Hubbub on 3/11/18 – Fundraiser for Christian Cupboard. Served the community Chili and Mac and Cheese made by local restaurants. 6 members participated
Small Club: Community Service
Lake Elmo Photos

HEARTS & HAMMERS
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Rotary Club of: Ramsey MN

Club Division:   Large Club   Medium Club   Small Club

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List three of your best Community Service projects for this year:
1. Achieve Service Employment
   Club Members participating 100%
2. Community Forum on Volunteerism
   Club Members participating 80%
3. Youth First Basketball Court
   Club Members participating 100%

Total number of Community Service projects accomplished this year: 3

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Ramsey Rotary business operators also sponsor Achieve Services in Blaine, Achieve is a day program providing employment services with community-based jobs as well as work completed for pay in their own in-house workshop. Based on individual needs, participants may receive help and training in other areas such as communication, social skills, behavioral skills and motor skills. By creating innovative opportunities that inspire people with disabilities, Achieve enables every participant to lead a meaningful and self-determined life. Currently Ramsey Rotary President Vicki Wredberg and Store Director of Coborn’s Grocery in Ramsey has 6 current employees with disabilities or placements through Achieve and in the past 6 Years has many, many more work with her team at the store and build the confidence they need to hold a permanent position in the work force. The Achieve participants are hired by Coborn’s and are provided a job coach to bring them to work each day to do their daily tasks. The participants start out with general cleaning and as they become more comfortable with the position they learn to stock shelves, bag groceries or a number of other tasks. Each person finds their own niche and they just let them go with it.

On April 3rd, the Ramsey Rotary attended a community forum as a group for a special project with the City of Ramsey residents and a team of students from the University of Minnesota Humphrey School of Public Affairs for an open and creative conversation about current and future volunteer opportunities in the City of Ramsey as active community volunteers. We will be the need to encourage, motivate, and retain those that give so generously to help build a better community and recruit for the future. The forum is designed to find out what the Ramsey community wants to see in our city and how we can all help through city government, community volunteerism and local business to achieve the goals of the future.

Our newest Community Service project is now just in its beginning phase. We are partnering with Youth First to help get an asphalt basketball court built on a piece of city property. The basketball court will cost about $7000 but with the help of another volunteer group in Ramsey we are looking at getting all of the grading, asphalt and equipment donated. President elect Brock’s wife works for the Timberwolves and is working on getting the Wolves to donate the goals. As I said this is a new project and not much to report yet but we are confident that we will help get it done.
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List three of your best Community Service projects for this year:

1. **Billy Cart Parties to benefit Family Place**  Club Members participating 85%
2. **Family Values for Life warm clothing Drive**  Club Members participating 50%
3. **Open Hands Midway Serving Meals**  Club Members participating 85%

Total number of Community Service projects accomplished this year 15 to date.

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Completed the signage project for Gordon Parks High School Entrance and Foyer. In 2016, Funds were raised that went towards a plaque, signage and photographs in the atrium of the school that honor the legacy of Gordon Parks, state the mission of the school and document community involvement with the students since the school’s inception. The completed installation of the project was completed in 2017.

**AlleyCat Parties**: AlleyCat provides a gathering space for Rotary and others to build community and to give to The Family Place, Ramsey County’s Day Shelter for Families Experiencing Homelessness. Three evenings during the summer featured music in the back yard and a live auction. This year, AlleyCat raised $3300 for programming for The Family Place.

New this year was partnering with “**Family Values for Life**” an organization that provides resources for families and youth in St. Paul. Free workshops are provided to women that teach essential life skills and empower them emotionally and financially to make better life choices. “**U-Turn 180**” is a place where youth and families can gather for a meal and extracurricular activities in a safe environment. We provided a warm clothing and holiday drive for them in December. We plan on more community service projects in the future including a backpack giveaway at back to school night.

**Rotaract Club** worked at the Winter Carnival Ice Bar with us in January.

Besides the service projects listed below we also did the following: Produce distribution and serving meals for “Open Hands Midway” (food shelf in the Midway Area), sponsoring and working the snack area at the Midway Y Halloween Spootacular party, School supply drive, Working the Midway Y X mas tree lot in December, serving a meal at Jeremiah House in Jan, Working at the Winter Carnival Ice Bar in Jan, Blood drive in April, Smile Drive in April.

The following beneficiaries include; Midway YMCA, Family Values for Life, Jeremiah House, Memorial Blood Center, Winter Carnival, Open Hands Midway, St. Paul Public School. Reading buddies, Family Place, Gordon Parks High School.

Areas of focus include: Peace and Conflict resolution (with Annual forum), Education and literacy, Child Health, Water and Sanitation (H20 for life water project), Economic and Community Devopment (project with high school).
Produce distribution at Open Hands
Midway, serving meals at Jeremiah
cooks for kids, YMCA Spooktacular
Book drive for Reading Partners
Clothing drive for "Family Values for
Life" Working at Winter Carnival Ice
bar, Selling Christmas trees at YMCA
Tree lot, Blood drive, Alley Cat fundrais-
ers for "Family Place", Smile Oral Care Drive,
School Supply Drive, completion of Gordon
Parks HS signage project.

David Dominick, Executive Director, of the
Midway Y receives a check from our club
foundation.