2017-18 DISTRICT AWARDS PROGRAM
OFFICIAL JUDGING SHEET

CLUB SIZE  MEDIUM 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: Farmington

Club Division: _Large Club ___ Medium Club ___ Small Club

Check for each item completed:
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☑ Other (Describe in narrative)

List three of your best Community Service projects for this year:
1. Senior Holiday Luncheon club Members participating 80%
2. Annual of Love Club Members participating 50%
3. Food Bank Project Club Members participating 60%

Total number of Community Service projects accomplished this year ___

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
Farmington Rotary’s Ramble Jam was a significant, visible and successful fundraiser for our club in 2017. Through this collaboration of club members, community group volunteers, and business sponsors we were able to raise enough dollars to give back over $58000.00 to our community. Over the last 3 years we have given over $260000.00. Ramble Jam is a country music festival that spans a 2-day weekend in September where individuals may come to watch live performances by country musicians. This year over 3000 attendees each night and utilized around 300 volunteers to work the entire event.

Putting on an event of this magnitude requires a lot of dedication, preparation, commitment and planning which is what makes Farmington Rotary so worthy of recognition. Being a club that averages around 30 members each person has an integral part to play in making this event a success while also keeping all of the clubs other activities moving along. Strong leadership, belief in the ideals of Rotary and commitment to our community kept this club working together as a team to make this event successful.

Farmington Rotarian Lori Jensen, fundraising chair for Ramble Jam, was quoted in the Farmington Independant as saying “this year all the hard work paid off. The club will be ready to give back to local groups and fund local scholarships.” She represents the view of all of the Farmington Rotarians in this statement and belief.

We give back both to our community and globally, giving to such things as Polio Plus, Strive Service Above Self Scholarships, Friends of the Chimbote Backpack Project, 360 Communities, Law Enforcement United and many others. This year we had the opportunity to share this with the attendees of Ramble Jam due to a Jumbo screen used not only to enhance their viewing of the performance but also to thank sponsors and share the values and objectives of Rotary.
For two days every fall, Farmington Rotarians transform a field at the Dakota County Fairgrounds into the hottest country music destination in the Twin Cities.

Ramble Jam, the club’s lone fundraiser, will draw thousands of music fans and some of the fastest-rising country artists around to Farmington Sept. 15-16 for a weekend of music, camping and good times. And it’s all for the good of the community.

This year’s event, the seventh since Ramble Jam launched as a one-night concert in a fairgrounds exhibition barn, has the event’s highest-profile lineup yet. Big-name national artists Kip Moore, Brett Young, Drake White, Tucker Beathard, William Michael Morgan and Drew Baldridge will all take the stage, as will local favorites Chris Hawkey and The Plott Hounds.

Pulling together such a large event is a daunting job for a club with fewer than 30 members, but the results are more than worth the effort. Ramble Jam’s contributions to the community include:

- Raising $260,000 over the past three years to support local causes,
- Providing a fundraiser that last year allowed community groups to raise an additional $17,390,
- Bringing music fans from across the country to Farmington, and
- Generating one of the busiest weekends of the year for Farmington restaurants and liquor stores.

"By the end of the weekend, every Farmington Rotarian is ready to sleep for about a week. It's a big job for such a small club, but creating this event each year is incredibly gratifying because we know how much good this one weekend will allow us to do for the community," said Krysia Moe, Farmington Rotary president for 2017-18. "Ramble Jam brings the community together, it brings people to Farmington who might otherwise never visit, and as exhausting as it is, it’s fun for us to see everyone having great time. Raising money is our main goal with Ramble Jam, but creating a special event for Farmington is a nice bonus."

Among other donations, money raised at Ramble Jam supports scholarships for Farmington-area students, donations to the Farmington police and fire departments, and funds that support Farmington families in economic difficulty.
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Ramble Jam entertains in Farmington

By Kara Hildreth / contributor on Sep 18, 2017 at 9:38 a.m.

Kip Moore performs at Ramble Jam. Photo courtesy of Xpressive Images By Jamie

Farmington Rotary Club's Ramble Jam is building a reputation as the place for up-and-coming country music musicians in an outdoor venue.

Each year Ramble Jam promises to deliver live music with bands who satisfy the soul. The festival is for all who love country music and even a few who may be on the fence and may like a little country and a little rock 'n' roll.

Farmington Rotarian Lori Jensen, fundraising chair for Ramble Jam, said this year all the hard work paid off. The club will be ready to give back to local groups and fund local scholarships.

"Attendance was up and we had 3,000 each night," Jensen said of the festival Sept. 15-16. The festival operation was supported
MEDIUM CLUB: COMMUNITY SERVICE
FARMINGTON SUPPORTING DOCS
DISTRICT 5960 AWARDS CHECKLIST FOR ROTARY YEAR 2017-2018

ITEMS DUE BY APRIL 1, 2018

Rotary Club of: Greater Rochester

Club Division: _Large Club _Medium Club X Small Club

Award Category: Community Service

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☐ Other (Describe in narrative)

List three of your best Community Service projects for this year:
1. Dictionary Project Club Members participating 80%
2. Community Food Response Club Members participating 30%
3. Holiday Classic Basketball Club Members participating 35%

Total number of Community Service projects accomplished this year 5

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
Rotary Club of Greater Rochester – Community Service Award

Our club’s service projects are in support of the youth and families in our community. We hope to improve literacy in Rochester through our annual Dictionary project and we provide monthly volunteer support to Community Food Response, a local non-profit that “rescues” food from dumpsters by collecting “extra” food from restaurants, corporate cafeterias, and grocery stores and providing it to those who are food insecure. Multi-club projects to serve our community include our annual Rotary Holiday Classic Basketball tournament and our Cradle to Career initiative to improve literacy at all age levels.

This past December we celebrated our tenth year of distributing dictionaries to all third grade students in Rochester. To date, we have given away about 16,000 hardcover, Scholastic dictionaries. Our club members personally visit the third grade classrooms of twenty-five Rochester schools to hand-deliver each dictionary to the student, and provide a short lesson on Rotary and the importance of learning. The school media specialists work in partnership with our club to label and deliver the dictionaries to each school, and also coordinate the individual distribution presentations. It’s been a wonderful, collaborative partnership.

Each month we provide eight volunteers to Community Food Response to help the hungry in Rochester. Our volunteers collect food and bring it to one of two distribution sites in Rochester where clients can pick up nutritious meals with protein, fresh fruits and vegetables. We started this community service project in August, 2017, when CFR opened a second location. The number of clients served at this location has grown from 35 to 100. We have received great feedback from Community Food Response for our part to increase food security in Rochester.

Our club participates in the three-club Rotary Holiday Basketball tournament, which celebrated its 30th year in 2017. Over that time, the classic has distributed almost $1 million to local non-profit organizations for youth-related projects. This year, our members served on the steering committee of the tournament, as well as volunteered at the tournament.

Our club has also contributed significant service to Cradle to Career, an initiative to bring together community partners to work to improve literacy in our community. In 2015, the three Rochester Rotary Clubs came together to align efforts around education as a critical community gap. We gathered data, held community interviews, researched 10 cities across the U.S. using the StriveTogether framework and obtained a Rotary grant to conduct a community summit. Together, we determined a collective impact approach, held extensive meetings with ‘coalition partners’ - now numbering 31 organizations - and presented a 45-page complete plan to the community. The project moves into execution in March. Our club members served on the initial brainstorming committee, continue to act as leaders in the initiative, as well as volunteer for Community Summits and other meetings related to this ongoing project.

To recognize significant contributions to our Believe in Me Bike Ride fundraiser, we awarded a Paul Harris Fellow to Minnesota Energy Resources. This honor was well-received by the company and they appeared at our club on two occasions to receive the award. We continue to appreciate their support of our youth-related programs.
Bike Ride fundraiser

STRIVE meeting student + member

Community Ford Response volunteering
DISTRICT 5960 AWARDS CHECKLIST FOR ROTARY YEAR 2017-2018

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Rotary Club of: HUDDSON WISCONSIN (NOON)

Club Division: ___Large Club  X Medium Club  ___Small Club

Award Category: Community Service

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List three of your best Community Service projects for this year:

1. PROVIDE PERIODIC MEALS AT GRACEFUL  Club Members participating 15%
2. ANNUAL HALLOWEEN EVENT  Club Members participating 50%
3. BUILT & INSTALLED LITTLE FREE LIBRARY  Club Members participating 15%

Total number of Community Service projects accomplished this year \[5\]

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A narrative follows: ☑ Yes  ___ No
Hudson Rotary Club

District 5960 Awards Narrative: Community Service

Project 1: Provide Meals at Grace Place

- Grace Place, run by the St. Croix County Salvation Army, provides assistance and emergency shelter for individuals and families in need. Our club provides a complete dinner meal for their resident population of 50 – 60 people six times per year.

Project 2: Annual Halloween Parade

- The Rotary Clubs of Hudson have hosted an annual Halloween Parade for the past 64 years which is Hudson’s longest continuing community event. Families and kids of all ages dress in costume and participate. Prizes are awarded in various categories and all participants are given a goodie-bag. All participants are encouraged to bring non-perishable grocery items which are donated to a local food shelf. Our club runs this event jointly with the Hudson Daybreak Club.

Project 3: Built and Installed Little Free Libraries

- In support of adult and child literacy, our club built and installed two new ‘Little Free Libraries’ in the community.

Project 4: YMCA Teen Center

- Our club participated in painting the interior of the new Teen Center set to open at the Hudson YMCA later this spring

Project 5: Red-Kettle Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army

- Our club participated, with the Hudson Daybreak Club, in ringing bells for the Salvation Army as part of their annual Christmas fund raising drive.
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Rotary Club of: New Brighton / Mounds View #2155
Division: Medium Club
Award Category: Community Service

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List three of your best Community Service projects for this year:
1. Rotary Parade Feed       Club Members participating  55%
2. Rotary Egg Hunt          Club Members participating  56%
3. Harvest Pack             Club Members participating  34%

Total number of Community Service projects accomplished this year: 19.

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A narrative follows: Yes
Community Service Narrative

Completed a significant, visible project in the local community

- Arbor Day Project teams of two Rotarians visited all 4th grade classrooms in 3 schools, distributed saplings with Rotary information tags attached, and told the children how to plant and nurture the saplings.
- New Brighton Stockyards Days Parade Feed – Provide food for parade participants.
- Easter Egg Hunt (see below)

Performed at least one new community service project this year

- Homeless Youth Initiative – We are partnering with local NGO’s focused on meeting needs of homeless youth. We provide funds and are represented on the Board of Directors of the Community Support Center and are connected with Life Prep Academy, which provides board and room, schooling and life skills for homeless high school youth.
- Harvest Pack (see below)

Conducted a Needs Assessment Survey for your community

Homeless Youth Initiative - We heard programs by Community Support Center and LifePrep Academy. We also interviewed Irondale HS principal regarding the number of homeless and/or couch-hopping area youth.

Involved a youth organization in one of your community service projects

Harvest Pack with Irondale HS on January 10, 2018 (see below)

Listed service projects and activities on Rotary Club Central, Rotary Showcase, or both

Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Camp Enterprise, Scholarship, Community Partners with Youth, Community Support Center, ECHO, Finance workshops for middle school students, Guatemala Literacy Project, Harvest Pack, Homeless Student Initiative, launch Breakfast Meetings, New Brighton Stock Yard Days parade, Ralph Reeder Food Shelf, Run Away and Homeless Youth Service, Scholarship for HS seniors, Trees for 4th Graders, 2 Camp Ryla Scholarships, Women’s Vocational School, Chimbote, Peru

Participated in a local service project in one of the six areas of focus

In areas of disease prevention and maternal and child health, we focused on combating food insecurity by participating in:

- Harvest Pack (see below)
- Ralph Reeder Food Shelf - filled food bags, a “pass the hat” raised $486.50, enough for $3,892 of food.
- Second Harvest - provided volunteers at a food collection event.

Recognized an outstanding organization or other partner in service

We invited the Irondale High School Choir to perform and lead our singing at our pre-Christmas meeting, and awarded them a grant.

Three best projects:

1. **Rotary Parade feed**: Wearing our yellow Rotary vests and under a Rotary banner, we fed 1000 hot dogs, chips and beverages at no charge to participants in the New Brighton Stockyards Days parade. Members Participating: 55%

2. **Rotary Egg hunt**: The day before Easter, we held a free egg hunt for the community with 500 pounds of jelly beans in 5,500 plastic eggs, we give away about 1000 prizes. We have two 5’ fun, interactive bunny rabbits. The event is advertised on huge signs and Rotary banners are prominent on the grounds. The event draws as many as 1,000 children, parents and grandparents. We have two port-a-potties, one of which is handicapped accessible. Members participating: 56%

3. **Harvest Pack**: Together with students at Irondale High School, we packed 21,670 meals for local food shelves and Hurricane Harvey Survivors. Members participating: 34%
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AWARD CATEGORY: COMMUNITY SERVICE

Rotary Club of: Rochester Rotary Risers

Club Division: _Large Club _Medium Club _Small Club

Check for each item completed:

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☐ Involved a Rotaract Club in one of your community service projects (Project date/name)
☑ Involved a youth organization in one of your community service projects (Project date/name) May 4/My Book Day
☑ Listed service projects and activities on Rotary Club Central, Rotary Showcase, or both (List projects and activities in narrative)
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☐ Participated in a local service project that included beneficiaries as partners (Describe in narrative)
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☐ Other (Describe in narrative)

List three of your best Community Service projects for this year:

1. _My Book Day_ Club Members participating 75%
2. _Tree Decorating, Samaritan Bethany_ Club Members participating 36%
3. _Adopt a Family Gift Wrapping_ Club Members participating 39%

Total number of Community Service projects accomplished this year __7__

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A narrative follows: _Yes _No
Neighbors Helping Neighbors Fall Campaign is a Family Services Rochester program that helps senior citizens prepare for winter. Rotary Risers gathered together two different times to rake leaves and clear brush, one was a beautiful fall day and snow was accumulating the second day. The seniors were very grateful and the Risers enjoyed working together. This was a new community service project for us this year with 11 people, 26 hours, 33% participation.

In collaboration with The Rotary Club of Rochester, Rotary Risers joined at Channel One to help with food distribution. This food is distributed through food shelves, soup kitchens, group homes and shelters. 5 people, 10 hours, 15% participation.

A large group of Risers gathered to decorate Christmas Trees for Samaritan Bethany Senior Living Center. We were able to visit with several residents as we helped them prepare for the holidays. 12 people, 24 hours, 36% participation.

Along with Lutheran Social Services the Riser’s participated in the Adopt-A-Family program. We collected gifts for families helping with basic needs as their “gift lists” consisted of coats, gloves, hats, winter essentials. 13 people, 26 hours, 39% participation.

Rotarians in Rochester are the catalyst for an initiative called Cradle to Career. In 2015 this initiative was a District Grant Recipient. Thirty organizations, businesses and schools are working together toward one goal, improving education outcomes of our city’s students. The goal of C2C is to channel time, money and resources to what works, supporting students. The initiative will start with two of its seven goals, kindergarten readiness and high school graduation. This was a 3-club initiative, but led by a Riser. The Rotarians have a total of 248 volunteer hours!

On April 28th all three clubs in Rochester are taking up the Rotary Tree Planting Challenge, which RI President Ian Risesley set as a goal this Rotary year. To meet this challenge we are partnering with RNeighborhoods and Quarry Hill Nature Center to plant 300 trees, one for each Rotarian in Rochester. TBD

On May 4th, Rotary Risers will conduct its 5th year of My Book Day. For this program the Riser’s collaborate with the Rochester Public Schools and the Rochester Public Library. On this day 350 will be transported to the Public Library. They tour the children’s section, they are read to by “celebrities” of the community, view a short skit performed by the Word Players theater group and create a summer reading plan which will be displayed in the public library over the entire summer. The highlight is each child receives the book of his or her choosing to encourage reading over the summer. We are District Grant Recipients this Rotary year of $3,345. In the past we have had greater than 75% participation, and expect the same for 2018.
My Book Day

Family Service Rochester, Leaf Raking
Medium Club: Community Service
Rochester Risers Photos

Tree decorating for Samaritan Bethany

Adopt a Family