2017-18 DISTRICT AWARDS PROGRAM
OFFICIAL JUDGING SHEET

CLUB SIZE  SMALL CLUB

CATEGORY  YOUTH SERVICE

1ST PLACE  

2ND PLACE  

3RD PLACE  

4TH PLACE  

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JUDGE NAME  

SIGNATURE  
**SMALL CLUB: YOUTH SERVICE**

**CHAIN OF LAKES CHECKLIST**

**Rotary District 5960**

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**DISTRICT 5960 AWARDS CHECKLIST FOR ROTARY YEAR 2017-2018**

**ITEMS DUE BY APRIL 1, 2018**

**AWARD CATEGORY: YOUTH SERVICE**

Rotary Club of: **Chain of Lakes Rotary - Lineolakes, MN**

Club Division:  [ ] Large Club  [ ] Medium Club  [x] Small Club

Check for each item completed:

- [x] Participated in youth career development or other mentoring program, ie STRIVE (Describe in narrative)
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- [ ] Conduct a Student of the Month program (Describe in narrative)
- [ ] Other (Describe in Narrative)

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

1. **Strive**  
   Club Members participating 50%  
   [ ]

2. **Chain of Giving Rose Bowl**  
   Club Members participating 35%  
   [ ]

3. **Rotary Club $5000 split between STRIVE scholarship and Junior Explorers (5 students)**  
   Club Members participating 20%  
   [ ]

Total number of Youth Service projects accomplished this year: 3

Provide a narrative description of your Youth Service activities. 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:  [x] Yes  [ ] No
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Youth Service Experience

2017 was an exciting year in youth service for the Chain of Lakes Rotary Club. More than half of our dedicated Rotarians engaged in the many fundraisers and mentorship opportunities that benefited our community’s young people. Our greatest accomplishments included an impressive number of STRIVE participants at the Centennial High School, the ability to award the Lino Lakes YMCA $6,000 for Youth Activity Scholarships, and our supporting the Junior Explorer program by awarding funds from our portion of the monies raised from the Officer Silveira Rotary Run. The Chain of Lakes Rotary also sponsored one student to attend Camp Enterprise.

For the past 8 years, our Rotary clubs presence within the Centennial school district has be warmly accepted. Some of our members have children who are actively attending this district while others have children who have graduated from Centennial years ago. Nonetheless, STRIVE (Students Taking a Renewed Interest in the Value of Education) mentorship has been a passion for over half of our members year after year. On the 3rd Wednesday of every month during the school year, approximately 10-12 Rotarians donate an hour of their time in mornings from 8:00am to 9:00am to meet with, mentor, and engage high school seniors. Each month, we arrange for a different speaker to join us to discuss topics related to the world outside of high school. Topics that have been discussed in the past include: The importance of credit and managing a bank account, staying ethical even when it’s not easy, the value of social media and how to maintain a positive image when interviewing for colleges and jobs, personality testing to recognize how we are seen to other personality types and many more. In 2017, the Chain of Lakes Rotary Club was able to award $2,000 in academic scholarships to 5 promising seniors. We choose these students based on participation, attendance, and community service.

On August 21, 2017 our team helped to organize the Officer Silveira Rotary Run during the Blue Heron Days festival. From the outreach of our club along with many others in the community, we were able to generate proceeds dedicated to STRIVE scholarships as well as over $3,000 for the Junior Explorer program. The Junior Explorer program is designed to engage and educate high school aged students who have an interest in law enforcement careers after graduation.

The Lino Lakes and surrounding communities look forward to our annual Chain of Giving fundraiser, organized and hosted by the Chain of Lakes Rotary Club. This event allows STRIVE students to volunteer their time, network with local professionals, and learn about the importance of fellowship. The funds raised during this event in 2017 were given to the Lino Lakes YMCA for Youth Activity scholarships. We were proud that this number increased to $6,000 from previous years. Approximately 85% of our club participated in some way to make this event a huge success.

One lucky Centennial HS student was sponsored by our club to attend Rotary’s Camp Enterprise in 2017 as well. Camp Enterprise is an extensive three-day camp offering students the opportunity to participate in leadership activities focusing on the Free Enterprise System. We were proud to offer this opportunity free of charge to this promising teen!

Although we are not YET a host Rotary Club for the Rotary International Youth Exchange, we have signed up and have a team of three committed counselors (who have passed the State Dept. test) and anticipate hosting our first exchange student in August, 2018. We also hope to be successful in sending outbound students.
Rotary 5K to raise money for STRIVE Scholarships
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AWARD CATEGORY: YOUTH SERVICE

Rotary Club of: Lake Elmo

Club Division: ☑ Large Club ☐ Medium Club ☑ Small Club

Check for each item completed:

☑ Participated in youth career development or other mentoring program, ie STRIVE (Describe in narrative)
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☐ Conduct a Student of the Month program (Describe in narrative)
☐ Other (Describe in Narrative)

List three of your best Youth Service projects for this year:
1. 4th of July Ice Cream Social
   Club Members participating 50%
2. Lake Elmo Elementary Dictionaries
   Club Members participating 50%
3. Santa and Elves Delivered Gifts
   Club Members participating 65%

Total number of Youth Service projects accomplished this year 5

Provide a narrative description of your Youth Service activities. 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

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Lake Elmo Rotary Club 2017-2018 Youth Service Activities

Lake Elmo Elementary School has a higher than average numbers of both children with special needs and children at or below the poverty level. Special education students are taught in the ‘least restrictive environment,’ which means that they remain in their general education classrooms with same-aged peers as much as possible. The diversity of the student body makes Lake Elmo a unique place to grow and learn. Recognizing that all children need help managing their feeling/actions and self-regulating, Lake Elmo Elementary adopted a program called “Yoga Calm.” “Children cannot learn until their brains are calm,” said Lisa Blake, the school’s instructional coach. “This really helps them release anything that may be bothering them and put them in a frame of mind to learn.” Every teacher is now trained and can implement Yoga Calm strategies within their classrooms, thanks in part to a $2,250.00 donation in August and $5,000 donation in November from Lake Elmo Rotary.

Lake Elmo Rotary donated and hand delivered dictionaries to 160 third grade students at Lake Elmo Elementary in December 2017. We have over 50% club participation in this event every year.

Every 4th of July there is a children’s parade on Lake Elmo Ave. Children from all around the area arrive with their bike (or trike, wagon, etc.) decorated with red, white and blue items. The parade is only a few blocks long and it ends at Lions Park, where the ice cream is! Lake Elmo Rotary provides and serves free ice cream sundaes to all that attend. We have over 50% club participation every year and served over 300 sundaes.

In December we helped bring Santa and his toys to children attending family night at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in St. Paul. Lake Elmo Rotary bought gifts and created 200 gift bags for Santa to hand out. One of our members was dressed as Santa and the other Rotarians were dressed as elves. We had 50% club participation for this event.

Each year the Lake Elmo Rotary Club partners with Stillwater Sunrise and Stillwater Noon to Host an Inbound Youth Exchange Student (this year’s student went home early in the year) and STRIVE Mentoring Program at the Stillwater Area Senior High School.
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AWARD CATEGORY: YOUTH SERVICE

Rotary Club of: Ramsey MN

Club Division: __Large Club __Medium Club XSmall Club

Check for each item completed:

☐ Participated in youth career development or other mentoring program, i.e STRIVE (Describe in narrative)
☒ Provide financial or other assistance to homeless, disabled, critically or terminally ill or other challenged youth (Describe in narrative)

☐ Sponsored an Interact Club (Club name)
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☐ Conduct a Student of the Month program (Describe in narrative)
☐ Other (Describe in Narrative)

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

1. Youth First Food Baskets Club Members participating 30%
2. Dictionary Project Club Members participating 50%
3. Little Free Libraries Club Members participating 30%

Total number of Youth Service projects accomplished this year 8

Provide a narrative description of your Youth Service activities. 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
Ramsey rotary provides holiday food baskets each year to the area youth that participate in the Youth First Community of promise program in Ramsey MN. Youth First is an organization that roots itself in youth developmental practicing primarily to develop and reach youth with risky behaviors in Ramsey. The program is designed as an after school study or mentor program and each child must be enrolled in school to be a part of the program. During the holiday season Ramsey rotary provides each of the youth in the program with a holiday meal to feed their entire family for the holiday. Ramsey Rotarians deliver the baskets to Youth first and give one basket to each child to bring home for a Holiday meal. On March 23, 2018 Ramsey Rotary also sponsored and attended the Youth First Mayor’s prayer breakfast fundraiser in support of the Youth First program.

Another great youth service opportunity for our club is supporting Hope for Youth. Hope for Youth was the first drop-in center for homeless and at-risk youth in the north metro suburbs. It focuses on long-term solutions to ending youth homelessness. As a result of donations and support from us and our local community they also opened HOPE Place, the first transitional housing for young people ages 18-24 in the north metro suburbs. Each year we sponsor and support Hope for youth and the mission they are on to provide support and a stepping stone for our young adults that have fallen on hard times.

The Ramsey Rotary Club has been active in sponsoring a high school student to attend Camp Enterprise. In 2017 we coordinated with the Career and College Specialist at Anoka High School to select a motivated and enthusiastic student who was excited about the opportunity to participate in Camp Enterprise. We sponsored one student each year and then had them return to a Rotary meeting for lunch to speak on their experience and what they got out of the camp.

Ramsey Rotary has been long time supporters of the Trott Brook Benefit Bash. The Trott Brook Benefit was created to raise money exclusively for college scholarships for graduating high school seniors. They currently support two different scholarship funds, the Ann Talle Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund and the Youth First Scholarship Fund. The Ann Talle Scholarship awards 1-2 scholarships at each of the seven local high schools to students pursuing a degree in business. Youth First awards their scholarships to 2-4 students primarily based on financial need. We are proud of our ongoing commitment to education and youth in our community.

In 2017 Ramsey Rotary supported the dictionary project by handing out dictionaries to Third graders in 4 local schools. Pact Charter, Rum River Elementary, Ramsey elementary and Dayton Elementary are the 4 schools that our club supports in the dictionary project. Each year we divide up the schools between the club members and a group goes to each school and engages with the third graders with a few dictionary trivia questions like what is the longest word in the dictionary or what is the first or last word in the dictionary. Do you know what they are? Come on even a third grader knows that! Well at least they do in Ramsey!

We are big supporters of the Police explorers program with donations and mentoring from City of Anoka prosecutor and Ramsey Police Chief who are also Ramsey Rotarians.

The last youth service project I will mention is one that we started a few years ago but we continue to buy books and fill each year. Ramsey Rotary build and put out 3 Little Free Libraries in the Ramsey area with a Rotary grant, 2 Libraries are located in city parks and the third library is located near a low income trailer park.
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ITEMS DUE BY APRIL 1, 2018

Rotary Club of: Saint Paul Sunrise

Club Division: Large Club Medium Club Small Club

Award Category: Youth Service

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

1. Youth Scholarships
2. Student of the Month
3. Nigerian Water Project

Club Members participating 70.8%
Club Members participating 66%
Club Members participating 72%

Total number of Youth Service projects accomplished this year 3

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A narrative follows: ☑ Yes ☐ No
Saint Paul Sunrise Rotary has accomplished youth projects on both local and international levels.

On the home front, we have had a long standing relationship with Gordon Parks High School in Saint Paul, named after the local photographer, film-maker, writer and civil rights activist, Gordon Parks. The school is a public alternative learning center, educating at-risk and underserved students.

Our involvement includes holding a club meeting there every year where we are updated on the services they provide students. In an effort to enhance the school’s relationship with visitors from the community, we have done a major project, including placement of lettering, plaques and photographs throughout the facility.

We directly relate to the students in two ways. First, scholarships of $250 each are awarded annually to a couple students on a merit basis, as determined by the school’s faculty and administration. Typically, these are given at the end of the school year among other awards given at a school assembly.

In addition, we honor their young people with a “Student of the Month” program. Members of the faculty pick the honorees on the basis of academics achievement, attitude and motivation. Periodically, the students, faculty and the school’s principal are invited to our breakfast meetings. A faculty member introduces each student, explaining why that individual is worthy of the honor, after which, the student is awarded a certificate.

Internationally, we have fostered the health of students at the Zappa Secondary School in Nigeria through a water sanitation project in cooperation with H2OForLife, an NGO which relates our children with their counterparts in undeveloped countries. Students here learn about the perils of water contamination, and thus motivated, raise money for H2OForLife to make the improvements.

The Zappa school is in Asaba, located in the terrace of the Niger River. The school has a population of 455 girls, 435 boys and 60 teachers. Zappa School currently has no water supply. Students are requested to carry water to school, but often students do not have an adequate source at home. The school has 4 pour flush toilets that are not functional and need to be replaced. There are no hand washing stations, and a hygiene education program has not been implemented.

The project plan calls for construction of a borehole well with storage tank, rehabilitation of the current toilets to make them functional and construction of 4 additional toilet compartments for boys and girls with the addition of urinals for the boys. They also plan to build hand wash stations, implement hygiene training, and create hygiene school committees and parent groups to oversee maintenance and sustainability.
The total project costs $3,300, of which $1,000 was donated by Saint Paul Sunrise Rotary. The remainder is being raised by the several schools our members have contacted. That effort has been facilitated by a PowerPoint slide presentation we developed that explains the work of H2OForLife in general, the water crisis at the Zappa school, and how they can contribute to the health of their African cousins.
Youth Continued:

Partnered with Twin Cities Rotoract Club:

Provided opportunity to have the Rotoract move from their meeting place to the Midway YMCA. This space is more centrally located between Mpls. and St. Paul and across the street where our Club meets. This will provide our clubs to collaborate on community service projects and events:

- In January we worked the Winter Carnival Ice Bar in Rice Park together. Both clubs received a stipend to apply to their fundraising funds.
- **In March we Participated in Hello Spring together**; a networking event to help newcomers onboard and connect to great people and resources here in Minneapolis-Saint Paul. We hosted a table along with the Rotoract club. This occurred on March 27th at the Minnesota History Center. At the event, guests learned all about what Minnesota has to offer in the spring, meet lots of organizations, participate in interactive activities, sample local food and drinks.

**Held a book drive for “Reading Partners”**. An organization that provides reading tutors to local school children in the schools. After each tutoring session, a child receives a book to take home with them. We collected over 400 books during the drive.
Gordon Parks High School Students of the Month with St. Paul School Superintendent, Joe Gothard.

Had a book drive for Reading partners in which over 400 books were collected for local schools. We also have a Rotarian that is a volunteer reading partner.

Completion of Signage project that promotes the schools mission statement in the foyer

At the Rotoract Fundraiser last year. We are continuing to build our partnership with Twin Cities Rotoract Club.