2017-18 DISTRICT AWARDS PROGRAM
OFFICIAL JUDGING SHEET

CLUB SIZE: MEDIUM CLUB

CATEGORY: YOUTH SERVICE

1ST PLACE ____________________________

2ND PLACE ____________________________

3RD PLACE ____________________________

4TH PLACE ____________________________

5TH PLACE ____________________________

JUDGE NAME ____________________________

SIGNATURE ____________________________
DISTRICT 5960 AWARDS CHECKLIST FOR ROTARY YEAR 2017-2018

ITEMS DUE BY APRIL 1, 2018

AWARD CATEGORY: YOUTH SERVICE

Rotary Club of: Farmington

Club Division: ___Large Club  XMedium Club  ___Small Club

Check for each item completed:
X  Participated in youth career development or other mentoring program, ie STRIVE (Describe in narrative)
X  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/participate in a youth ethics program (Describe in narrative)
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X  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. [Student of the Month] Club Members participating 50%
2. [STRIVE] Club Members participating 35%
3. [Scholarship] Club Members participating 10%

Total number of Youth Service projects accomplished this year 4

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:  XYes  ___No
Checklist: List three of your best Youth Service projects for this year:
1. STRIVE, Club Members participating, 35%
2. Scholarships; including Community Education; Parks & Recreation; Post Secondary Scholarships, Service Above Self & STRIVE Scholarships, Club Members participating, 100%
3. Students Of The Month Honorees, Club Members participating, 100%

Narrative:

The Rotary Club of Farmington has a 10 year established and respected history of offering STRIVE to Farmington High School students. This year we have 8 Rotarians serving as STRIVE Mentors. Through the years, 6 other current Rotarians have served as STRIVE mentors; resulting in over 50% of current Rotarians having made an impact on the lives of students in our community. Our STRIVE program meets weekly with students at Farmington High School during the school day. Rotarian Jay Haugen is the Farmington School District Superintendent, and serves as a devoted STRIVE Mentor. Rotarian Lori Jensen is the Executive Administrative Assistant to The Superintendent, and Lori, too, serves as a committed STRIVE Mentor. Other STRIVE Mentors include business and community leaders.

One highlight each year of our STRIVE program, in addition to attending graduation and awarding STRIVE scholarships, is our Club program date each spring when we bus our STRIVE students to our Club meeting to share lunch with all our Rotarians; so in this way, and thanks to updates throughout the year, actually 100% of Rotarians are impacted and inspired by our STRIVE program. The STRIVE students attend our lunch meeting and share how STRIVE has encouraged them and supported them; how STRIVE has made a difference in their life.

Scholarships. The Rotary Club of Farmington each year since its inception donates thousands of dollars to wide range of scholarships, making a difference in the lives of students of a variety of ages, interests, needs and opportunities. Our Club places equal value on the dollar supporting the student with a solid GPA, well identified vocational goals, planning to attend a top academic institution, and the dollar going to support the elementary aged child wanting to attend a city summer camp class or swimming lessons. STRIVE scholarships are often awarded to students who have never had their effort recognized or validated, and who have never received an award.

Student of The Month honorees are celebrated October through May each year. For years, our club simply honored 12th grade students from Farmington High School. Several years ago, our club took intentional steps to broaden the scope of honorees. 7 months each year, our club honors a graduating senior from Farmington High School, AND a student from either an elementary school or middle school, AND a Senior Citizen of The Month volunteering and serving our community. These meetings include a number of guests, and the generations inspire one and all! One month each year, our club intentionally honors a parochial school in our community, Christian Life Academy, and on that date we honor a 5th grade, 8th grade, and 12th grade student, AND an adult volunteer in their school. We believe our effort to include and honor this private school and their vital presence in our community, validates the mission of our club, and results in our club and our members being humbly recognized, and appreciated.
In addition to these great programs, 5 of our female members are mentors to 8th grade girls at Boeckman Middle School for the program Hope For Tomorrow. Hope for Tomorrow is a nonprofit organization based in Minnesota whose mission is to empower young teens to realize their full personal and academic potential by reinforcing critical life skills through mentoring relationships with caring adults. The members involved are making a huge impact with these girls.
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 _Small Club

Award Category: Youth Service

Check for each item completed:
☐ Participated in youth career development or other mentoring program, ie STRIVE (Describe in narrative)
☐ Provide financial or other assistance to homeless, disabled, critically or terminally ill or other challenged youth (Describe in narrative)
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☐ Rotaract Club was chartered during current year (Club Name)
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☐ Provided youth scholarship(s) (Describe in narrative)
☐ Conduct/participate in a youth ethics program (Describe in narrative)
☐ Sponsored an Outbound Youth Exchange student this year (Name)
☐ Hosted an Inbound Youth Exchange student this year (Name) - our 3 Rochester Clubs are hosting two inbound students.
☐ Participated with an Interact or Rotaract club or other youth organization on a service activity or fellowship event (Describe in narrative)
☐ Sponsored/Participated in a dictionary project (List each school in narrative)
☐ Participated in at least one literacy project (excluding dictionary project) for youth (Describe in narrative)
☐ 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. Dictionary Project  Club Members participating 80%
2. Holiday Basketball Classic  Club Members participating 35%
3. Student of the Month  Club Members participating 40%

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

4 | Rotary District 5960
Rotary Club of Greater Rochester – Youth Service Award

The majority of our club’s service projects are in support of youth-related needs in the community. We hope to improve literacy in Rochester through our Dictionary project and we recognize youth in the arts with our Student of the Month program. Multi-club projects to support youth-related activities include our annual Rotary Holiday Classic Basketball tournament, our Cradle to Career initiative to improve literacy at all age levels, and our STRIVE program to increase educational outcomes for academically at-risk high school students.

This past December we celebrated our tenth year of distributing dictionaries to all third grade students in Rochester. To date, we have given away almost 16,000 hardcover, Scholastic dictionaries. Our club members personally visit the third grade classrooms of all twenty-five Rochester schools to hand-deliver a dictionary to each student, and provide a short lesson on Rotary and the importance of learning. The participating schools are Bamber Valley, Elton Hills, Folwell, Franklin, Gage, Gibbs, Harriet Bishop, Hoover, Jefferson, Lincoln, Longfellow, Pinewood, Riverside, Sunset Terrace, Washington, Schaeffer Academy, Rochester Central Lutheran, Resurrection Lutheran, Rochester Arts & Science Academy, Math Science Academy, Holy Spirit, St. Pius X, St. Francis, Rochester Montessori, and Phoenix Academy.

Each year we recognize ten students from the five area high schools in Rochester. Each school nominates a student who significantly contributes to that school’s music program, and another student who significantly contributes to that school’s drama program. For each of the ten times throughout the year, the student, his/her advisor, and the student’s parents are invited to our Rotary luncheon meeting where the student receives special recognition from our club members. We are honored to recognize and support youth achievement in the arts.

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 before, during, and after 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. Our club members served on the initial brainstorming committee, continue to act as leaders in the initiative, and volunteer for Community Summits and other meetings related to this ongoing project.

Our club members continue to act as mentors to area high school students through the STRIVE program. Three high schools participate in the program where Rotarians provide monthly mentoring to academically at-risk students.

Our club’s rich history of supporting Youth Service continues with enthusiasm for new programs and fundraising support.
Cradle to Career Literacy program

Dictionary Project

Student of the Month
DISTRICT 5960 AWARDS CHECKLIST FOR ROTARY YEAR 2017-2018

ITEMS DUE BY APRIL 1, 2018

Rotary Club of: [Name]

Club Division: Large Club Medium Club Small Club

Award Category: Youth Service

Check for each item completed:

☐ Participated in youth career development or other mentoring program, ie 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)
☐ Interact Club was chartered during current year (Club Name)
☐ Sponsored a Rotaract Club (Club name)
☐ Rotaract Club was chartered during current year (Club Name)
☐ Participated in an event involving one or more Interact clubs (Describe in narrative)
☐ Sponsored a student to Camp RYLA (D5960) or Camp Enterprise (D5950) (# of students & Event)
☐ Participated in Camp RYLA (D5960) or Camp Enterprise (D5950) (Describe in narrative)
☐ Provided youth scholarship(s) (Describe in narrative)
☐ Conduct/participate in a youth ethics program (Describe in narrative)
☐ Sponsored an Outbound Youth Exchange student this year (Name)
☐ Hosted an Inbound Youth Exchange student this year (Name)
☐ Participated with an Interact or Rotaract club or other youth organization on a service activity or fellowship event (Describe in narrative)
☐ Sponsored/Participated in a dictionary project (List each school in narrative)
☐ Participated in at least one literacy project (excluding dictionary project) for youth (Describe in narrative)
☐ 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. [Project 1] [Club Members participating %]
2. [Project 2] [Club Members participating %]
3. [Project 3] [Club Members participating %]

Total number of Youth Service projects accomplished this year

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

4 | Rotary District 5960
Hudson Rotary Club | District 5960 Awards Narrative: Youth Service

Participated in youth career development or other mentoring program
- We annually do a $1500 scholarship to STRIVE for a Hudson Highschool student

Provide financial or other assistance to homeless, disabled, critically or terminally ill or other challenged youth
- We regularly support Grace Place with a complete meal for families with children. Grace Place offers shelter to families in the St. Croix River Valley. Services to individuals and families with children include meals and fellowship, resume writing, budgeting classes, nutrition classes, and tutoring.

Sponsored an Interact Club – (Hudson Interact Club)

Sponsored a Rotaract Club – (St. Croix Valley Rotaract Club)

Participated in an event involving one or more Interact clubs
- Rock the River – Interact club members participated in setup, serving, and cleanup for this annual Rotary fundraising event.
- Honors Breakfast – High School seniors are honored with scholarships and an annual breakfast banquet to recognize their scholastic achievements.

Participated in Camp RYLA or Camp Enterprise
- We provide a scholarship to both Camp RYLA and Camp Enterprise

Provide youth scholarships
- We annually provide two scholarships to Hudson Highschool seniors at an Honors Breakfast event co-hosted with the Hudson Daybreak Rotary Club.

Hosted an Inbound Youth Exchange student this year (Lachlan Evans)

Participated in a least one literacy project for youth
- With our local partner, Little Free Library, the Hudson Rotary Club participated in the pilot of ACTION BOOK CLUBS. Action Book Club invites participants to read books on a particular theme, engage in lively discussions, and take part in a meaningful – and fun – group project to improve their community.
- We also have purchased three Little Free Library’s to be placed in three city parks. Each library will stewarded by the Hudson Rotary Club and will include books for both youth and adults.

Conducted a Student of the Month program
- Each month we honor two Hudson Highschool seniors with a certificate, Rotary pin, and a copy of the Four Way Test in recognition of significant academic, social, athletic, and volunteer contributions to the community. Each student is given an opportunity to present what they have accomplished and what future goals they have.
Rotary Club of: New Brighton/Mound View #2155

Club Division: Medium

Award Category: Youth Service

Check for each item completed:

☑ Participated in youth career development or other mentoring program, ie STRIVE (Describe in narrative)
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☐ Hosted an Inbound Youth Exchange student this year (Name)
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☐ Sponsored/Participated in a dictionary project (List each school 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. Easter Egg Hunt
2. Community Partners for Youth
3. Scholarship programs

Club Members participating 56%
Club Members participating 100%
Club Members participating 100%

Total number of Youth Service projects accomplished this year 11

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
Participated in youth career development or other mentoring program, i.e. STRIVE

- The NBMV Rotary club is developing a Financial Literacy Program for elementary/secondary school students. This program is planned for initial use in the Community Partners for Youth (CPY) program with potential expansion to students at Life Prep Academy.
- 4th Grade Foresters – Rotarians from the NBMV Rotary are involved in an annual program to distribute tree seedlings to area schools (4th grade) for student to transplant in the area of their choice.
- The NBMV Rotary club has a strong relationship with Community Partners for Youth (CPY) which is mentoring and learning program to help youth build positive social and life skills. NBMV Rotary provides financial support, members serve on the CPY board of directors, and are actively involved in program support.

Provide financial or other assistance to homeless, disabled, critically or terminally ill or other challenged youth

- The NBMV Rotary is providing financial support for Life Prep Academy. Life Prep Academy is a residential facility providing education and emotional support for homeless youth the area. Plans include expansion of the financial literacy Program to youth living at Life Prep Academy.

Sponsored a student to Camp RYLA (D5960) or Camp Enterprise (D5950)

- The NBMV Rotary provides two scholarships for Camp Enterprise annually. Camp Enterprise is an extensive three-day camp offering the students the opportunity to participate leadership activities focusing on the Free Enterprise System.
- The NBMV Rotary provides two Scholarship for Camp RYLA. Rotary Youth Leadership Awards is a five-day camp for 100 high school students. The camp strengthens leadership skills and capabilities through physical, mental, emotional and intellectual challenges. There is an emphasis on problem solving, team work and interaction with other outstanding students.

Provided youth scholarship(s) (Describe in narrative)

- The NBMV Rotary provides two $1,500 scholarships to Irondale High School graduating seniors.
- The NBMV Rotary provides a $1,500 scholarship to a student from Mounds View, St. Anthony, or Totino Grace High School.

Participated with an Interact or Rotaract club or other youth organization on a service activity or fellowship event

Easter Egg Hunt - The day before Easter, NBMV Rotary held a free egg hunt for the community with 500 pounds of jelly beans in 5,500 plastic eggs, giving away about 1000 prizes. The event is advertised on huge signs and Rotary banners are prominent on the grounds, along with two 5’ fun, interactive bunny rabbits. The event draws as many as 1,000 children, parents and grandparents. There are two port-a-potties available to participants, one of which is handicapped accessible.
MEDICUM CLUB: YOUTH SERVICE
RIVER FALLS CHECKLIST

Rotary Club of: RIVER FALLS

Club Division: _Large Club ___Medium Club ___Small Club

Award Category: Youth Service

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☐ Other (Describe in Narrative)

List three of your best Youth Service projects for this year:
1. STRIVE ________________________ Club Members participating 11%
2. ROTARY READERS ________________________ Club Members participating 21%
3. HOLIDAY BAKERY PROGRAM ________________________ Club Members participating 59%

Total number of Youth Service projects accomplished this year ___16___

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

4 | Rotary District 5960
Re: Rotary Club of River Falls: Youth Service Narrative

The Rotary Club of River Falls’ club mission statement is “Enhancing Opportunities for Youth, Creating a Better World for All.”

STRIVE: Our local STRIVE program engages members in 1:1 relationships with local high school juniors and seniors who are at risk for not finishing high school. Monthly meetings feature educational and motivational presentations by dynamic guest speakers, and mentors and students keep in touch between meetings, typically by text. This year, we have 6 members volunteering with the program, mentoring a total of 9 high school students.

Support for Disadvantaged Youth: Our club provides financial support to a local nonprofit that provides a weekly backpack of non-perishable food to low-income youth. Several years ago, when we learned they did not have the resources to provide backpacks over the holiday break, our club stepped in and provided the funding for that project. The need this year was greater than ever, and 31 members contributed a total of $1535 to fully fund the 102 backpacks needed to help feed students over the holiday break.

Camp Enterprise and Camp RYLA: Our club sponsored two students for Camp Enterprise last fall and is sending two students to Camp RYLA this spring. Students who participate are asked to present to the club about the experience and how it has impacted them.

Scholarships: Our more traditional scholarships (two at $500) honor a student who has demonstrated a community to community service and leadership while sustaining a strong academic performance. The recipient must exemplify Rotary’s motto of “Service Above Self” through his or her contributions to the local and/or global community. Our other scholarship program recognizes those STRIVE program participants who show the most improvement throughout the year (one at $1000 and two at $500) and the most “spirit” and dedication to improved academic performance and career planning (one at $500).

Youth Exchange: Our club has been very active with the youth exchange program. This year, our club is hosting an inbound student (Ana Novoa) from Spain; we had an outbound student to Italy last year and will have an outbound to Brazil next year. Our youth exchange officer has been very successful promoting the new STEP program to youth in River Falls; two local students participated in 2017 and six are participating this summer.

Youth Organizations: Our club is involved with two local youth organizations, Youth Leadership River Falls and the River Falls Sunshine Club. Last fall, four members of our club planted fruit trees with Youth Leadership River Falls, talking with students not only about Rotary, but about our initiative this year to plant a tree for every member of our club. This May, members of our club are working with the Sunshine Club on a kickball tournament fundraiser, lending them our food booth trailer so they can raise additional funds through concessions at the event.

Literacy Project: Through our “Rotary Readers” program, 12 members of our club meet weekly with 24 local elementary school students, developing supportive relationships while taking turns reading aloud. We also provide funding so that each of these students can select a book during the school’s fall and spring book fairs. New this year, our local newspaper is running a monthly “Rotary Readers” feature, profiling the Rotarian, the student and the books they like to read.

Other: Members of our club have chosen youth-related organizations to receive most of our “Happy Bucks” this year, including $525 to support the middle school robotics club, $850 to support the high school forensics club, $888 to support the Montessori school’s Model United Nations program, $1,000 to sponsor a social media safety training for middle school students and $1296 to support a primary school in Belize. In addition, our weekly meetings are at a local church, with breakfast provided by students and parents involved with the church’s youth program; net proceeds from the breakfast help fund their domestic mission trips.
Rotary Club of River Falls: Youth Service Photos

The Rotary Club of River Falls supports disadvantaged youth through sponsorship of a holiday break food backpack program.


The Rotary Club of River Falls planted trees with the Youth Leadership River Falls Program.

Rotarians read with elementary students through our “Rotary Readers” program.

Our weekly Happy Bucks support local youth like this high school robotics club in many ways.

By partnering with a local church’s youth group, proceeds from our weekly breakfasts fund youth mission trips.
DISTRICT 5960 AWARDS CHECKLIST FOR ROTARY YEAR 2017-2018

ITEMS DUE BY APRIL 1, 2018

AWARD CATEGORY: YOUTH SERVICE

Rotary Club of: Rochester Rotary Risers

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

1. My Book Day

2. Cradle to Career

3. Strive

Club Members participating 75%

Club Members participating 27%

Club Members participating 12%

Total number of Youth Service projects accomplished this year: 4

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

4 | Rotary District 5960
My Book Day: This event aims to increase literacy by showing community support and encouragement for students in their reading efforts during the formative years. Books are ordered and distributed to 4-5 schools (involving 15-20 first grade teachers) at the My Book Day event at the Rochester Public Library. Schools are chosen based on the number of children on free or reduced lunch. The event is planned in collaboration with the Rochester Public Library and Rochester Public School district. The students are bused to the library where they tour the children’s section of the library, create a summer reading plan that will be displayed at the library over the summer, and local “celebrities” read to the students. There is a short play they attend and they are then given a book bag with their book of choice. In that book bag is a letter to the parent explaining what their child participated in that day, with encouragement that they continue reading over the summer. Each student also receives their own Library Card.

Cradle to Career came to life in July, 2015 when the three Rochester Rotary Clubs came together to align efforts around education as a critical community gap. Education is a powerful strategy to improve educational outcomes resulting in healthy individuals, families and community who have economic stability with productive careers and contribute positively to a civic and equitable society. 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. In November of 2016, we joined with the United Way of Olmsted County who had been seeing the same opportunities for improved community health through improved educational outcomes. Together, they determined a collective impact approach, held extensive meetings with ‘coalition partners’ - now number 31 organizations beginning with education leaders, created a data walk to inform the community, consulted with StriveTogether and jointly launched the summit in April, 2017. In February, 2018 a team of 13 community members, led by a Rotary Riser, presented a 45-page complete plan to the community. The project moves into execution in March.

Strive: Is a mentoring program for seniors with the emphasis on preparing for post graduation opportunities and improving their grade point average. The participating Seniors are matched with a Riser mentor and meet monthly, volunteering their time. The mentor offers encouragement, support and assistance. Life skills, time management, goal setting, career planning, study skills are part of the opportunity. The end of the school year is banquet and awards dinner that celebrates their success.