

# EarlyAct

## Rotary District 7930



EarlyAct is a great opportunity to share our commitment to service with the future generations of Rotarians. Each EarlyAct program takes on a life of its own, depending on the dynamics of the Rotary Club participation (and more importantly) the dynamics of the school hosting the club.

It is important to **KEEP IT SIMPLE**.

The goal is simple (to create clubs that take on a life of their own):

***Connect the local business leaders with the students – to instill in the students that community service is as important to community leaders as it is to the students (and we have found the opposite is as true and powerful).***

Regardless, however, of the age range or school dynamics, the two most important things to be sure to instill are:

1. Let the **STUDENTS** run the program (they need to “own” the program for it to be successful)
  - choose projects
  - follow through
  - run meetings
2. **Communication**, Communication, Communication
  - Be sure there is consistent communication between the school and the Rotary Club
  - Communicate to the club and to the school and to the community about all activities

The **structure** for EarlyAct Clubs to succeed includes:

1. Clubs at the Elementary Schools made up of 4th and 5th graders as part of a wider **community service** program at the schools
2. Each month three students are assigned to run the **meetings** (this gives every student an opportunity to take on various roles throughout the season)
  - **Facilitator** (leads meeting topics and discussions)
  - **Time Keeper** (keeps meeting on time)
  - **Gate Keeper** (keeps meeting on topic)
3. Pick three **projects** for the year:
  - School Project
  - Community Project
  - International Project



4. Assign a **Rotarian** to follow each EarlyAct club (if a Rotary club sponsors more than two EarlyAct clubs, you might assign a Rotarian to be Youth coordinator to facilitate communication between the EarlyAct Clubs, the Interact Club and the Rotary Club)
5. 2+ Rotarians attend each of the monthly **EarlyAct meetings**
6. Invite EarlyAct club to attend **Rotary meetings** (monthly)
7. Rotarians participate in EarlyAct Community Service **projects**
8. Invite EarlyAct Club to participate in Rotary Community Service **projects**

**EarlyAct** is a great opportunity to **share** our **commitment to service** with **future generations** of Rotarians.

These youth are the individuals who carry with them – the **foundations** we instill in them – into a future we can only imagine.

Students of each EarlyAct club share their commitment to the **values of Rotary** - the commitment to leave the world a better place than they found it.

Our job is to help the youth find ways to put their unique **gifts and abilities to work**.

The job of the youth is to work with us in **service** to our community - locally, nationally and around the globe.

**Margaret Mead** said it best:

*“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed individuals can change the world! Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has!”*

In Rotary Service,

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