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Dear Rotary Club President:

As the 2010 Rotary Youth Leadership Conference Chairman, I am writing to introduce myself and to promote the 2010 RYLA Conference. This year's event is being held at Lowden State Park, in Oregon, Illinois, on May 7-9, 2010. The program has been developed for high school students who have an interest in developing their leadership skills to the fullest!

RYLA students will be challenged quickly Friday evening as they find themselves stranded in the Sonora Desert trying to survive. The program simulates a plane crash in the desert as the students determine the importance of the fifteen items salvaged from the wreck.

Is our youth getting enough help learning about proper social skills including social etiquette at interviews, using technology safely, social manners, and other behavioral patterns that help our youth become successful in life? RYLA welcomes back Gibson Partners, a consulting firm that specializes in preparing our youth for a successful future.

I am very excited about this year's program as we attempt to engage our students in lessons that will help them with teamwork, introspection, group communication, decision-making, and other valuable social skills needed to live productive lives. I am asking each club president to help with this year's program by working with your RYLA club chair to attract students for this year's conference. I have included brochures describing the program and applications for the students.

Having been a part of the RYLA weekend for over 19 years, I can personally attest to the quality and productivity of this program for our youth!

Sincerely,

Dave Diamond, RYLA Chairperson