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Rotary  District 5960



STRIVE AND YOUR CLUB

*Making a Difference
for Youth in Our
Communities*

*Brought to you by the Rotary District
5960 STRIVE Team*



ABOUT STRIVE

STRIVE stands for, "Students Taking Renewed Interest in the Value of Education."

STRIVE is a program where Rotary Clubs work with a high school for the purpose of motivating students to improve their school performance during their senior year. The major aspect of the program is that it is Student Driven and only facilitated by Rotarians. This program is FUN, INTERACTIVE, and can involve every Rotarian in your club.

Can a STRIVE program work in your community and for your club? STRIVE can be structured differently from club to club so that it works for your members and your community, and they can be different sizes. We have information on getting a STRIVE program started on the following pages, and there are other resource documents at the Rotary District 5960 website at www.Rotary5960.org including essential components and sample documents.

Once on the Rotary District 5960 website, select the "Programs" tab, and select "STRIVE" under "Vocational Service."

DID YOU KNOW?

STRIVE was invented right here in District 5960 by Rotarian Don Mooney for the White Bear Rotary Club.

GETTING STARTED

(CLUB ACTION – SCHOOL COMMITMENT – STUDENT ORIENTATION):

1. Action to be taken by the club's Board of Directors:

- Review the components of the program - Obtain a favorable vote of approval to proceed with the program.
- Identify 1-2 Rotarians to be responsible for facilitating this program with the local school district.
- Establish a scholarship to be awarded to the student who improves the most (based on Attendance, Attitude, GPA, and Participation). This scholarship will help generate some excitement among the students.
- Set a date to review this program with school officials.

2. Presenting STRIVE to the local school officials.

Feedback from clubs who already have a program in place share the following theme: "The hardest part about STRIVE is developing the relationship with the local school officials... but once you have that in place, the program becomes very worthwhile and often a lot of fun. When presenting this program, please highlight the following:

- Some history about Rotary and it's commitment to youth.
- This program does not require any funding on the part of the school.
- Talk about the uniqueness of this program in that it rewards improvement
- Very few programs nationally provide scholarships based on excellence through improvement.



GETTING STARTED (CONT.)

3. The school will need to:

- Designate a member of faculty/staff to attend the meetings.
- Provide a meeting room for the monthly meetings
- Identify the students that will be invited to participate.
- Offer positive reinforcement for the participating students
- Schedule a meeting in which the Rotary Club might present this program to the faculty. Faculty 'buy-in' is important because without it the teacher might view this program as 'another excuse a student isn't attending class'.



"I would like to thank the Rotary Club and everyone else who made the STRIVE program possible. This has helped me get my life back on the right track. I just wanted you to know that people like yourselves have inspired me to become a successful person. I no longer say that "I want to become," or "I want to go; I say "I will become," and "I will go." For the first time in years I believe in myself and I believe that I can do anything that I set my mind to. Thank you for believing in kids like me."

- Past STRIVE Student member