

# *Rotary Model United Nations Program*



*Developing the Leaders of Tomorrow - Today*

## **How to Sponsor a Rotary Model UN Team**

- ❑ Select a Rotarian from your Club to head this effort, possibly from your New Generations Committee. They do not need any prior experience with Model United Nations, only an interest, enthusiasm and desire to work with students in your local high schools.
- ❑ Seek approval from your Club to participate in this exciting project. Depending upon the structure of your Club, this might fall under a committee, go through a board, or just need informal discussion.
- ❑ The District 5340 Model United Nations Steering Committee will provide materials and references that you need to help mentor your student team. In addition, we will hold a training session of students and advisors in January. We are here to support you however we can.
- ❑ Talk with your Interact Club to see if any of the Interact members or other students at that high school are interested in participating in the MUN program. Alternatively, seek out a neighborhood high school to partner with for this program.
- ❑ Approach the school regarding the program. The school may designate an advisor to work with you, who can be a teacher or other faculty member. The school advisor is not a requirement as it will be the designated Rotarian(s) in your Club who will serve as the principal advisors of the students. In the event that a Rotarian is not available to act as an advisor, a teacher is perfectly acceptable.
- ❑ Select two students per team to participate in the 2014 Conference. Consider holding a run-off contest if more than two students are interested in the program. Remember, a Club may sponsor more than one team if they wish.
- ❑ The cost of sponsoring a team is \$750. This will need to be appropriated from your Club budget, and covers all expenses for two students and one advisor.
- ❑ The advisor will work with the students for about 10-11 weeks to prepare for the Conference. The advisor will assist the students with their research, their country's positions on the two resolutions, and with drafting and practicing their speeches.
- ❑ The 2014 District 5340 Model UN Conference will take place over the weekend of April 12 and 13, 2014 at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, University of San Diego.