

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL ZONES 23 AND 24

R. I. DIRECTOR'S ETHICS TASK FORCE

Vision:

The vision of the R.I. Director's Ethics Task Force is to establish and implement an Ethics resource initiative initially for the benefit of Rotary districts within Zones 23 and 24 during 2007-2009. In addition, it is envisioned that the Ethics Task Force will provide methods for use by districts to encourage ethics-emphasis particularly within their Interact and RYLA programs. A longer term vision is to develop and successfully implement a model which might be adaptable for use by Rotary clubs everywhere.

Purposes:

- (1) Chair and coordinate the 2007 Zone Institute plenary session(s) on Ethics.
- (2) Develop a supportive and collaborative partnership with the R.I. Ethics Task Force and the Josephson Institute of Ethics to advance the needs of ethics programs throughout the Zones.
- (3) Formulate specific ethics project proposals for Zones 23 and 24 Governors and District Youth/Interact/RYLA Chairs to use to implement ethics projects activities in their districts and additionally, provide a ready resource for use by interested district and club leaders.
- (4) The primary focus during 2007-08 will be to target Interact and RYLA programs in Zones 23 and 24 and place on the Zones 23 and 24 Resource Web site information on the Ethics program as well as how to contact Task Force members for additional information.
- (5) Support districts and clubs in the development of Ethics programs for Interact and RYLA committees.

Time-frame:

The R.I. Director's Ethics Task Force for Zones 23 and 24 will operate from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009.

Task Force Membership:

The Ethics Task Force will be lead by a PDG chair and vice chair(s) from Zones 23 and 24. Membership on the Task Force shall include 5-8 members including PDGs, as well as non-PDG Rotarians, each of whom have a demonstrated interest in ethics and youth services. Overall the Task Force's membership should reflect a geographic balance of districts in Zones 23 and 24.

Methods:

1. By March 1, 2007, gather information from each district about the approximate number of Interact clubs and members, the scope of their RYLA programs and key contacts for 2007-08.
2. The Task Force will work with the Josephson Institute of Ethics to formulate an ethics program that can be used to promote ethical standards within youth programs in Zones 23 and 24.
3. The Task Force will be responsible for guiding the planning for and conduct of the 2007 Zone Institute's plenary session on Ethics featuring Michael Josephson, President Josephson Institute of Ethics. In addition, introduce the recommended programs – to secure reactions, suggestions and buy-in – and provide statistical data underscoring the need for ethics programs within Zones 23 and 24 districts.
4. In collaboration with Zones 23 and 24 districts during 2008-09, develop and use a questionnaire to assess the types and perceived value of Ethics programs being utilized, particularly in the area of youth services.