

District Grant Report

Rotary Club: Rotary Club of Westmont

Project Title: Scholarship Program

Progress Report Final Report

1. Briefly describe the project. What was done, when and where did project activities take place, and who were the beneficiaries? Our club was able to award 8 scholarships to qualified students who live in Westmont regardless of which high school they attend. The club worked with school counselors to identify students who meet the eligibility requirements for our scholarships. The applicants had to write an essay which included service projects they participated in, their future goals and how those goals might help others. The finalists were selected in March. The Club hosted the students and their parents at a Scholarship luncheon where the students spoke to the entire club of their future plans. The actual scholarships were awarded at the various school award ceremonies thus getting the Rotary name out to many. A picture and a blurb regarding the scholarships was posted on our Westmont Rotary Facebook page and shared on a Westmont Now page.

2. How many Rotarians participated in the project? There was a scholarship committee of 5 members. All members worked on fund-raising for the scholarships and also participated in the Scholarship luncheon.

3. What did they do? Please give at least two examples. The scholarship committee developed the applications, sent them to all schools attended by Westmont seniors, and then reviewed the applications. We ranked the finalists and presented those to the Rotary Board who then decided how many scholarships would be awarded and the dollars for each one. Club members raised money for the scholarships through manning the carnival booth at the Lions Spring Fling, selling 50/50 raffle tickets at Westmont Cruisin' nights and participating in our Rotary Reverse Raffle in November.

4. How many non-Rotarians benefited from this project? All the applicants, whether selected or not, benefited from learning about Rotary and going through the application process. The finalists benefited financially. The community learned about Rotary at the Awards Ceremonies when the scholarships were presented.

5. What are the expected long-term community impacts of the project? We expect that supporting students' educational endeavors will have a positive impact on their careers and livelihoods. We hope that since they received this support from Rotary that they will, in turn, also provide this kind of support to others in the future.

6. If a cooperating organization was involved, what was its role?

Financial Report – Be sure that Income equals Expenditures!

7. Income

Amount

1. District Grant funds approved by the District	\$166
2. Club contribution	\$7334
3. Other funding (specify)	
Total Project Income	\$7500

8. Expenditures - please be specific and add lines as needed - receipts must be attached

1. Emily Wittmer	\$1250
2. Ian Sondgeroth	\$1250
3. Erin Stapleton	\$1250
4. Michele Naom	\$1250
5. Ivy Ho	\$1000
6. Deone Julary	\$500
7. Patrick Redding	\$500
8. Callie Devine	\$500

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9. By signing this report, I confirm that to the best of my knowledge these District Grant funds were spent only for eligible items in accordance with Trustee-approved guidelines, and that all of the information contained herein is true and accurate. Receipts for all grant-funded expenditures have been provided to the district. I also understand that all photographs submitted in connection with this report will become the property of RI and will not be returned. I warrant that I own all rights in the photographs, including copyright, and hereby grant RI and TRF a royalty free irrevocable license to use the photographs now or at any time in the future, throughout the world in any manner it so chooses and in any medium now known or later developed. This includes the right to modify the photograph(s) as necessary in RI's sole discretion. This also includes, without limitation, use on or in the web sites, magazines, brochures, pamphlets, exhibitions and any other promotional materials of RI and TRF.

Certifying Signature

Elaine Carmichael

Date: May 29, 2024

Print name, Rotary title, and club

Elaine Carmichael Westmont Rotary Club Secretary and Scholarship Chair