

# ROTARY CLUB OF OAKVILLE WEST - VOCATION & YOUTH SERVICES

## RYLA

This is Rotary International project that selects outstanding university or college students with a week-long, intensive training program for community youth leaders. RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) candidates are selected by local clubs to attend the Rotary District sponsored event. These talented young people, 18-24 years of age, have a unique opportunity to understand themselves better and cultivate the respect and friendship of others. Through hands-on training by demonstration, simulation presentations, and assigned tasks, participants learn to identify their own leadership skills and determine ways to use resources effectively. Training topics include Learning and Leadership, Teamwork, Conflict and Time Management, Change, and Action Planning. Recreational and social events are organized primarily by participants, which along with specific projects, allow for immediate application of skills

## CAMP ENTERPRISE

RCOW in 2009 will again partnership with other the Rotary Clubs of Oakville and Burlington in the sponsorship of Camp Enterprise. This is an exhilarating annual four-day retreat for high school students interested in learning about business and private enterprise. Friendships and experiences formed here last a lifetime.



**STUDENT ACADEMIC LUNCH** In 2008 RCOW presented 11 scholarships and bursaries to deserving students of Oakville totaling \$22,000.

This money was raised from the 2008 OBAE Gala and this is RCOW'S largest single donation to the community each year.



## DREAMS TAKE FLIGHT

**Dreams Take Flight** - again in 2009 an RCOW member will accompany 3-4 challenged children on a one day trip to Disney World in Florida.

These precious children suffer from life threatening illnesses, or are from disadvantaged situations or suffer physically and mentally challenges. This is the 19<sup>th</sup> year of the Air Canada program. Over 400 kids will depart this spring for a day of excitement at Disney world, and a lifetime of memories.

