

# *JEB Stuart High School Interact Students Attend 2011 RYLA Camp*



*Interact Club Advisor Jim Holcombe, RYLA Campers Smrithi Sridhar and Mariam Ebadi, Club President Max Gross*

## **Bailey's Crossroads Rotary Club RYLA Students Demonstrate Leadership**

The Bailey's Crossroads Rotary Club (BXRC) sponsored students, Mariam Ebadi, and Smrithi 'Simi' Sridhar, both JEB Stuart High School (JSJS) seniors to participate in the 2011 Rotary International (RI) annual Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) camp. At the September 30, 2011 Club Meeting Semi and Mariam presented a power point presentation of the RYLA activities along with both a summary of their experience and outline of key accomplishments thus far. Held again at Prince William Forest Park, RYLA provided hands-on workshops presented by seasoned RI leaders and counselors. This helped campers to begin to understand the many parts comprising successful leadership. Camp activities immerse campers in exercising leadership and action project skills to create doable action items. Key among these for Mariam and Simi were: (a.) exchange of mutual Face Book & email listings; (b.) web-blog to more easily exchange Interact and school club project & program ideas; and (c.) explore starting a STOP HUNGER NOW effort at JSJS. Mariam & Simi also look forward to participating as part of RI's sponsored youth leaders at UN Day in NYC on November 5. Their presentation allowed BXRC members to see their sponsorship dollars in action, and the returns already be reaped. Our appreciation goes out to Mariam & Simi for wanting to participate in RYLA, their parents for permitting BXRC to sponsor them, Jim Holcombe (our JSJS Interact Club advisor {& BXRC member}) for processing their sponsorship & bringing them, together with Karey Starnes, to the camp and club meeting; and JSJS Principal Pamela Jones for her support of the Interact Club, BXRC, & allowing the students to be our speakers.