



# Rotary District 5030 District Governor Newsletter



September 2013

September in our Rotary world is known as “New Generations Month”. The name of this avenue of service has changed for the new Rotary year to “Youth Service”.

New Generations (Youth Service) refers to the youngest generation in our Rotary family. The young members are our investment for the future. Let us be sure that we give them the opportunity to be engaged in community, vocational and international service projects, as well as resources to support them. I was just informed that Sammamish club received their charter to form an Interact Club. Way to go Sammamish club! I hope clubs without a Rotaract or Interact Club would also consider starting one in your community. Here are four Rotary programs that involve young people.

- \* Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) for youth 15-19 years old
- \* Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) Ages 14-30
- \* Interact Clubs for middle school and high school students ages 12-18
- \* Rotaract Clubs for young people in college ages 18-30



More information can be found at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org). It will have tools that Rotaractors and Rotarians can use to connect with each other. There is an area to post service projects in need of assistance and more.

There are an estimated 134,000 Rotaractors worldwide and 365,000 Interactors. More than 8,000 students participate in Rotary Youth Exchange every year.

I am attaching some of the activities in our district. Please take a look at it and contact Wayne Ottum our district Youth Services Chair [wayne@ottumenterprises.com](mailto:wayne@ottumenterprises.com) for more information. Also check out the September issue of the Rotarian magazine, page 38 for a good article about REGENERATION.

Thank you for engaging the youth in all Rotary activities and providing the opportunity to change lives.

## **Youth Exchange News: September 1, 2013**

Rotary supports the world's finest foreign exchange programs available for high school students. District 5030 is proud to be offering this opportunity to youth in our communities. The big news from YEX (Youth Exchange) can be summed up in 4 items:

### **Item 1: Youth Exchange welcomes 2013-14 year long inbounds to D5030**

There are 7 clubs in the district sponsoring an inbound student for the long-term (school year) exchange this year. The inbounds are arriving here in the final weeks of August to be ready for the start of school, arriving from France, Taiwan, Ecuador, Sweden, Brazil, Thailand, and Germany. Let the year begin!

### **Item 2: Successful Summer Exchange season complete for 2013**

Fifteen students participated in the short-term (summer) exchange program this year, each spending about a month in their host country, and then acting as hosts for their exchange partner and showing them life in the United States. The program is more than a summer vacation, it's exposure to culture and societies elsewhere on the globe that can't be matched by any other experience!

### **Item 3: Student recruiting begins for outbound Exchanges (Summer Exchange 2014, and Year-long exchanges 2014-15)**

Students across the district are looking forward to their opportunity to go on exchange. Will your club offer that chance to them? The start of school is also the start of our "recruiting season", identifying young ambassadors who want to participate in You Exchange. If you want to be involved, your club can be making connections with schools now, and seeking those student-applicants in the next couple of months. The recommended deadline for applications to come in to your Rotary Club is October 31 so that the applicants can be qualified by your club, asked to complete an in-depth application, and sent on to District Interviews in early December.

### **Item 4: Youth Exchange training scheduled for September 21**

A training session for YEO's (Youth Exchange Officers) and Club Counselors is set for the Saturday afternoon of September 21. The session will be held at Camp Burton on Vashon Island, where our inbound students will be gathered for the weekend at their first orientation session with the District. If you want to participate in Youth Exchange in the coming year, you'll want to have a club representative (or two) there!

For additional information, please contact the D5030 Youth Exchange Chair Craig Nelsen at 206-419-7777 or our Inbound Coordinator, Geoff Owen at 425-478-4744. (Email - [Rotary5030YouthExchange@hotmail.com](mailto:Rotary5030YouthExchange@hotmail.com)).