

The Hub

Oshkosh Rotary Southwest

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Today's Program United Way/Networking

New Generations Month Rotary Youth Exchange

Each year Rotary Youth Exchange provides thousands of young people with the opportunity to experience the cultures, problems and accomplishments of people in other countries. Through this Rotary program, students are given the opportunity to grow as individuals while their concept of the world is growing also. Participants return with a broader view of the world and a deeper understanding of themselves.

Through Youth Exchange, Rotarians seek to provide the best possible environment for the participant. As these young people become adults, many assume leadership roles in their communities. As a result, Rotary's Youth Exchange program becomes a powerful force in the promotion of world understanding and peace.

Like most Rotary International programs, the Youth Exchange program began at the club level. The first documented exchanges were initiated by the Rotary Club of Copenhagen in 1929 and involved only European participants. These European exchanges continued until World War II and resumed in 1946 at the end of the war.

Exchanges between clubs in California USA and Latin American countries began in 1939, and exchange activities spread to the eastern United States in 1958. The first multidistrict Youth Exchange Activity, Eastern States Student Exchange program (ESSEX), was formed in 1962.

In 1972 the RI Board of Directors agreed to make Youth Exchange an official program of Rotary International. It is still administered by clubs, districts and multidistrict groups.

There are two principal types of exchange programs:

Long-term exchanges: These usually last an academic year in the host country, during which the student lives with more than one family and attends school.

Short-term exchanges: These can vary from several days to several weeks.

Rotary's Youth Exchange program is open to all qualified students ages 15-19. Participants may but do not have to be children or Rotarians. Qualified applicants are academically above average, articulate and demonstrate community leadership.

Inbound Exchange:

Our clubs inbound exchange student is Ellen Demmin Altentreptow she is from Germany's east section. She arrived in August and is enrolled in High School. She is living with Randy and Kate Thome for the first section of her exchange.

Ellen is hosted by our club which means even though she is staying with the Thome's and will be moving to another family. She is the responsibility of every one who is a member of this club. Take time to get to know her. Invite her over for a meal or family function. She has come to learn our culture which means all the differences of culture we have within our Club. Phone numbers to reach Ellen are Cell 379-7730 and home 235-5726.

Outbound Exchange:

The club is now in the process of accepting applications from students in the Oshkosh area who would be interested in going abroad next year. This current year the club did not have any applicants. If you know of a student that may be interested have them contact Tom Shepeck

Rebound Exchange:

Amanda Bohlman is our clubs rebound student. She has returned from her year abroad and has spoken to the club. If you are involved with other groups who may need a speaker, she would love to share her experience.

Future Programs

September 17 – Winnebago Interfaith needs response. A group of churches in Oshkosh that have worked together for the past 10 years seeks to help those without resources and yet allow them their pride.

September 24 – John Casper from the Oshkosh Chamber

October 1 - Steve Sagmeister of the Oshkosh PD will talk about identity theft

October 8 - UWO physics professor, Michael Briley

October 15 - Deputy Sheriff Steve Herman on Workplace Violence

Upcoming Events

September 24 – New Member Orientation

Wednesday night at Robbins starting at 6:30 p.m. there will be an orientation for new members. Horsdoeuvres will be served. The Board of Directors and Committee Chairman will orient the new members and their spouse to the excitement of Rotary.

October – Mid month

Our club will be doing a Rose Sale for Sweetest day. If every member sold just five dozen roses we could make over \$4,000.00 in one day. The roses will be \$15.00 a dozen with 6 - 7 coming back to the club. Start getting your list of bosses or those who have sweethearts ready. This will be a quick but effective project.

The Four Way Test

By Herbert I. Taylor – Chicago – 1932 Of the things we think, say or do: **First:** Is it the truth? **Second:** Is it fair to all concerned? **Third:** Will it build goodwill and better friendships? **Fourth:** Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Information for the HUB

Directors and chairman of committees we would like to have more information in the HUB about what is happening in your areas. Send to Rick Vanderloop 424.7820, fax 424.7825 or Karen Stauffer 426.6370, fax 426.6369, karenstauffer@vahoo.com