



District 5160

July Newsletter

2017-18

IMPORTANT DATES!

Key Inbound Student Dates:

- August 12-13 - Inbound Orientation in Redding (**more info to come!**)
- September 15 – 1st Quarter Report Due
- October 6-9 – San Francisco Trip

Key Outbound Student Dates:

- September 15 – 1st Quarter Report Due
- November 4-5 – 2018-19 Outbound Interviews

Key Host Family Dates:

- August 13 – Host Family Orientation in Redding (**more info to come!**)

Key YEO/Counselor Dates:

- August 12 – YEO/Counselor Orientation/Training in Redding (**more info to come!**)

Key Club Dates:

- August – **Get your student involved!**

All key **inbound student dates** for the 2017-18 exchange year can be found at <http://yex.rotary5160.net/inbound-students/2017-2018-trips-2>. Event details (times, locations, etc.) can also be found there.

Getting Inbounds ENGAGED!

Getting your inbound students engaged with their peers at school, their host families, and their sponsoring Rotary Club is critical to the short- and long-term success of the student AND the program. Here are some helpful tips:

- If your high school has an Interact Club, it is MANDATORY, that your student join that club!
- Get your student on a school sports team – cross country and tennis are, at many high schools, sports that someone can participate in without much experience or a high level of skill.
- Get your student involved in drama or the arts
- Have your student act as greeter at all Rotary Club meetings they attend and have them introduce themselves to your club
- Invite the host family(ies) to Rotary meetings before the student arrives and throughout the year
- Invite your student to volunteer at service projects with your club
- Have the students engage in “family” activities...from grocery shopping, to family game nights, to movie nights.

Bucket Lists



At the inbound orientation on August 12-13, every student will create a “bucket list” of things they hope to see, do, try, eat, etc., while they are in the USA on exchange. It is NOT the expectation that the students will complete these “bucket lists”, but we have found that these lists are GREAT conversation starters and easy ways for local Rotarians to engage with the students. The lists, historically, have ranged from: “I want to ride a horse”, to “I want to touch snow for the first time”, to “I want to go to a high school American football game.”

Committee Changes

The District 5160 Youth Exchange Committee (YEX) announces a few retirements of long standing, and loved, members of our team.

After several years of serving the District 5160 Youth Exchange Committee, Amy Carpenter (Benicia), Janice Cunningham (Redding), and Matt Hermann (Berkeley), are all moving on to new adventures in their lives. Their experience and expertise will be sorely missed by our committee, the clubs, and our students...but they have all left amazing legacies with the program and we know that they will continue to be HUGE YEX supporters and resources as the program continues.



To meet our 2017-18 committee...please visit our web site:
<http://yex.rotary5160.net/committee-members>