

# MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE



District 5160

Newsletter # 9

May/June 2020

## IMPORTANT DATES!

### Inbound Student dates\*\*:

- **Goodbye Weekend** – AWESOME Camping Trip at Collins Lake Campground in Browns Valley CA: Date: **June 12-14<sup>th</sup>**.  
♡ HUGE thanks to Cory for making this last trip possible!

Cory has sent out email instructions for those going camping email [coryrose621@gmail.com](mailto:coryrose621@gmail.com) with questions.

### Outbound Student dates:

- Keep doing the homework assignments and focus on language learning! Ongoing OB events/training are pending.

### YEO/Counselor dates:

- Monthly reports due: 15<sup>th</sup> of each month

### Club dates:

- Continue to share how wonderful the Youth Exchange experience is and invite families to host!

### All Inbound Student Dates:

- Dates, times, locations for the 19-20 exchange year, including sanctioned end of year trips, can be found at:

<http://yex.rotary5160.net/inbound-students/2019-2020-trips>

## Saying “Until Next Time” ...



Now is the time to take time and work on projects for memory keeping to help you discover your “new normal” when living back at home. These are precious & will help you stay positive when you are away from your now larger, amazing international family.

### Ideas to try:

- Scrap or Smash Books made and added to, by you and your friends, teachers, Rotary members and families.
- Audio recordings of your favorite people’s voices saying wonderful and encouraging things to you.
- Make small handmade gifts for those who inspired, loved, disciplined and had fun with you. Can be a tiny poem in a matchbox, a cool painted rock, or something else you create.

Plan on staying connected with your Exchange supports (counselors, officers, committee members) as they are resources for you even when you are back home. It may still be hard for a while, but you will know that you are not alone!

Re-entry to your home country, reverse culture shock, can be challenging.

Look again at pages 53-55 in *the Inbound Orientation Hand book*. In the *Outbound Orientation Handbook* look at pages 44-54.

*Everyone should look at both handbooks!*

Check this site out for a few ideas and strategies:

<http://blog.exchangemom.com/tag/returning-home/>

## Call for Current Outbounds and Inbounds! We need your input for the Special Summer RYE Newsletter!

Let’s make the next newsletter, out in late July, as unique as this year has been with YOUR photos, tips for finishing your exchange, jokes, suggestions from those who are back home, and ways you are or are planning to stay in touch!



Send, by **June 25<sup>th</sup>**, your photos, ideas, tips and ways to stay connected to Lu (RYE Committee PR/Newsletter person) at :

[Lurn@me.com](mailto:Lurn@me.com)



## COVID 19 & Exchange Year 2020-21 UPDATE:

Your Rotary Youth Exchange Committee is working hard to stay current on fast changing events. These seem to evolve daily, as decisions about the 2020-2021 Exchange year are being made at all levels in Rotary and Government regulations.

Bob Jehn, our amazing RYE District 5160 Outbound Coordinator, met with our international partners last week and the meeting was very productive. There were almost 50 individuals participating, representing almost 2,000 exchange students worldwide. Many thanks to Bob for advocating and networking so well on behalf of our students!

There is optimism that we should be able to support an exchange program for the 2020-21 year, perhaps with a shortened time frame because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are currently waiting for the Rotary International Board of Directors to meet in June to decide if and when the Rotary Youth Exchange Program will move forward for the exchange year 2020-21 and to issue guidelines for the year.

We are so appreciative of everyone’s patience as we flexibly deal with the rapidly changing circumstances to the absolute best of our ability.

Stay tuned for further updates in the next newsletter.

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**RYE Unforgettable  
Exchange 2019-2020  
Checking in...**



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Artur, IB Brazil 19-20, (middle back) now home with family & friends and one of his favorite photos of time together.



RYE Inbounds 2019-2020!



Love, IB Sweden 2019-20, looking strong in Truckee CA, Feb 2020!



Axelle, IB Belgium 19-20, Presenting to her host Rotary club in Redding CA.



Ingelise, (middle) in Xiangshan with another exchange student and a basketball friend.



Inbounds, 2019-20, Lake Tahoe Sunset, Nevada, February 2020. "Chillin" but with very little snow!

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Ingelise, OB Taiwan 19-20, in a competition in Taiwan. Her entire presentation was of course in Mandarin and she won First Place!



These are some photos from 2019-2020 students where-ever they may be at this time or of favorite times. It is amazing that even unpredictable world events can't stop RYE students from making the most of their exchanges and beyond!

Send photos to [lurn@me.com](mailto:lurn@me.com) of your return home and summer lives for the Special RYE Summer 2020 edition coming late July!



Kiky, IB Taiwan 19-20, (top on the right & second from left) on the bottom) now home with family & friends!



Matej, IB Czech Rep '19-20 ready to present to his Rotary Club about the Czech Republic.