



District 5160

Newsletter #2

August 2015

IMPORTANT DATES!

Key Inbound Student Dates:

- August 29-30 - Inbound Orientation
- September 15 – 1st Quarter Report Due
- September 25-28 – San Francisco
- October 30 – November 1 – SF 2.0

Key Outbound Student Dates:

- September 12-13 – 2016-17 Outbound Interviews
- September 15 – 1st Quarter Report Due

Key Host Family Dates:

- August 29 – Host Family Orientation

Key YEO/Counselor Dates:

- August 30 – YEO/Counselor Orientation/Training

Key Club Dates:

- August – **Get your student involved!**
- January 1, 2016 – Interest Survey for Clubs interested in hosting an inbound student for 2016-17 and sponsoring an outbound student for 2017-18

All key **inbound student dates** for the 2015-16 exchange year can be found at <http://yex.rotary5160.net/inbound-students/2015-2016-trips>. Event details (times, locations, etc.) can also be found at that link.

Getting Inbounds ENGAGED!

Getting your inbound students engaged with their peers at school, their school Interact Club, 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:

- 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...and they tend to be large teams
- 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
- Share your student's "bucket list" (which they will develop at the inbound orientation on August 29-30) with the Rotary Club and the student's host family(ies)
- 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
- Write a welcome proclamation for your city and present your student at a city council meeting
- 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 29-30, 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

It is with mixed emotions that the District 5160 Youth Exchange Committee (YEX) announces a few retirements of long standing, and loved, members of our team...and the addition (re-engagement) of a few people. To see pictures and contact information for our 2015-16 committee...please visit our web site: <http://yex.rotary5160.net/contact-us>



After 10+ years of serving on the YEX Committee, Memory Woodard from Concord Rotary Club is retiring from the committee, but will still be very active in YEX at the club level. It's going to take two people to fill Memory's shoes! Glenn Harvey is also leaving the committee and focusing on his work supporting YEX students in the north end of District 5160.